

ATTENTION PHILMONT ATTENTION

BOY SCOUT Troop 181 will be going to the Philmont Scout Ranch in the summer of 2008. We are scheduled to arrive at Philmont on Monday, June 16, 2008, and depart on Saturday, June 28, 2008. We will be taking Amtrak from Mendota, IL, to Raton, NM, and back. Philmont has a bus that shuttles us to and from the train station in Raton. We have (2) treks needing 7 to 12 persons each. ***You must be 14 - years-old by January 1, 2008 or have completed 8th grade and be at least 13-years-old prior to June 16, 2008, to go to Philmont.*** This age requirement is Philmont's, and they allow **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

This is one of scouting's most famous high adventure experiences. It may sound a bit overwhelming, but thousands of scouts do it every summer. It is achievable by nearly everyone who makes the full effort. It is work, but it is FUN and gratifying! As parents, you may have problems seeing your 12 or 13-year-old doing this, but remember, this is 1-1/2 years away and they will grow mentally and physically in that time. ***This opportunity may not come again for several years so if you are somewhat interested, please sign-up.*** This adventure will be something that you will look back on and smile, the memories will last forever. When you hike back into base-camp on that final day of your trek, you will have such an overwhelming feeling of accomplishment that is difficult to describe.

***If you have some interest, submit >a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit by 1/23/07.
If your situation changes, this fee can be transferred to another scout, if recruited.***

Below is a breakdown of the estimated cost for this trip.

Philmont fee

- \$50.00 non-refundable but transferable deposit due by 1/23/07
- \$255.00 first installment due by 9/19/07
- \$255.00 final installment due 2/19/08

Travel (Amtrak)

- \$155.00 averaged based on (with every paying adult 2 tickets for children are half price)
- \$30.00 for bus in New Mexico

Spending money

- \$20.00 food (snack on train, the bus stops for lunch near Philmont, snacks at Philmont, and after trek has ended we go into town to eat pizza)
- \$10.00 to \$ 20.00 souvenirs

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$785.00

I know this is a lot of money, but your scout will have many opportunities in the next 1-1/2 years to help raise the money before the due dates. They can help at the Jamie Boone yard rake, the BMX Track cleanup, selling wreaths, selling popcorn, or working at the Spud Hut, etc.

This is just the estimated cost of the trip, it does not include any gear you may need. However, you don't have to buy anything yet, much of what you need can be borrowed from other scouts and adults (*new* isn't always better). When we get closer to the trip, we will be going-over equipment that is required. If you have any questions please contact Bill LeFevre 815-742-7345.