

Philmont, the ultimate in Scouting adventures.

It is a national high adventure base, owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Philmont is large, comprising **137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range** of the Rockies. Philmont has high mountains, which dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. It is located in the northeastern area of New Mexico near the town of Cimarron. Philmont has a unique history of ancient Indians who chiseled writings into canyon walls...Spanish conquistadors who explored the Southwest long before the first colonist arrived on the Atlantic coast...the rugged breed of mountain men like Kit Carson who blazed trails across this land...the great land barons like Lucien Maxwell who built ranchos along the Santa Fe Trail... miners... loggers...cowboys. All these people left their mark on Philmont.

WHEN: The Heart of Virginia Council's 2014 Philmont Council Contingent will take place June 22 - July 7, 2014.

COST: Estimated cost is \$2,200. All expenses include Philmont fees, travel, meals, lodging, entertainment, and gratuities. Ground transportation and roundtrip air transportation fare will determine final cost in early March 2014.

AGE: All applicants must be 14 years old by January 1, 2014, or have completed the 8th grade AND be at least 13 years of age prior to participation.

RANK: All applicants for consideration must be a registered Scout and hold a rank of First Class or higher.

LOCAL TROOP INFORMATION:

No more than ten (10) Scout applicants will be selected from the same troop.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

All applicants must have parent/guardian approval. Scoutmasters must appraise each youth participant. All applicants, parents and Scoutmasters must agree to and sign a code of conduct with this application.

DEADLINE and SELECTION: *This is a council contingent – not an individual troop crew.*

All applications must be in the Council Service Center by October 1, 2013. Participants are individually selected by the Council Philmont Selection Committee and will be finalized by November 2013. An information sheet and fee payment schedule will be sent to selected participants by December. Consideration for acceptance includes: age, Scout rank, Scoutmaster's appraisal, and hiking experience. Preference will be given to Scouts who have not previously been to Philmont.

All adult applicants will be interviewed and selected by the Council Philmont Selection Committee. Each Crew will have two adult leaders and could have participants from several different troops.

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

The BSA Medical Parts A & B must be completed and returned with this application. BSA Medical Parts C & D must be completed by a physician after August 1, 2013 and submitted to council prior to May 15th 2014. (Philmont has a height and weight ratio requirement-see chart on application).

The Heart of Virginia Council 2014 Council Contingent will include four (4) crews. Each crew will have ten (10) Scouts plus two (2) Adult Advisors. **Two members per crew must have current Red Cross, or equivalent, Wilderness First Aid and Adult CPR Training.** All applications must be accompanied by a \$450 non-refundable deposit per Scout. If you are put on the alternate list and not selected to participate, the deposit will be returned after the expedition leaves June 22, 2014. If selected to be a participant and you choose not to attend, the deposit will not be returned. It is understood that future payments will be refunded within thirty (30) days after completion of the expedition if you do not participate only if the expedition is sold out. *(Just because you are put on an alternate list does not mean that you will not go to Philmont.)*



(Keep this page for your information)



2014 Philmont Council Contingent Youth Application

I am interested in the 2014 Philmont Expedition. Enclosed is my \$450 deposit, which is non-refundable if I am selected to participate. If I am put on the alternate list and not chosen to participate, I understand that the deposit will be returned to me after the expedition leaves June 22, 2014. Future payments will be refunded to me if I decide not to participate, within thirty (30) days after completion of the expedition, only if it is sold out.

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (M) _____ NICK NAME _____

Adult T-Shirt Size _____ PARENT'S E-MAIL _____ BIRTH DATE _____

TROOP # _____ SCOUT RANK _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

WEIGHT _____ HEIGHT _____ *(Philmont has a height, weight ratio requirement. See chart below)*

A copy of my current BSA Medical, Parts A B C & D is attached to this application.

Parts C & D must be completed by your physician AFTER August 1, 2013

Have you attended Philmont Previously? _____

If yes, when? _____



APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

The applicant must read this statement carefully before signing in the appropriate area on the application.

If selected, I agree to live by the Scout Oath and Law, to obey and cooperate with my Philmont leaders, to meet my full responsibilities as a member of the Heart of Virginia Council Contingent, to take such preliminary Philmont training as may be required, including crew shakedown hikes, to wear the official Boy Scouts of America uniform and to follow the code of conduct. I certify that I have now or will attain the age and the qualifications listed on this application and required of all participants. I further agree to submit evidence of fitness to make this trip on the Philmont Medical Form, signed by a licensed health-care practitioner.

_____ Date _____

Signature of Youth Applicant

Please submit this application on or before October 1, 2013 to:

Heart of Virginia Council Philmont Selection Committee
P.O. Box 6809
Richmond, VA 23230

(Please reproduce this application as needed)

Height	Weight Recommended	Max. Acceptance
5'0"	97-138	166
5'1"	101-143	172
5'2"	104-148	178
5'3"	107-152	183
5'4"	111-157	189
5'5"	114-162	195
5'6"	118-167	201
5'7"	121-172	207
5'8"	125-178	214
5'9"	129-185	220
5'10"	132-188	226
5'11"	136-194	233
6'0"	140-199	239
6'1"	144-205	246
6'2"	148-210	252
6'3"	152-216	260
6'4"	156-222	267
6'5"	160-228	274
6'6"	164-234	281
6'7" & over	170-240	295

Approval of Parents or Guardian of: _____ :
 (Name of youth applicant)

Parents or guardians must read this statement carefully before approving this application:

I hereby approve and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this application and certify to its correctness. Further, I certify that this Scout can meet the health and physical fitness requirements of the Philmont Council Contingent and will be examined by a licensed health-care practitioner.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the 2014 Philmont Council Contingent, any and all claims against the Boy Scouts of America or Heart of Virginia Council, or any of the officers, employees, agents, or other representatives of any of them, or any other persons working under their direction or engaged in the conduct of their affairs, arising out of any accident, illness, injury, damage, or other loss or harm to or incurred or suffered by the applicant named above or to his property, in connection with or incidental to the 2014 Philmont Council Contingent, including preliminary training and travel, are hereby expressly waived by the applicant and the applicant's family or guardians. I also agree to attend the Philmont Parent meeting.

I have read the Approval of Parents statement and agree with the contents.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 22, 2014 TO JULY 7, 2014

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Area Code and telephone number (_____) _____



The check for the \$450 deposit is enclosed.

APPRAISAL OF APPLICANT (BY HOME UNIT SCOUTMASTER) *CONFIDENTIAL*

Check appropriate line

	Scouting Record	Extracurricular activities	School record	Community Participation (Including religious life)	Personal appearance (including proper height-weight ratio)	Scouting ideals (exemplifies Scout Oath and Law)	Attitude	Camping and outdoor experience
Excellent								
Good								
Fair								
Poor								

List Backpacking Experience: _____

Recommended by Scoutmaster _____ Date _____
Scoutmaster Signature

2014 HEART OF VIRGINIA PHILMONT COUNCIL CONTINGENT

Statement of Understanding and Participant Code of Conduct

NAME: _____

Please Print

Statement of Understanding: All youth and adult participants are selected to represent their local council based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to sign the **Statement of Understanding** and **Code of Conduct** as a condition of participation, with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of established rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from Philmont or during the Philmont tour. Ultimately we want each participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the expedition.

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. The expedition's adult leadership (Tour Director and Crew Leaders) are responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security and the participant Code of Conduct.
2. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the expedition.
3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The official Scout uniform and Philmont identifying items are the only acceptable apparel at appropriate specific times.)
4. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other unit members and leadership.
5. In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and other schedules of the unit, or as otherwise directed by the program.
6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to all recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the grounds.
7. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any youth and adult advisor is prohibited. This standard shall apply to adult participants, both youth and adult advisors.
8. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth and adults including use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting and cursing may result in expulsion from the expedition or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The expedition advisor **must be contacted** for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. **There are no exceptions.**
9. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
10. I understand that possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
11. I will demonstrate respect for crew, expedition or leased property, as well as lodging, eating and entertainment facilities while traveling to and from Philmont, and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
12. Neither the crew leader, nor the Tour Director, Advisor, or Heart of Virginia Council, BSA will be responsible for loss, breakage or theft of my personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the director of adult advisors. Theft will be grounds for expulsion. The Council Contingent Advisor or Tour Director reserves the right to search either the person or property of an individual participant should there be reasonable cause.
13. While participating in the various activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
14. Adult advisors and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in possession in accordance with U.S. local and state laws.
15. The Tour Director and Adult Advisors will be guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all laws of the U.S. local and state laws.
16. The Tour Director and Adult Advisors must receive Youth Protection Training and follow the guidelines therein prior to Philmont Council Contingent training.
17. Hazing has no place in Scouting. Nor does running the gauntlet, belt lines or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth must prevent all youth from being "initiated" into the crews with a hazing activity.
18. Adult leaders should have the good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a child or youth member in Scouting. Youth members may trade with youth members. Adult leaders may trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.
19. Adult advisors and youth leaders must instruct other participants to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrations, or hecklers and must assume a passive reaction to name calling from individuals or groups. Units or groups must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
20. Serious violations of this code may result in expulsion from the expedition at the participant's own expense. All decisions will be final.

I certify I have read the **Statement of Understanding** and agree to abide by the conditions of the **Code of Conduct** as a participant in the contingent troop attending the Heart of Virginia Council, BSA 2014 Philmont Council Contingent.

Signature of Participant _____ Troop # _____ Phone # _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Scoutmaster _____ Troop # _____ Phone # _____ Date _____

