

2009 Philmont High Adventure!

Trek Dates: August 7 through 21, 2009

Time to reserve a slot: September 16, 2008



T-255 is lucky to have 2 crews reserved for 2009 Philmont. Philmont is the Boy Scouts of America's oldest national high-adventure base. It covers 137,000 acres - about 214 square miles - of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico. Philmont has high mountains dominating rough terrain with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. Attending Philmont is considered the highlight of any Scout career, and one the reasons why it is extremely difficult to find open slots. T-255 lost the lotteries for 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. For 2009, T-255 was put into a special pool of perennial losers. **PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND PHILMONT.** This may be the last Philmont opportunity for T-255 until 2015 or later.

Troop 255 has 24 slots, minimum of 10 Scouts, 4 adults, maximum of 20 Scouts, 4 adults. Scouts must be age **14 by January 1, 2009**, or age 13 and completed 8th Grade by July 2009. Former Scouts up to age 20 (DoB: August 20, 1989) qualify as either Scouts or Adults. Because of the length of the trip and its strenuousness, the Troop Committee, the Scout Master, and participating adults will have final say as to whether an adult or a Scout has the physical, skill and psychological requirements to attend.



It is difficult to predict costs 2 years in advance. However, T-255 High Adventure costs are traditionally about \$500 less than BSA-NCAC Philmont slots.



Cost: 1st payment: **\$400 by September 16, 2008.** Planning has not started and airfares are soaring. Thus we cannot lock in a price at this time. However, because Philmont is in such high demand, they can afford to be very demanding – such as the 2-year advanced reservation and, now, fees. Philmont requires ½ payment by October 1, 2008, and full payment by March 1, 2009. The 2nd payment will be due **February 17, 2009 for approximately \$400.** Further, the trip includes airfare, hotels and chartering a bus to-and-from Philmont, not including side trips the crews may decide upon.

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BSA Troop 255
Philmont HIGH ADVENTURE, Cimarron, NM
At least August 7-21, 2008

Registration form:

Scout/Adult Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Office: _____

e-Mail: Home: _____ Office: _____

Fee Structure Per Participant

Reservation: September 9, 2008	\$400
2nd Payment February 17, 2009	\$400
3rd Payment May 6, 2009	Unknown
Reconciliation September 15, 2009	
Total	Unknown, budget at least \$1500 pp

Checks payable to BSA T-255. Note that most of these costs are **NON REFUNDABLE** but are transferable up to date the Trek crews must be submitted. Once Philmont and the airline get paid, they will not give it back!

Class III health forms are required. Class IIIs require a physical examination. **DO NOT WAIT TO START THE PAPER WORK PROCESS.**

Mulch Credits: T-255 Mulch credits earned by your Scout useable for this camp.

As these costs are estimates, there will be a reconciliation in the event costs are higher. An additional bill may be issued September 15, 2009, to cover any unexpected costs.

IMPORTANT: Reserve on your calendar at least one day before and after (August 6-23, 2009) for travel.