

THE RAYADO TREK



Some individuals just naturally look for something exciting and out of the ordinary. For them, the enjoyment of the wilderness has special appeal. They aspire to stand on the mountain tops, scanning the peaks and valleys.

Are **YOU** looking for adventure? Then Rayado is for you. On your Rayado Trek you will backpack with Scouts / Venturers from all over the country, and along with them, you will learn to thrive on the unexpected and unexplored. Every day will hold new challenges and opportunities.

You will stand on high summits, climb rock faces, hike in the rain, and take the most challenging trails. You will accomplish more than you thought possible. Two Philmont Rangers will help you achieve your dream for adventure.

Philmont Scout Ranch is comprised of 137,493 acres (215 square miles) of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rockies. Philmont has over 330 miles of trails throughout the ranch. Philmont ranges from 6,500 feet to 12,441 feet in elevation above sea level. Because of the remote setting and elevation, participants need to be prepared both physically and mentally to handle the challenges of the trek. Philmont experiences a wide variety of weather situations. Participants should be prepared for 100 degree days, 40 degree nights, as well as days of rain and even snow. All this adds to the Philmont experience.

Objectives

- Provide a mental, physical and spiritual challenge that encourages personal growth
- Foster a sense of stewardship for the natural environment
- Develop leadership skills
- Learn advanced outdoor skills including:
 - Wilderness Backpacking Skills
 - Navigation and Travel Techniques
 - Expedition Behavior & Group Dynamics
 - Advanced Cooking Skills
 - Wilderness Stewardship to include Leave No Trace Skills & Ethics
 - Wilderness First Aid & Backcountry Emergency Procedures

Requirements

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America
- Be 15 years of age by January 1 or completed 9th grade **and** be at least 15 prior to participation; but not yet 21
- Be in excellent physical condition, able to hike 10 or more miles with a 40-50 lb. backpack. (Philmont height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced.)
- Have mastered the skills of no trace camping and backpacking; previous Philmont experience is not mandatory, but is **strongly recommended**
- Letter of recommendation from an adult Scouter detailing your backcountry experience and your character must accompany this application
- Participants from the same unit, or otherwise acquainted, will be placed in separate Rayado crews. **No exceptions!**
- Rayado Treks are not coed.
- Past Rayado participants will be considered as alternates.

Program Cost

The cost of \$572 for 20 days includes crew gear, staff leadership and 60 meals. Apply early for best consideration. Philmont will notify you of your acceptance. If accepted, a packet of materials will be sent to assist you in preparing for your Philmont experience. Those applicants not accepted as participants in the program will have their deposit returned. Participants canceling acceptance will be eligible for a refund if notification is received at Philmont by May 1, 2004. No shows are not eligible for a refund.

Rayado Scholarships Are Available!

See enclosed application. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is February 1.

Travel

A shuttle is available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico Airport to Philmont. The shuttle leaves the airport at 4:00 pm the day **before** your scheduled starting date, arriving at Philmont at 8:00 pm (four hour trip). The return shuttle leaves at 6:00 am on your last scheduled day, arriving at the Albuquerque Airport at 10:00 am. (A shuttle is also available from the Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado Airports, if you are 16 years of age or older.) You may also consider a bus or train arrival at Raton, New Mexico (40 miles from Philmont). A roundtrip shuttle is available from Raton. If you do not arrive by shuttle from Albuquerque, plan to arrive at Philmont between 8:00 - 11:00 am on your scheduled starting date. Shuttle information and registration forms will be included in your packet.

Rayado Participant Code of Conduct

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of the Rayado experience and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As a Rayado participant, I understand this and support the reasonable demands of conduct expected of me.

AS A RAYADO PARTICIPANT, I WILL:

- Live the Scout Oath and Law or Venturer Code and Oath
- Observe, respect, and strive to live the Boy Scout Outdoor Code and Philmont Wilderness Pledge.
- Observe the rules of the Philmont Ranger Department.
- Wear my full official BSA Class A uniform or proper clothing, as required. Unofficial decorations are not part of the official uniform.
- Be personally responsible for damage and loss of property.
- Understand that theft, vandalism, or deliberate destruction of property, either other participants or Philmont is not permitted and will result in dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.
- Respect all safety procedures and learn to properly use equipment.
- At all times, be considerate of participants and staff at Philmont Scout Ranch.
- Understand that fighting with another participant or staff member is prohibited, and will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.
- Understand the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, tobacco, or illicit drugs at any time during the program will not be permitted and will result in dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant. This standard shall apply to all participants. Compliance with state law regulations will apply at all times.

PHOTO (TALENT) RELEASE STATEMENT

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and /or sound recordings made during my visit to Philmont Scout Ranch by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and /or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for the Rayado Trek Program, have read and understand all the information about the Rayado Trek as listed on this application, and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

2004 RAYADO TREK APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
first middle last

HOME ADDRESS _____ PHONE NO. _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ (must be 15 years of age by January 1 or completed 9th grade and be at least 15 prior to participation)

CURRENT INFORMATION: Gender _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Height _____ Weight _____
male / female

SCOUTING AND OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE:

(Circle One)

Now Registered with: Troop, Team or Venture Crew # _____ Tenure _____ Rank _____

Council # _____ Council Name _____

Leadership Positions Held _____

Previous Philmont Experience _____ Year(s) _____

Other High Adventure Experience / Backpacking Experience (please be specific) _____

Total no. of backpacking overnights _____ Longest backpacking expedition in: Days _____ Miles _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Honors / Awards Received _____

Camp Staff Experience (When and Where) _____

I PREFER THE FOLLOWING SESSION:

FIRST SESSION: JUNE 19 - JULY 9 _____ SECOND SESSION: JULY 17 - AUGUST 6 _____

I request a vegetarian meal plan: Yes _____ No _____

Beware of Potential Risks

Philmont offers High Adventure backpacking treks and program activities in relatively inaccessible mountainous terrain. Parents, advisors and youth participants should be alert to the potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Philmont staff members will instruct you regarding safety measures to be followed. Each participant is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for their health and safety.

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL:

My son/daughter has my complete permission to participate in a Rayado Trek during the period indicated on this application. I understand that the program is physically demanding and involves a degree of risk and a potential for injury. We also acknowledge and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

UNIT LEADER APPROVAL:

I attest this applicant is a member in good standing and approve his/her participation in the Rayado program.

Unit Leader Signature _____ Date _____

LOCAL COUNCIL ACTION:

Council # _____ Council Name _____ Region _____ Area _____

We certify that _____ (applicant's name) meets the age and physical requirements for Rayado Program and is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Signature of Scout Executive or Representative Date _____

FEE SCHEDULE:

The Total Cost is \$572. A \$50 deposit must accompany this application. One-half the remainder (\$261) will be due in January and the balance (\$261) in March, as per your statement.

NOTE: Deposit fee, all required signatures of approval and a letter of recommendation must accompany application.

Please make check payable to Philmont Scout Ranch and mail to:

**PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
ATTN: RAYADO MEN / WOMEN FEES
RR 1, BOX 35
CIMARRON NM 87714**

FOR PHILMONT USE ONLY

Recommendation Letter _____ Approved _____ Applicant Notified _____

Packet Mailed _____ Individual Exp. # _____

RAYADO TREK
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

A limited amount of financial assistance is available for Rayado Trek participants. To apply, please complete this application and return it to Philmont by February 1 of the year attending. All information will remain confidential.

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____ AGE _____
 First Middle I. Last

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

COUNCIL NAME _____ UNIT # _____

* How long have you been a member of the Boy Scouts of America? _____

* Leadership position(s): _____

* Local council camp experience(where & when): _____

* Philmont experience: _____

* Other high adventure experience: _____

* Honors/awards (school, etc.): _____

* Applicant must attach an essay outlining camping and outdoor experiences in Scouting and expectations of their Rayado Trek at Philmont.

Parent/Guardian Information:

Father _____ Employer _____

Mother _____ Employer _____

List names and ages of other children in household: _____

Annual Family Income: _____ under \$12,000 _____ \$12,000 - \$18,000

_____ \$18,000 - \$24,000 _____ \$24,000 - \$30,000 _____ list if over \$30,000

State circumstances that require you to apply for financial assistance: (attach additional page if needed)

Amount of fee to be paid by:

Participant \$ _____

Family \$ _____

Unit or
Chartered Partners \$ _____

Total Available \$ _____

Financial Assistance
Requested \$ _____

Signatures required:

Participant _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Unit Leader _____

Date _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

RISK ADVISORY - PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Philmont has an excellent health and safety record with over 750,000 adults and young people having attended over the last 65 years. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Most participants in Philmont programs do not experience injuries because they are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions. If you decide to attend Philmont, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions and work as a team with your crew and take responsibility for your own health and safety. For further information please thoroughly read the *Guidebook to Adventure* which will be mailed in mid-March. Like other wilderness areas, Philmont is not risk free and you should be prepared to listen to safety instructions carefully, follow directions and take appropriate steps to safeguard yourself and others.

Parents, guardians and potential participants in Philmont programs are advised that journeying to and from Philmont, and one's stay at Philmont, can involve exposure to accident, illness, and/or injury associated with a high elevation, physically demanding, high adventure program in a remote mountainous area. Campers may be exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods and heat. Other potential problems include: injuries from tripping and falling, motor vehicle accidents, worsening of underlying medical conditions such as diabetes or asthma, heart attacks, heat exhaustion and falls from horses.

Philmont's trails are steep and rocky. Wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes and mountain lions are native and usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken. Please refer to the *Guidebook to Adventure*, speak with previous Philmont participants, or call Philmont for further information concerning risks and measures which can be taken to avoid accidents.

Philmont has staff trained in first aid, CPR and accident prevention, and is prepared to assist in recognizing, reacting, and responding to accidents, injuries and illnesses. Each crew is also required to have at least one member trained in first aid and CPR. Medical and search and rescue services are provided by Philmont in response to an accident or emergency, however, response times can be affected by location, weather or other emergencies and could be delayed six (6) or more hours.

PHILMONT WEIGHT LIMITS FOR BACKPACKING & HIKING

Each participant in a Philmont trek must not exceed the maximum acceptable limit in the weight for height chart shown below. The right hand column shows the maximum acceptable weight for a person's height in order to participate in a Philmont trek. Those who fall within the limits are more likely to have an enjoyable trek and avoid incurring health risks. Every Philmont trek involves hiking with a 35-50 lb. backpack between 6,500 and 12,500 ft. elevations. Philmont recommends that participants carry a pack weighing no more than 25-30% of their body weight.

Participants 21 years and older who exceed the maximum acceptable weight limit for their height at the Philmont medical recheck, **will not** be permitted to backpack or hike at Philmont. For example, a person 5'10" cannot weigh more than 226 lbs. ***The Philmont physicians will use their best professional judgment in determining participation in a Philmont trek by individuals under 21 years of age who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height. Participants under 21 years of age are strongly encouraged to meet the weight limit for their height, and exceptions are not made automatically and the maximum allowable exception will be 20 lbs. Discussion in advance with Philmont regarding any exception to the weight limit for persons under 21 years of age is required, whether it is over or under.***

Under no circumstance will any individual over 295 lbs. be allowed to participate regardless of height or age. This limit is necessary due to limitations of rescue equipment and for the safety of Philmont personnel. The maximum weight for any participant in a Cavalcade Trek and for horse rides is 200 lbs.

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Height	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Maximum 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

Height	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Maximum Acceptance
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