



"We are looking for a few good scouts..."

Philmont 2008

Troop 21- Potawatomi Council – Southern Trails
Philmont Backpacking Expedition : July 25-Aug 6 2008.

(We will leave WI on July 23, 2008 and return on Aug 7, 2008)

Join Scouts and Scouters from Troop 21 (Brookfield, Southern Trails, PAC) on a scout lead backpacking expedition hike through the mountains(6,600 feet to 12,441 feet and 137,000 acres) of Philmont Scout Ranch. Explore mountain peaks and backcountry trails on an 11-day, 50+-mile trek.

Hiking is only the beginning of the fun at Philmont, there are over 55 camp programs and activities. Some of our crews interests include: Astronomy; Climb Tooth of Time; Mountain Biking; Gold Mining & Panning; Mine Tour; Rock Climbing / Rappelling; Chuck Wagon Dinner; Black Powder Rifle; Blacksmithing; Burro Racing; Fishing Opportunities; Archaeology; Challenge Events.

Philmont Treks are high adventure, participants must be in good health, and prepared for strenuous activity carrying 30-50lb packs. Interested scouts should be up for the mental, physical and emotional challenge.

Don't miss this chance of a lifetime to visit and explore Scouting paradise.

Requirements

Philmont participants for 2008 must be 14 by January 1, 2008 **OR** be 13 and finish the 8th Grade in 2008. Must be within the weight requirement and certified for attendance by a physician with a completed Philmont health form. Satisfactorily complete the training required by the adult crew advisors. Displays behavior consistent with the scout oath and law, the wilderness pledge, and the ability to complete a rugged trek as a member of his crew. Scouts should be in good health, and prepared for strenuous activity. Due do the thinner mountain air, physical training and conditioning before the trip is required. Scouts **MUST** attend the pre-trek shakedown backpacking trip to Pictured Rock (**7/2-7/7/08**).

Costs

Cost is estimated to be \$1200 per person (include Philmont fee, transport, misc. crew expenses, etc.) Some fees will not be refundable.) Plus cost of buying or renting personal equipment (backpack, sleeping bag, clothes, ...) Plus cost of participating in Pre-trek hikes(food, trail fees).

Selection Priority

If the # of interested scouts interested exceeds 4, we will be using receipt date of info, age and priority to those who haven't been on a Philmont Trek before.

Once selected a \$300 deposit will hold your place and a payment schedule will be established. Plus plan on attending an informational meeting tentatively scheduled for **2/26/08 @ 7:00pm** (Alternate date: 3/4).

Troop 21 is looking for a few good scouts to join our 2 crews on a High Adventure Backpacking trip at Philmont Scout Ranch this summer. Our current crew size is 7 (min crew size) and our goal is to have crews of 8-9; 3-4 additional scouts. Our crew counts are vulnerable to unexpected problems/injuries/drops before the trip and/or on trail and we would like to add 1-2 scouts to each to crew to reinforce our numbers. The crews can be described as relaxed, laid back but serious and motivated to work hard and enjoy the trip. Our planning meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

If you have questions, please call or write Jeff Bisping, jeff@kraft-tec.com, jckkk.bisping@sbcglobal.net H: 262-790-1464

I AM INTEREST IN JOINING WITH TROOP 21's 2008 PHILMONT EXPEDITION TRIP:

Please mail today or email the following information by **2/20/08** or after if openings are not filled:

Name _____ Troop # _____ District _____

Scout (age on 1/1/08 _____, DOB ___/___/___ Scout rank _____) Grade _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____

Have you participated on a Philmont Trek before: ___ Yes ___ No

Mail: Jeff Bisping, 18235 W Lisbon Rd, Brookfield, WI 53045 jeff@kraft-tec.com, jckkk.bisping@sbcglobal.net

Scoutmasters please forward this flyer and announce at your troop meetings. If you know of scouts who might be interested in joining us at Philmont this summer please forward this information to them and have them contact me. If you or the scouts have questions or need more information, please call or write.

Thanks for your time and support

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