

RANCH HANDS – 2022



The Ranch Hands program is an opportunity for young men/women to earn an eight (8) day Cavalcade trek at Philmont by participating in an eight (8) day work session. You will work with the Horse Department staff taking care of Philmont's 250 head of horses and 80 head of burros. You will be hauling hay and feed, saddling horses, helping keep the horses shod, and assisting on Philmont trail rides. The work can be strenuous and requires top physical and mental conditioning. All necessary equipment will be provided by Philmont, and all participants will be covered by camper's insurance.

After your eight-day work session, the Ranch Hands crew will gather together and embark on an eight-day Cavalcade under the leadership of a Horseman and Wrangler. You will ride the trails through some of the most beautiful country in America. Each night you will be in a different Philmont camp where the program may be Rock Climbing, Archaeology, Mountain Man Rendezvous, or Homesteading. The final afternoon of your Cavalcade features a horseback gymkhana in the arena at Ponil Camp.

REQUIREMENTS

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America in a Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew, Ship, or Post
- Be at least 16 years old by the date your program begins, but not yet 21 by its conclusion.
- Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 65 lbs.
- As with all Philmont horse programs, there is a weight limit of 200 pounds or less.
- Be able to work and live under the leadership of one of Philmont's Horsemen at one of the Horse Camps or at Headquarters. All participants in backcountry programs are required to have a current BSA Health and medical form completed within 12 months of their arrival at Philmont. The Annual Health and Medical Records part A, B, and C must all be completed, and Part C must be signed by a MD, DO, PA, or NP

NOTE: To comply with New Mexico work law, no exceptions can be made to these requirements.

PROGRAM FEE

The **fee for this seventeen-day experience is \$450 for 2022.** A \$150 non-refundable deposit is required with this application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance into the program. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Philmont as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant. 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 by May 1. No-shows are not eligible for a refund.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete this application. Be sure it has all the necessary signatures – yours, your parent/guardian, and your unit leader and attach a letter of recommendation. **Mail your completed application to: Philmont Scout Ranch, BSA, Attn: Ranch Hands, 17 Deer Run Rd., Cimarron, NM 87714 not later than January 7.** Philmont will notify you in February. If accepted, a packet of materials will be emailed to you in March to help you prepare for your Philmont work/trek experience.

TRAVEL

Shuttles are available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico and Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado Airports to Philmont. The shuttles depart the airport at 1:00 to 3:00 pm, depending on the location, on the day **before** your scheduled start date, arriving at Philmont approximately 6:30 to 7:00 pm. The return shuttles leave from 6:00 to 7:30 am on your departure date, arriving at the Airports at 9:45 am to 12:00 noon, depending on location. You may also consider the bus or train arrival at Raton, New Mexico (45 miles from Philmont). A roundtrip shuttle is available from Raton. If you do not arrive by shuttle, plan to arrive at Philmont between 8:00 — 11:00 am on your scheduled start date. The Shuttle information/registration forms will be included in your March packet. **Note:** Shuttle times may change so please check shuttle registration forms upon receiving them or call Philmont for updated information.

Participants depart the morning of the eighteenth day (July 24).

2022 RANCH HANDS APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly)

July 7 - 24

NAME _____ Email _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Mailing Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____ Parent's Cell # _____

Date of Birth* _____ (*Must be 15 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion)

Additional Information: Gender _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Height _____ Weight _____
male / female inches

BSA Registration #: _____

SCOUTING AND OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE:

Registered with: Troop Venture Crew Post Ship (Check One) Unit # _____ Tenure _____ Rank _____

Council Name _____

Leadership Positions Held _____

Previous Philmont Experience _____ Year(s) _____

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

HORSE EXPERIENCE *: Check all that apply

- Own a horse
- Worked at Council Camp Horse Program
- Worked at Local Stable
- Lived/Grew-up on farm or ranch
- Horsemanship Merit Badge
- Experience with other Livestock
- _____ # of years horse-riding experience

***Horse experience preferred, but not necessary.**

RANCH HANDS CODE OF CONDUCT

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

AS A RANCH HANDS PARTICIPANT, I WILL:

- Live the Scout Oath and Law.
- Observe, respect, and strive to live the Philmont Wilderness Pledge.
- Observe the rules of the Ranch Department and my Supervisor.
- Wear my full official BSA uniform or work clothes 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's 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 and regulations will apply at all times.

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.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for Ranch Hands, as listed on this application, have read and understand all the information about the Ranch Hands Program.

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL:

My son/daughter has our complete permission to participate in a Philmont Ranch Hands experience. I understand that this work is physically demanding and involves a degree of risk to participants as might be expected from hard work, riding, and/or handling horses. I along with my son/daughter also acknowledge and agree with the Code of Conduct.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

UNIT LEADER APPROVAL:

I attest this applicant is a member in good standing and approve his/her participation in the Ranch Hands Program.

Unit Leader Signature _____ Date _____

FEE SCHEDULE:

The total fee is **\$450 for 2022**. A \$150 deposit fee must accompany this application. The remaining balance of \$300 will be due upon receipt of confirmation.

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

Please make check payable to Philmont Scout Ranch and mail to: **PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
ATTN: RANCH HANDS
17 DEER RUN RD.
CIMARRON, NM 87714**

**Philmont Contact Information: Phone: 575.376.2281
Email: camping@philmontscoutranch.org**

Web Address: www.PhillmontScoutRanch.org

HIGH ADVENTURE RISK ADVISORY

Philmont Scout Ranch Experience. The Philmont experience is NOT risk-free. Staff will instruct participants in safety measures. Be prepared to listen to and follow these measures. Accept responsibility for the health and safety of yourself and others in your crew. Each participant must be able to carry 25 to 30 percent of their body weight while hiking 5 to 12 miles per day in an isolated mountain wilderness ranging from 6,500 to 12,000 feet in elevation over trails that are steep and rocky. Weather during summer and autumn includes temperatures from 30° to 100°F, low humidity (10 to 30 percent) and frequent, sometimes severe thunderstorms.

Risk Advisory. Philmont has an excellent health and safety record and strives to minimize risks to participants by emphasizing appropriate safety precautions. Because most participants are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions, they do not experience injuries. If you decide to attend Philmont, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions, work as a team with your crew, and take responsibility for your own health and safety.

All Philmont participants should understand potential health risks inherent at or above 6,700 feet in elevation in a dry Southwest environment. High elevation; a physically demanding high-adventure program in remote mountainous areas; camping while being exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods, and heat; and other potential problems, including injuries from tripping and falling, falls from horses, heat exhaustion, and motor vehicle accidents, can worsen underlying medical conditions. Native wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes, and mountain lions usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken.

Please call the Philmont Infirmary at 575-376-2281 if you have any questions. All participants and guests should review all materials and websites related to the experiences they are planning to have at Philmont Scout Ranch. Any exceptions to Philmont's medical requirements must be approved by the Philmont Infirmary in advance of arrival at Philmont.

PHILMONT WEIGHT LIMITS FOR BACKPACKING AND HIKING

Participants on Philmont Backcountry programs must meet the established height and weight guidelines. These guidelines are strictly enforced and failure to meet these guidelines will result in you not being able to participate. These guidelines are enforced because overweight individuals are at a greater risk for heart disease, stroke, and injury. Each participant must be no more than the maximum acceptable weight limit for their height on the chart below. Due to the limitations of rescue equipment and evacuation efforts from remote sites, no one over 295 pounds will be permitted to participate.

Philmont does not have a lower weight limit, but all participants must be able to carry all the required equipment without exceeding a pack weight of 30% of their body weight.

Philmont Approval. Staff and/or staff physicians reserve the right to deny the participation of any individual on the basis of a physical examination and/or medical history. Each participant is subject to a medical recheck at Philmont.

YOUTH HEIGHT/WEIGHT CHART*

Height (inches)	Max. Weight
60	166
61	172
62	178
63	183
64	189
65	195
66	200

Height (inches)	Max. Weight
67	200
68	200
69	200
70	200
71	200
72	200
73	200

Height (inches)	Max. Weight
74	200
75	200
76	200
77	200
78	200
79 and over	200

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

* The maximum weight for any horse program at Philmont is 200 pounds.