



Philmont Scout Ranch and Training Center

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Valued Scouting Guest:

Welcome to Philmont Scout Ranch! My team and I are so pleased that you are here to experience Scouting's paradise in God's Country. We look forward to hosting you and hope you enjoy your visit! I want to thank you for your dedication and your continued adherence to the CDC Guidelines and the Philmont Scout Ranch COVID-19 Mitigation Plan during your stay. These measures are aimed at keeping you, our employees, and the Town of Cimarron as safe as possible during this time of increased COVID-19 positive cases.

Philmont Scout Ranch must stay focused on all that we must do to greet thousands of guests for our summer of wilderness adventures, and this means being vigilant and disciplined in our approach to what we require of our guests arriving this summer. This summer as our staff arrived for training, we experienced a significant uptick in positive COVID-19 cases. Seventy members of our full time and seasonal staff tested positive, had to be quarantined and received care from our dedicated infirmity staff for a minimum of five days. These staff represent 8% of our workforce, which then affects the ability of all other staff to deliver the proper health and safety, risk management, quality program and get the needed rest and time off to perform at a high level.

We do not want to risk the summer by developing a larger outbreak, so it is imperative that you follow the directives of our Philmont COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and the CDC guidelines. Anything less than that, will negatively impact program quality and the guest experience.

Until further notice, Philmont will adopt the protocols we had for last summer. We are asking everyone to mask at base camp, both indoors and out, while in vehicles or bus transportation to trailheads, and whenever you cannot social distance (six feet apart) around someone not in your cohort. We expect each crew to stay in their cohort during their stay. Masking is not required when you are on the trail, in a trail or staff camp with your cohort; but is required when you are around others not in your cohort.

Please remember the consequences of a COVID-19 positive for staff include sickness, and a minimum of a five-day quarantine before they can return to work. Participants will be removed from the trail and sent home immediately or quarantined until able to travel safely.

Thank you for being an important part of our ability to stay open for the summer. I appreciate your support of our plans and your patience and understanding as we work together to keep everyone as safe as possible this summer.

Please enjoy all that Philmont has to offer. May it reinforce your commitment to the Scout Oath and Law, as your stay here reinforces our mission to deliver wilderness and learning adventures that last a lifetime. Scout on and changes lives!

In Service,

Roger B. Hoyt

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General Manger
Philmont Scout Ranch

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