Family Adventures Usher In A New PTC Era

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Hundreds of scouts, spouses and their children of all ages enjoyed the amenities of PTC. A number of adults were at Philmont for the first time.

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No Summer Treks, Most PTC and Fall OK To Go

After careful consideration of the situation and available options, the difficult but prudent decision has been made that the Philmont backcountry will remain closed for treks and individual programs for the remainder of the 2018 summer season. This means that 7- and 12-day treks and individual backcountry programs scheduled for this summer are cancelled.

This decision applies only to Philmont’s backcountry programs. Philmont’s Camping Headquarters and Base Camp area, the Philmont Training Center, the new National Scouting Museum, the Chase Ranch, and the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado will remain open all summer. Training courses at the Philmont Training Center and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) will proceed as scheduled. This decision does not affect Philmont’s fall programs, including Autumn Adventure and fall PTC training conferences. See Page 4 story for descriptions of fall programs.

Refund Checks for all affected crews will be sent to the lead contact advisor by Monday, July 9, 2018. Over the next few days, our staff will be contacting the lead advisor or continuing leader of these crews confirming the refund, offering a trek at Philmont for the 2020 season, and answering any questions. While High Adventure opportunities are at capacity at North- ern Tier and the Florida Sea Base, there are many opportunities at The Summit. They would be happy to accommodate your crew.

Long-term planning is one of the best ways to retain interest and keep youth involved in Scouting. Having monthly outdoor activities and attending long-term summer camp certainly forms the basis of an annual program. Larger goals like a Philmont Trek give an emphasis that a 2020 Trek will help to spur on a Crew’s Trek plan.

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In 1992, on my fourth year staff, a few of my friends were working at Black Mountain. I had a trunk of stuff and a pair of Vasque Sundowner boots. On my third day there, I put on those boots and made the climb, still disgruntled at my lot in life because it was definitely my parents idea for me to go to New Mexico and work at Philmont. The magic of Philmont took hold and rooted itself so when I got off that mountain, I called my parents and thanked them beyond measure for pushing me to Philmont instead of spending the summer in NYC. Twenty-nine years later and I am still here living every minute! (BTW - I wrote this story up for Vasque boots and won their memorable boot story contest. Now have a new pair of Vasque Sundowners with my name on the inside!)

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From Waite Phillips’s Epigrams

The toughest kind of wood grows on top of the mountains where the storms hit the hardest. When we react gallantly to trouble, it will develop character. A time of prosperity is a dangerous time for the mind and soul to loaf and grow fat. Times of peril are the ones that show what we are made of. A storm is always a challenge that seems to bring forth something in the heart to meet it. Archibald Rutledge

Philmont’s 80th Year Patches at ToTT

In 1938, Waite Phillips’s generous donation of 35,857 acres started the Philmont Rodrockmount Scout Camp. The Tooth of Time Traders is marking the 80th Anniversary of the beginnings of Philmont Scout Ranch with two special Patches. One patch is a distinctive arrowhead featuring a discounted shirt and 2018 shirts and Anniversary souvenirs this summer. ToTT will have plenty of patch collection and sure to become one healthy and happy on the trail. Trek will definitely help keep everyone healthy and happy on the trail. P8

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Click here to order from Tooth of Time Traders. Be sure to use your Ambassador Discount*. *Excludes Sale Items

Ambassador Spotlight

Aloha from Hawai’i’s Pat Wrath

When you talk about enthusiasm and Philmont, Pat Wrath will quickly come to mind. She became an Ambassador within minutes after the program was announced at the BSA Annual Meeting in 2013. “I heard about it, walked into the hall, met up with our scout executive, told him about the Ambassador Program, and he approved me on the spot,” recalls Pat.

Her connection to Philmont began in 1998 when she took Cub Scout Trainers Wood Badge Course WS-C38. “From that point on, I wanted to know everything about Philmont and to visit as often as possible.” Pat’s an Ambassador in the Aloha Council where scouting pre-dates the BSA by 2 years. Scouting in Hawai’i was started in 1908 by David McHat- tis Forbes, a biologist from Scotland. It’s first troop is still named “The Queen’s Own Troop” after former Hawaiian Queen Lili‘uokalani and not Queen Victoria as you might expect. Despite it’s tropical climate, Scouting in the Aloha Council poses it’s own challenges. It includes the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, American Samoa and Guam. “The cost of getting people to travel to New Mexico from Hawai’i and the cost for me to reach out to the outlying areas is a challenge,” says Pat. “A round trip flight to a neighbor island is nearly $200, and a round trip to Guam which is over the International Date Line is nearly $1000.” A trip to Albuquerque is over $900. Pat still manages to Philmont promotions whenever she has a moment. “I have given countless one-on-one talks at every opportunity, including online, social media, newspaper articles, chatting at events, and other informal opportunities. I attend our Scout B show, which had over 10,000 people this year, our University of Scouting with display and a class, our combined program meetings, our annual scout leaders camps, training workshops, web badge, NYT, and day camp training. I'd guess I promote Philmont in some way 30 times a year.” Of these many ways of communicating, Pat believes one-on-one contact works best. “Philmont has so many things to offer that it can be overwhelming for everyone to listen to everything. I try to find what their likely interest is and what they already know about Philmont or Scout ing so I can offer them something realistic and exciting for them.” Pat finds that trying to count how many people have made it to Philmont because of something she has done or said isn’t feasible. “I have no way of knowing unless they tell me. I do not know the names of vast majority of those I give present ations to, so even getting a report wouldn’t help. I also seem to do promotions where the noise level is prohibitive to use of videos,” notes Pat. “Sometimes, it’s also difficult to have much of a conversation. It’s fast, easy, and non-verbal to have business cards and colorful and well-done materials to give them.” Her advice to fellow Ambassadors? “Keep learning and sharing. We don’t have to know it all, or show people our expertise. It’s all about the people we serve, youth first and adult volunteers who guide these youth. It’s not about us or what ambassador level we are or how many treks we have taken. It’s how Philmont can improve that experience for youth. What we take back to our councils and selflessly share is what will make a difference for those youth. That’s the bottom line.” P8

Welcome New Ambassadors

We’re very pleased to welcome new members to our crew of friendly Philmont Ambassador faces. We look forward to meeting them at conferences and hearing about their successes in encouraging Scout to have the adventure of a life-time out in “God’s Country”. P8

The minimum crew size is currently seven, but the recommended number will rise to eight for Treks in 2018 and 2019. Beginning in 2020, the minimum required crew size will be eight participants. Philmont reserves the right to combine small crews to make better use of its resources.

Beginning in 2019 at least two adults, both over age 21 will be required for each Crew

Co-ed Treks must have a minimum of one male and one female adult advisor. Both the male and female leaders must be over 21 years of age. If one of these adults has come off the trail, the crew cannot continue without adequate co-ed adult leadership. Unfortunately, the Crew will have to come off the trail until the affected adult returns or a replacement can be provided. For this reason, some co-ed crews have two male and two female adult leaders.

Philmont cannot provide another Adult if a crew is short of the minimum number of advisors.

Being Prepared for the rigors of a Trek will definitely help keep everyone healthy and happy on the trail. P8

\*Excludes Sale

Height: 6 Feet Width: 24 inches Predominant behavior: Hides in a black zip tube in the back of Philmont Ambassadors’ closets.

Tooth of Time Traders 80th Anniversary 80TH ANNIVERSARY PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Missing Banners

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Scott Anderson WR Utah National Parks

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Edward Guzman WR Piedmont

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Individual Opportunities
Ranch Hands Round Up Fun

Ranch Hands is a program for Scouts and Venturers who have knowledge of horsemanship and horse care and want to expand their skills and experience. The Ranch Hand crew work with the horse department staff taking care of Philmont’s 300 horses and 80 burros. Participants must meet the following requirements:

• Be a registered member of the BSA.
• Be at least 16 years old and not yet 21.
• Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 65 pounds.
• Weigh less than 200 pounds.

All participants will spend the leadership of one of Philmont’s horsemen at one of the horse camps or headquarters.

• Complete a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.

Previous Philmont experience is not mandatory, but it is strongly recommended.

After an eight-day work session, the Ranch Hands will participate in an eight-day Cavalcade. Participants ride trails through some of the most beautiful areas being raided by the native Comanche and Maxwell’s title to the land was unchallenged. However, the legality of Beaubien’s land grab continued in 1844, Beaubien gave 15,000 acres to the territorial governor, quickly issued the grant. Shorty after an under-the-table deal, Beaubien and Miranda gave one quarter of the land to Armi- to. Beaubien also secretly ceded a quarter of his land to the Bents for help in establishing ranches along the Pond, Varnens, Ceran and Galisteo rivers to deliver spices and materials.

Beaubien’s land grant continued in 1843 when he petitioned for another 200,000-acre grant in the name of his son Narciso although the boy was only 15 at the time.

In 1844, Beaubien gave 15,000 acres of his holdings to his new son-in-law Lucien Maxwell who had just married his daughter Luz. (Coincidentally, Fortin-Meribon, Lucien married his third wife, Josefa Jucinas in the same ceremony.) Ultimately, Maxwell would own 1,700,000 acres, one of the largest privately owned tracts in United States history.

Texas was finally admitted to the union in 1845, and Beaubien’s land fell into the disputed area between the Rio Grande and the Nueces River. However, the legality of Beaubien’s and Maxwell’s title to the land was eventually upheld by the courts.

Much later, a sizable part of that land was acquired by Waite Phillips and became Philmont Scout Ranch.

Philmont Cavalcades are similar to regular expeditions except that instead of riding through the rugged mountain wilder- ness like the famous trappers who first explored the West, you might trap animals in the American prairie. The Cavalcades are the perfect way to prepare for a Philmont expedition.

If you think that Cavalcades are easier than trekking with a backpack, think again. Days are longer and the riders find the horses to be more challenging. Each crew member is responsible for their horse as well as their task (saddle, bridle, saddles, etc.). Familiarity with horses is a big asset, but eagerness to learn can be just as important. Acquiring skills about horse handling and riding prior to a Cavalcade will make the experience more enjoyable for both horse and rider.

Just as there is a difference between hiking and backpacking, there is a big difference between a 5-hour trail ride at a local stable and an 8-hour day in the saddle in the mountains. Again, the better the rider, the more fun they will have. The traditional advice to gain skills by earning merit badges on camping, cooking, and fly fishing (depending on Philmont camps to be visited) still apply. In addition, earning the horsemanship badge is another invaluable way to prepare for a Cavalcade.

Each Cavalcade will have a Philmont-provided Horseman and Wrangler throughout the Trail. They will teach you what’s needed to care for, groom and ride your animal.

Eight-day Cavalcades with 10 to 15 people per crew are offered on specific dates each summer. The final day of the Cavalcade is spent in competition at an equestrian gymkhana. Gymkhana is an equestrian event consisting of speed pattern racing and timed games for riders on horses.

For the safety of the rider and the horse, there is a strict 200-pound weight limit for all riders. Anyone over the limit will not be allowed on the trail and will be sent home.

Because of the popularity of the Cav- alcade program and the limited num- ber of horses, a drawing will be held each January for crews that have expressed a desire to participate in summer Cavalcades. A group may not participate in consecutive years.

To participate in the drawing, notify Philmont in writing. Successful groups will be notified in February by mail and will receive a reservation form that must be approved by the local council. The reservation will remain effective for 30 days, pending receipt of the reservation fee ($100 per participant) and approved reser- vation form.

Focus on the Backcountry

Beaubien Camp

Staffed Camp
Elevation – 9,337 ft.
Commissary at Philip’s Junction (2 miles)

Trading Post
Activities: Western fare, horse rides, chuckwagon dinner, campfire pro- gram.

Water: Purified water spigots

Description: Beaubien is the hub of the South Country and is located at the northern end of Bonita Canyon. Many Trails that travel through the South Country stop here and spend a “layover” for two reasons giving them an opportunity to relax and refuel before their trip. The camp’s program features the western life of the mountain man, including roping skills at Beaubien Camp.

Cavalcades conclude with a rousing Gymkhana which lets riders and horses demonstrate skills and horse handling.

Stewardship

Itineraries Stopping at Beaubien

Itinerary 1: Days 8 and 9
Itinerary 2: Days 7 and 8
Itinerary 3: Days 6 and 5
Itinerary 4: Days 6 and 5
Itinerary 5: Days 5 and 6

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**Philmont Map Grabs Attention of Trek Veterans**

Ambassador Steven Duke had the idea of a large chart showing Philmont’s backcountry. The map is easy, portable, waterproof and withstands wear and tear thanks to material developed by the US Army Tactical Operations Group (Tog). The map allows us to preserve the 99% of Philmont that is the backcountry. There are 340 miles of maintained trails, 35 staffed camps, and 75 trail (unstaffed) camps. Hiking and camping on our established trails and campgrounds (except where they do not exist in the Valle Vidal of the Carson National Forest) allows us to preserve the 99% of land we do not impact. Please follow switchbacks and avoid creating social trails through meadows or riparian areas.

Dispose of Waste Properly. Every staff camp other than Black Mountain and Crooked Creek accepts compacted trash. They also collect plastic bags, metal buckets, and aluminum cans for recycling. Liquid food waste should be poured down the sump and solid food waste should not be packed out as trash. Human waste is concentrated into pit style latrines.

Leave What You Find. You will see many neat items on your trail, ranging from elk sheds to wildflowers and artifacts. Look at these items and leave them for others to enjoy. Report anything noteworthy to the next staffed camp you hike through and give them the UTM coordinates so that we may look at it for further study. You will be provided with a Cai course manual that provides step by step instructions and-up-to-date maps of the council and area. The course highlights best practices on content delivery, and personal maintenance of the backcountry. Plan to join us as we travel throughout the backcountry while offering quality fishing programs. Fish On!

Leaf No Trace outdoor ethics that keep our campsites clean and ready for the morning as you are ready to leave your campsite, pack the ashes into an empty meat bag and take them 30 minutes outside of camp then rain burning the ashes 100 ft. off the trail. This keeps our campsites clean and ready to use for the next crew.

Respect Wildlife. Philmont’s fauna is varied and includes black bears, mule deer, mountain lions, rattlesnakes, hawks, elk, falcons, chipmunks, hummingbirds, raccoons, bighorn sheep, and porcupines just to name a few. We need to respect these animals by never approaching, throwing rocks, or feeding them. Simply give them distance and let them go about their way. Always hang your smelt bags in the bear bags and never leave smelt bags unattended.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors. With 4,500 people in Philmont’s backcountry at any one time, it is very important to remember to respect those around you. This includes not yelling or singing loud songs along the trail or in camp, not yelling while camping and talking on the cell phone on mountains, etc. Additionally, flamboyantly colored shirts are frowned upon in the backcountry setting because the bright colors are an eye sore and distraction against the beautiful scenery you will encounter.

**Fall Opens Backcountry for Training**

**Stay prepared for the falling leaves and wintry winds.**

The Facilities Management Committee is part of the policy forum that helps determine the design, planning, and construction of all the facilities at a typical Scout camp. The committee explores what constitutes good design and planning, to how construct qualify facilities, how to identify and prioritize maintenance design choices. You do not need to have attended part I to attend. This is an opportunity for front executives, property managers, and interested persons to be eligible for maintaining council properties.

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