Philmont Scout Ranch and Training Center is the premiere National High Adventure Base owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Comprising 140,711 acres (220 square miles) of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range in northern New Mexico, Philmont serves as the largest camping operation in the world. Base camp elevation is at 6,700 feet, with program areas reaching above 12,000 feet. Each summer, about 27,000 participants engage in world class camping and training center programs.

“Delivering Wilderness and Learning Adventures That Last A Lifetime.”
Hunting Invitational

Philmont invites you to experience our Sportsman Adventures - the mountains and plains of northeast New Mexico are calling! Follow the trails of Kit Carson and Waite Phillips on fully guided big game hunts offered exclusively to people actively involved in Scouting. With the private land system in New Mexico, Philmont has guaranteed licenses - no need to worry about a state draw. Sportsmen are considered upon recommendation from their local council Scout Executive.

Once reviewed, and approved, Sportsmen will receive an application to hunt. If you are successful in our January drawing, you (and your guest if desired) will receive a letter of acceptance. If unsuccessful in the drawing, Philmont will refund your deposit* and you will remain on the mailing list for future hunts.

Our hunts are typically guided on a two hunter/one guide ratio. Hunts are conducted out of four wheel drive vehicles and on foot using spot and stalk method. Philmont has an excellent backcountry road and trail system.

All hunts include lodging, meals, caping, and meat processing. Hunters can arrive anytime after 1:00 p.m. on the scheduled arrival day. Hunters will also be provided with a field photo of their trophy and un-official Boone and Crockett score sheet.

Philmont offers Elk, Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Bison and Turkey hunts. Black Bear and Mountain Lion hunts are offered separately through outfitters who have exclusive lease agreements with Philmont.

Hunters will need to bring a rifle, ammunition, appropriate outdoor clothing and personal gear. There is a 400-yard sight-in range at Philmont Headquarters available for sighting weapons.

*Applications must be accompanied by a deposit.

Game Management

The wildlife management program at Philmont is based on the North American Wildlife Management Model. This is a set of principles that has guided wildlife management and conservation decisions throughout United States and Canada. Emphasizing conservation and education, Philmont stands as an icon of responsible stewardship of the land and its resources. Guided hunts serve as a valuable component of Philmont’s management of its natural resources.

Wildlife survey information is gathered by Philmont participants during their treks, annual game counts, and through corroboration with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department. This data helps to ensure that the hunting at Philmont assists in maintaining healthy and balanced population levels for all game species. In recent years the Ranch has put increased emphasis on improving trophy quality through the use of management hunts.

Wildlife is abundant on Philmont’s mountainous terrain and grassy plains. Come see for yourself! Contact us today to get started on your next hunting adventure.

Philmont Scout Ranch, your place for Sportsman Adventures.