

April , 2008

To: Philmont 2010 Contingent

Re: 2010 backpacking trip to PHILMONT, NEW MEXICO

From: Ed Hugill, High Adventure Coordinator, Troop 677 BSA



Troop 677 has a tradition of sending Scouts and Scouters on even numbered years to Philmont Scout Ranch for a two week backpacking high adventure in the mountains of Northeast New Mexico. This trip is one of the ultimate challenges of Scouting skills in the outdoors. You will be following in the footsteps of many Troop 677 Scouts and Scouters and the thousands who have hiked this sacred Scout land since 1938. If you will be 14 on or before January 1, 2010 you qualify.

Tentative costs for this trip will total \$1250 which will cover costs of training hikes, travel to and from Philmont, the Philmont expenses, food while traveling to and from Philmont and touring expenses. These costs will be finalized once the Philmont fees are set for 2010 and the transportation is negotiated. However, every effort will be made to keep expenses within this total. Your equipment needs will be hiking boots, backpack, sleeping bag and pad, and a full list of items necessary to complete a trek of this type.

Your challenge will be of several types. One is financial in which you and your parents are committing to completing the necessary payments. Please note that once the trip is reserved all payments are not refundable since funds will be expended to reserve your space and cannot be recovered. A second challenge will be physical. Preparation for this adventure requires a commitment of time and exercise to be ready. Practice hikes will be scheduled to test your continuing preparation but will not be sufficient to prepare you for this adventure. You will be expected to spend considerable time hiking and practicing on your own. Scouting skills as well as outdoor skills will be tested on this adventure and your mental preparation is vital to your success. Emotionally, you will also be tested. In all these areas you will be tested and succeed, but you will know that you have been challenged.

This trip will include 16 consecutive days away from home. If you wish to be included complete the reservation form and hand it to me with the \$100 reservation deposit. Only those with deposits will have spaces reserved. We do not reserve spaces unless someone is signed up and paid. No troop funds are expended for this.

Our attempt to obtain a crew reservation will be required late in October of this year. Should we fail, you will be contacted regarding optional high adventure alternate programs that might be of interest. Your deposits will be returned in this case unless you are interested in the optional hiking program for 2010. Keep your fingers crossed for a Philmont reservation.

Visit the Philmont website: www.scouting.org/HighAdventure/Philmont.aspx

Philmont 2010

Fee Schedule:

Deposit	\$100
December 1, 2008	\$100
February 15, 2009	\$100
January 15, 2009	\$100
March 15, 2009	\$100
April 15, 2009	\$100
June 15, 2009	\$100
September 15, 2009	\$100
November 15, 2009	\$100
February 15, 2010	\$100
April 15, 2010	\$100
Departure	\$150

You are expected to keep payments up to date. Should there be a problem be sure to contact Mr. Hugill. Remember: all fees are not refundable once the trip is scheduled.

Should fuel costs continue to climb there might be an increase in fees to meet added costs. Every effort will be made to keep all costs within the above schedule.

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2010 Philmont Reservation Form

Please complete the following form and hand it to Mr. Hugill in person at any troop meeting. Do not mail or expect another to deliver it. Adults are eligible and should abide by the same reservation rules and fees as Scouts.

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Attach a \$100 check made out to Troop 677

Deadline for making a reservation is October 14, 2008 Troop meeting. Any reservations submitted after this date will be subject to space availability.