National High Adventure Bases



Philmont Scout Ranch

Cimarron, New Mexico



Philmont is the world's largest scout camp with 137,493 acres. There are 300 miles of hiking trails linking the 25 staffed and 62 non-staffed trail camps. Elevations are from 6,500 to 12,491 feet.

Crews consist of 4-12 members including leaders. Scouts must be over the age of 13 by January 1st of the year they attend.

Program Features

Hiking Gold Mining / Panning

Western Lore Horseback Riding

Mountaineering Rock Climbing

Logging Burro Racing

Black Powder Fishing

<u>For More info:</u> Check out the Philmont Videos available at Council, or Contact the <u>High Adventure Committee!</u>

Philmont Scout Ranch

Cimarron, New Mexico 87714 (505) 3762281

Programs available:

Philmont Backpacking Treks: your crew of 4 to 12 people choose one of a number of different treks each lasting 11 days. While hiking you will also have the opportunity to do many other program features.

Cavalcade: For 8 days you become the cowboy of legend, riding the trails on horseback. This still allows you to participate in other program features as well.

Mountain Men/Women: are six day backpacking treks designed for Lone Scouts and Scouts who's parents are attending the Philmont Training Center.

Rayado Women/Men: Designed for older Scouts and Explorers, this 15 day trek also stresses leadership development, advanced outdoor skills, and self reliance.

Autumn Adventure This fall program allows groups to pick there own itinerary. A philmont Ranger does accompany each group thoughout its trek

Kanik: Try Philmont in the winter time. Try ski touring, living in a snow shelter and many other wintertime activities.

Resources

Video Tapes: The Magic of Philmont (#402.1 length 5 min)

Philmont Pre-Trek / Philmont No Trace Camping

(#402.2 or #402.3 lengths 30min / 12 min)

Philmont a Scouting Paradise (#402.4 length 10min)

Books: Return to the Summit of Scouting (by Chester County Councils own Bill Cass)

Where to go Camping (by the Order of the Arrow -> every Troop should have a copy)

People: Talk to any one who has been to Philmont, they are your **NUMBER ONE RESOURCE!!!** They will have resources like the *P.E.A.K.S.* Book (Philmont Expedition Adventure Key to Superactivities) and the *Philmont Guidebook to Adventure* which will help you plan you Philmont Trek.

Northern Tier High Adventure Base

Minnesota / Manitoba / Ontario



This High Adventure Base encompasses the famed Boundary Water Canoe Area and Quetico Provincial Park. It is the only High Adventure Base that extends beyond U.S. boarders.

Crews consist of up to 11 members. Scouts must be over the age of 13 by January 1st of the year they attend.

Program Features

Canoeing

Fishing

Float Plane Trips

For More info: Check out the Northern Tier Videos available at Council, contact the High Adventure

Committee or write the Northern Tier National High Adventure Base.

Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

PO Box 509 Ely, Minnesota 55731 (9218) 365-4811

Programs Available:

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness: Learn skills handed down from the Native American, fur-trapper and Voyageur while canoeing in the greatest wilderness canoeing area in the U.S.

Quetico Provincial Park: Canoe though this primitive area and enjoy solitude and great fishing.

Northern Expeditions Fishing: This trip takes you through Manitoba's bush country east of Lake Winnipeg (Canada). You will canoe rivers and lakes and enjoy some great fishing. This trip also has an option of a Float Plane Pick up at the end of your trek.

Atikokan Canoeing: Canoeingand fishing once again dominate this trek.

Okpik Winter Adventure: Learn how to cross country ski, snowshoe, build a winter shelter, track and ice fish during this fun wintertime adventure.

Resources

Video: Northern Tier High Adventure Base (#403.0)

Books: Where to Go Camping (by the Order of the Arrow -> every Troop should have a copy)

People: Talk to someone who has been there! <u>PEOPLE ARE YOUR NUMBER ONE</u> RESOURCE!

Florida Sea Base



Right in the heart of the Florida Keys, this High Adventure Base offers a one of a kind program. If your group likes the water....this is the High Adventure Base for you.

To attend, Scouts must be at least 13 years of age by the date of attendance (for Scuba, Scouts must be 14). Other restrictions apply depending on the program.

Program Features

Sailing
Motor Boating
Canoeing

Wind Surfing
Deep Sea Fishing
Scuba

For More Info: Check out the Florida Sea Base video available at Council, contact the <u>High Adventure</u> Committee or write the Florida Sea Base.

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

PO Box 1206 Islamorada, Florida 33036 (305) 664-4173

Programs Available:

Out Island Adventure: Live like Robinson Crusoe during this adventure which combines camping on a remote island, snorkeling, fishing and kayaking.

Bahamas Adventure: Take a trip on a 70 Foot Schooner while also trying your hand at sailing, snorkeling and fishing.

Coral Reef Sailing: A 40-50 foot sailing yacht will be your home while you learn navigation, fishing and sailing.

Mariner Sailing: This "Hands on" sailing experience give your crew the chance to sail, navigate and snorkel while living aboard and operating your own sailing vessel.

Sea Exploring: Become a member of a 83 foot gaff rigged topsail schooner. Sleep on deck (when weather permits) and be involved with all aspecks of shipboard life.

Scuba Certification: Discover the excitement of SCUBA diving. Your crew will be trained by professional instructors in all aspects of SCUBA. (Special requirements must be met for this program).

Scuba Adventure: This adventure includes night diving, deep dives (up to 60 feet) and marine life studies. (Special requirements must be met for this program).

Spring, Fall and Christmas Break Programs are also available.

Resources

Video Tape: Florida Sea Base (#403.3 length 7:55min)

Books: Where to go Camping (by the Order of the Arrow -> every Troop should have a copy)

People: Talk to anyone who has been to Florida Sea Base. Remember **People are your NUMBER ONE resource!!**

Other High Adventure Oportunities

Regional High Adventure Bases



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For more info: see the Section on High Adventure in your Troop's copy of the Where to Go Camping Book prepared by the Order of the Arrow.

Regional High Adventure Bases

Maine: This Base has opportunities for Backpacking, Canoeing and Mountaineering.

Contact:

Maine High Adventure

HC 76, Box 1158

Jackman, Maine 04945

(207) 668-4221

Adirondack: This Base is actually a number of Council Scout camps linked together by waterways and hiking trails. Canoeing and Backpacking are the key programs.

Contact:

Adirondack Adventure Area

474 East Avenue

Rochester, NY 14607-1992

(716) 244-4210

Lenhok'sin Trail Camp: Backpacking is the main mode of travel from subcamp to subcamp. Other program features include: Horsemanship, caving, rappelling and black powered rifle shooting. Called the sales brochure as "The Philmont of the East".

Contact:

National Capital Area Council BSA

9190 Wisconsin Ave Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 530-9360

Cole Canoe Base: Fishing and Canoeing are the program features.

Contact:

Detroit Area Council BSA

1776 West Warren Ave.

Detroit, MI 48208 (313) 897-1965

Mead Wilderness Base: Has a number of programs including Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking, River and Lake canoeing, backpacking and Outdoor leadership.

Contact:

Mead Wilderness Base

Daniel Webster Council BSA

571 Holt Ave.

Manchester, New Hampshire 03019

Regional High Adventure Bases

Tinnerman Wilderness Canoe Base: Canoeing the French River and Georgain Bay in Ontario Canada. Also enjoy exploring millions of small bay islands.

Contact:

Greater Cleveland Council BSA

Woodland and 22nd Street Cleveland, OH 44115 (216) 861-6060

Charles H. Topmiller Tropical Canoe Base: This base offers canoeing and also what they call "Mac Trek" which includes swimming, fishing, backpacking, hiking and horsemanship.

Contact:

South Florida Council BSA

8100 Oak Lane

Miami Lakes, FL 33016

(305) 364-0020

Teton High Adventure Base: Rafting and canoeing the Grand Teton National Park as well as Backpacking and fishing are available at this base.

Contact:

Great Salt Lake Council BSA

525 Foothill Blvd.

Salt Lake City, UT 84113

(801) 582-3663

Packard High Adventure Base: White Water Rafting and Backpacking are available.

Contact:

Rocky Mountain Council BSA

PO Box 3292

Pueblo, CO 81005-0292 (719) 561-1220

Resources

Videos: Maine High Adventure Base (#403.1)

Association of Adirondack Scout camps (#403.4)

Books: Where To Go Camping (by the Order of the Arrow)

For more info, write the above addresses!

The Venture Program

High Adventure in the Troop

BSA, seeing a need to give older Scouts more adventure in their program created the VENTURE PROGRAM to incourage troops to form CREWS to participate in more riggorous activities. These Include:

Backpacking Canoe Camping Caving

Cycling Fishing Freestyle Biking

Frontiersman Machanics Orienteering

Snow Camping Whitewater Wildermess Survival

Rockclimbing / Rapelling

For more info: Check out the Venture Program Books available at Council, read about the program in the Scout Handbook (pages 633-634) and the Scout Masters Handbook (pages 9, 26, 28, 46 and 48)