

## Announcing Philmont 2009 – National High Adventure

Who: Scouts who are First Class rank and; 14 years old by the start of the trip or 13 y/o & completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Selection of scouts and registered, trained adult leaders for the trip will be selected by an independent sub-committee (usually comprised of adult leaders and former leaders, who have made the trek, do not have a son, or self interest on the selection list and understand it's required level of commitment). In the past the selection sub-committee has used a point system which evaluates individuals total scout activity level, scout spirit, and training.

What: Two weeks of backpacking at Philmont National High Adventure Base, which is 140,000 acres of rugged mountain wilderness, owned by BSA. Wildlife is abundant and may include deer, elk, antelope, mountain lion, buffalo, beaver, mountain marmot and bear to name a few. Activities include rock climbing & rappelling, horseback riding, burro racing, gold panning, rifle, shotgun and black powder training and shooting to name a few. Philmont is one of the 3 points on the National High Adventure Triple Crown Award.

When: July 9 – 24, 2009 - First official training day hike on April 26 (meet at church 6:30 am), all welcome

Where: Base camp is in Cimarron, New Mexico and treks span the Sangre de Christo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains.

How: Submit a \$200 deposit (check made to Troop 7, BSA) to Mr. Johns. Slots are limited, but any slots not covered with deposit by April 30, 2008 will be returned to council for use by other troops on the waiting list. Submission of deposit does not guarantee a slot on the trip. I expect there will be a waiting list as well as an active slot list, and in the past, we have been very successful at getting scouts from the waiting list to the trip. Deposits are refundable for anyone not on the active slot list.

Details: An informational meeting will be held at the Bethany Church on April 27, 2008 at 4 pm. Detailed information will be presented, and will follow with a Q & A session during this 1 hour meeting.