

2010 INFORMATION BULLETIN



Priesthood Leadership Conference on Scouting at Philmont June 26—July 2 or July 3—July 9

Members of stake and district presidencies are invited to attend the annual Priesthood Leadership Conference on Scouting hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Stake and district Young Men presidents and high councilors with Scouting responsibilities may attend with their stake and district presidency members:

- The conference, under the direction of the Church General Scouting Committee, is held at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) located on the Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico.
- Priesthood leadership and Scouting training is provided by members of the Young Men and Primary general presidencies and boards.
- Participants attend a conference beginning either Saturday, June 26 or July 3, 2010 (arrival between 2:00–4:00 PM) and concluding Friday, July 2 or July 9, 2010 (leave by 9:00 AM).
- Travel costs and conference fees for approved stake and district leaders should be paid out of the stake or district budget allowance. Expenses for family members should be paid by the participants.
- Members of stake presidencies may bring a member of the high council and/or stake Young Men president.
- The names of individuals who are not members of a stake or district presidency may be placed on a waiting list.

Family Participation

This Leadership Conference is a family experience. We encourage you to bring your wife and children with you to Philmont.

- Your wife and children may participate in programs and full-day activities that include spiritual meetings, classes, tours, crafts, games, and hikes.
- Trained, experienced leaders are provided for each age-group.
- Even though you as a priesthood leader will participate in several conference training sessions, you will have adequate time to spend with your family.

Location

The Philmont Scout Ranch is located in northeastern New Mexico five miles south of Cimarron, 50 miles southwest of Raton, 60 miles northeast of Taos, 220 miles northeast of Albuquerque, and 270 miles south of Denver, Colorado.

Philmont Facilities

Facilities at the Philmont Training Center include:

- Comfortable *tents* with wooden or concrete floors, an electric light, a camp-style wardrobe cabinet, and two twin-size metal bed frames with mattresses. Some tents are equipped with ramps for individuals in wheelchairs.
- A *trading post* where you can purchase family sundries, stationery, candy, film, and cold drinks.

- An *arts and crafts* building.
- A *playground* in each tent city.
- A *utility building* in each tent city with restroom, showers, stove, and refrigerator.
- A *laundry building* with coin-operated washing machines.
- A *health lodge* with a full medical staff on duty 24-hours a day.
- Two *dining halls* which serve well-balanced menus cafeteria-style.

Daily Family Member Programs

Programs are conducted daily by the Philmont staff according to age groups.

- Programs operate from 8:30–11:20 A.M. and 1:15–4:30 P.M. except for Sunday.
- Evenings are devoted to activities for the family.
- Family members will be placed in the program according to their age as of their date of attendance:

Nursery	0–2	Deputies (boys)	8–9	Mountain Men/Women	14–20
Small Fry	3–5	Sidewinders (boys)	10	Broncos (boys/girls)	14–20
Cowgirls (girls)	6–7	Trailblazers 1 (boys)	11	Prospectors (young adults)	21–30
Cowpokes (boys)	6–7	Mustangs (girls)	11–13	Silverados (wives)	21+
Ropers (girls)	8–10	Trailblazers 2 (boys)	12–13		

Daily Activities

Activities for the various groups include the following:

- *Nursery Children* (children ages 2 and under) participate in Nursery Care Center activities between the hours of 8:30–11:20 A.M. and 1:15–4:30 P.M.
- *Small Fry* (children ages 3-5) participate in Small Fry Center activities between the hours of 8:30–11:20 A.M. and 1:15–4:30 P.M.
- *Cowgirls* (girls ages 6–7) and *Cowpokes* (boys ages 6–7) participate in nature hikes, picnics, pony rides, lawn games, songs and skits, sports, museum tours, and making handicrafts.
- *Ropers* (girls ages 8–10) participate in hiking, Villa and museum tours, archery, pony rides, air-rifle shooting, sports, nature hikes, games, and making handicrafts.
- *Deputies* (boys ages 8–9) and *Sidewinders* (boys age 10) participate in day camp activities that include fishing, hiking, pony rides, archery, air-rifle shooting, sports, Villa and museum tours, foil cooking, Cub Day Olympics, and making handicrafts. Deputies and Sidewinders will earn Philmont's Cub Day Camp Patch.
- *Trailblazers 1* (boys age 11) participate in camp activities each day that include hikes, nature activities, games, horse rides, archery, air-rifle shooting, and handicrafts.
- *Trailblazers 2* (boys ages 12–13) participate in Scouting activities, hikes, an overnight camp in the backcountry, nature activities, games, horse rides, archery, air-rifle shooting, handicrafts, pioneering, and cooking.
- *Mustangs* (girls ages 11–13) participate in Villa and museum tours, day hikes, field sports, handicraft projects, horse rides, nature activities, outdoor cooking, and lawn games.
- *Broncos* (young men and young women ages 14–20 not on the Mountain Men/Mountain Women trek) participate in activities such as the “Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience” (C.O.P.E.) course, nature hikes, and horse rides.
- *Prospectors* (young single adults ages 21-30) may participate in nature hikes, tours, adult assemblies and talks, handicrafts, the C.O.P.E. course, or enjoy leisure time.

- *Silverados* (wives ages 21 and older) may participate in nature hikes, Dutch oven cooking, tours, Indian Writing Camp, adult assemblies and talks, handicrafts, the C.O.P.E. course, or enjoy leisure time.
- The *Mountain Men* (young men ages 14–20) and *Mountain Women* (young women ages 14–20) participate in a unique six-day backcountry wilderness camping and hiking experience. Mountain Men and Mountain Women participants:
 - Must meet the minimum age and health requirements.
 - Are formed into separate 8-12 person crews of men only and women only led by two Philmont Rangers.
 - Should bring their own personal equipment (lists and additional information will be e-mailed to participants). Crew equipment is provided by Philmont.
 - Hike 20–30 miles into the backcountry.
 - Stay at several camps that offer a variety of exciting programs as well as time to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of Philmont.
 - May bring a friend (include name and information on the application form).
 - Will participate in a special Church service on Sunday led by a member of the Young Men general presidency or board or other presiding officer.

Sunday Meetings

A provisional ward is organized for Sunday services.

- Regular Sunday meetings are held including priesthood and sacrament meetings, Relief Society, Primary, Sunday School, Young Men, Young Women, and firesides.
- Officers and teachers of the "Philmont Ward" will receive an invitation (calling) and teaching materials from the Young Men and Primary general presidencies prior to arrival at Philmont.

Family Activities

- A family banner parade is held on Monday evening. You and members of your family are invited to prepare a banner representative of your family.
- Family home evening activities are also held on Monday evening. You and members of your family are invited to share a talent or otherwise participate.
- Primary-age children will participate in a Primary parade. Materials will be available for making costumes.

Clothing

Attire while at Philmont:

- Priesthood brethren should wear their official BSA field uniforms during the day (with the exception of Sunday).
- Wives should wear comfortable casual wear and comfortable shoes.
- Slacks are recommended for evening wear.
- Young men are encouraged to bring their appropriate Scout uniform (with the exception of the Mountain Trek youth).
- Children should wear comfortable play clothes.

- On the Sabbath, Sunday dress is appropriate for family members staying at the PTC.
- Hiking attire is appropriate Sunday dress for the Mountain Men and Mountain Women participants.
- Mountain Trekkers will wear Philmont t-shirts on the Mountain Trek. These will be provided to each trek youth upon arrival at Philmont.

Pets

- Pets are not allowed at Philmont (no exceptions). The Raton Animal Hospital will board pets at a standard daily rate. You must place your pet *before arrival at Philmont*.

Application

Attendance at Philmont is restricted to immediate family members except for the Mountain Men and Mountain Women programs (each participant may bring one friend). Space is limited, so please apply promptly.

- Fill out the enclosed application form.
- Include a \$100 deposit (check payable to *Boy Scouts of America* or credit card information). The deposit is non-refundable unless the conference is full or the application is otherwise not accepted.
- Mail the application form with \$100 deposit to the LDS-BSA Relationships office:

LDS-BSA Relationships
15 West South Temple, Suite 1070
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1579

Conference Fees

- The fee schedule is as follows (please do not submit fees until you have been accepted):

Conference participant	\$ 470.00
Non-conference adult (ages 21 and over)	\$ 340.00
Mountain Trek (ages 14–20)	\$ 345.00
Family members remaining at PTC (ages 14-20)	\$ 285.00
Family members (ages 6 – 13)	\$ 225.00
Family members (ages 5 and under)	\$ 180.00
- Fees include costs for Philmont food, lodging, and staff program assistance.
- Additional activity fees may be charged for those participating in the horseback trail ride, handicraft classes, and special tours.
- Fees may be paid with a check, money order, or a credit card.
- The \$100 deposit is included in the total fees.
- Full payment is due by May 1, 2010, unless prior arrangements have been made.
- All refund requests must be submitted to and approved by the LDS-BSA Relationships office.

For further information, please see the LDS-BSA Relationships Web site at www.ldsbsa.org. If you have any questions, please contact David C. Pack (director) or Joanne K. Reinertson (secretary):

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