

Notice

Date: September 1, 2013

To: General Authorities and the following leaders
in the United States: Area Seventies, Stake and
District Presidents

From: Young Men General Presidency (1-801-240-2134)

Subject: Priesthood Leadership Conference on Scouting at Philmont Scout Ranch

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

The annual Priesthood Leadership Conference on Scouting hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held at the Philmont Scout Ranch operated by the Boy Scouts of America in Cimarron, New Mexico. The first session will be held from June 28 through July 4 and the second from July 5 through July 11, 2014.

The conference is for interested members of stake and district presidencies. Applications should be submitted early. Travel costs and conference fees for priesthood leaders should be paid out of the stake or district budget allowance. Participants should pay any expenses for family members attending with them.

Included with this notice are the conference application forms and an information bulletin. Visit philmont.lds.org for additional information.

This notice is being distributed in English only in the United States. If leaders need it in other languages, they may contact the member of the Presidency of the Seventy who supervises the area. Area leaders can forward requests to Church headquarters (1-801-240-2933). 12035

2014 INFORMATION BULLETIN



Priesthood Leadership Conference on Scouting at Philmont June 28–July 4 or July 5–July 11

Members of stake or 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 or high councilors with Scouting responsibilities may attend only if a member of their stake or district presidency attends.

- 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 Saturday, June 28 or July 5, 2014 (arrival between 2:00–4:00 p.m.), and concluding Friday, July 4 or July 11, 2014 (leave by 9:00 a.m.).
- 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 with Scouting responsibilities and/or the stake Young Men president.
- Leaders desiring to attend 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. With the exception of Mountain Trek, only members of your immediate family may attend with you.

- 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 a wooden or concrete floor, an electric light, a camp-style wardrobe cabinet, and two twin-size metal bed frames with mattresses. Some tents are equipped with a ramp for individuals in wheelchairs.
- A **utility building** in each tent city with restrooms, showers, stoves, and refrigerators.
- Two **dining halls** that serve balanced menus cafeteria-style.

- A **playground** in each tent city.
- A **laundry** building with coin-operated washing machines and dryers.
- An **arts and crafts** building.
- A **health lodge** with a full medical staff on duty 24 hours a day.
- A **trading post** where you can purchase sundries, stationery, candy, cold drinks, camping and hiking supplies, Philmont and Scouting clothing, and souvenirs.

Daily Family Member Programs

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

- Programs operate from 8:30 to 11:20 a.m. and 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. with some exceptions.
- Evenings are devoted to activities for the family.
- Family members will be placed in groups according to their age as of date of attendance:

Nursery—NR	0–2	Deputies (boys)—DP	8–9	Mountain Men—MM	14–20
Small Fry—SF	3–4	Sidewinders (boys)—SW	10	Mountain Women—MW	14–20
Buckaroos—BC	5	Trailblazers 1 (boys)—TB1	11	Prospectors (young adults)	21–30
Cowgirls (girls)—CG	6–7	Mustangs (girls)—MS	11–13	Silverados (wives)	21+
Cowpokes (boys)—CP	6–7	Trailblazers 2 (boys)—TB2	12–13		
Ropers (girls)—RP	8–10	Broncos (boys/girls)—BR	14–20		

Daily Activities

Activities for the various groups include the following:

- *Nursery* children (children ages 2 and under) participate in Nursery care center activities.
- *Small Fry* (children ages 3–4) participate in Small Fry center activities.
- *Buckaroos* (children age 5) participate in pony rides, nature hikes, lawn games, songs, and making handicrafts, ice cream, and silly putty.
- *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, and the C.O.P.E. course or enjoy leisure time.

- *Silverados* (wives) may participate in nature hikes, Dutch oven cooking, tours, Indian Writing Camp, adult assemblies and talks, handicrafts, and 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 8–12 person crews of men only or women only led by two Philmont Rangers.
 - Should bring their own personal equipment (lists and additional information will be emailed 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). The Mountain Trek may include one non-family participant for each family member participating in a trek. Mountain Trek participants must be at least 14 years of age and not yet 21. *There can be no exceptions.*
 - 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 devotionals.
- 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, if you would like.
- 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. Each Mountain Trekker will be provided with one trek T-shirt 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

Conference spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited, so please apply promptly.

- Fill out the enclosed application form. Confirmation will be emailed to you once your application has been approved. Please do not make travel arrangements or submit fees until you receive an email confirmation from the LDS-BSA Relationships office.
- Once you receive the email confirmation, please follow the online registration instructions and pay your conference participant fee of \$515.00. If at some point you choose to cancel, you will receive a refund minus the \$100 cancellation fee.
- Mail, email, or fax the application form to the LDS-BSA Relationships office:

Mail: LDS-BSA Relationships **Email: ldsbsa@scouting.org**
15 West South Temple, Suite 1070 **Fax: 801-530-0029** (no cover sheet is needed)
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	\$515.00
Non-conference adult (ages 21 and over)	\$365.00
Mountain Trek (ages 14–20)	\$395.00
Family members remaining at PTC (ages 14–20)	\$305.00
Family members (ages 6–13).....	\$195.00
Family members (ages 5 and under)	\$95.00

- Fees cover 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 must be paid with a valid debit or credit card.
- Full payment is due by May 1, 2014, 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 website at www.ldsbsa.org. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Harvey (administrative assistant):

Phone: 801-530-0004 **Fax: 801-530-0029** **ldsbsa@scouting.org**

2014 APPLICATION



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June 28-July 4 or July 5-July 11

PARTICIPANT _____ **WIFE** (if attending) _____
Last First Initial

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Current Church leadership position (participant) _____

Stake _____ Occupation _____ BSA Council _____

Participant's email _____ Spouse's email _____

I have attended the LDS Philmont Scouting Leadership Conference before: No Yes Year _____

Children (if attending) <small>(Not going on Mountain Trek)</small>	Age <small>(At Philmont)</small>	Gender	Program Group <small>(See Bulletin page 2)</small>	Birthdate <small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>
1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Family Members Going on Mountain Trek (must be at least 14, but not yet 21)

1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Non-Family Members Going on Mountain Trek (must be at least 14, but not yet 21)

1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I understand that I will receive an online information packet and fee payment schedule after this application to participate in the LDS Conference at Philmont has been approved by the LDS-BSA Relationships office in Utah.

I also understand that if I choose to cancel my registration I will receive a refund minus the \$100 cancellation fee.

Photo (Talent) Release: I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and Intellectual Reserve, Inc. (IRI) the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/ film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings (collectively "Image") made during the visit to Philmont Scout Ranch of myself and all individuals associated with this application. I hereby release the BSA and IRI from any and all liability from such use and publication. If a minor, by the signature of my parent or legal guardian below, my parent or legal guardian further assigns and grants to the BSA and IRI the right and permission to use and publish my Image, and hereby agrees to indemnify the BSA and IRI against any actions taken by me.

I and my parent/guardian (if applicable) hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said Image without limitation at the discretion of the BSA and IRI, and we specifically waive any right to any compensation we may have for any of the foregoing.

Please sign below to accept the conditions stated above.
Please submit this form, along with credit card information (provide below) to:

LDS-BSA RELATIONSHIPS OFFICE
 15 West South Temple, Suite 1070
 Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1579
 Phone: 801-530-0004 FAX: 801-530-0029
 ldsbsa@scouting.org

Applicant's Signature

Date