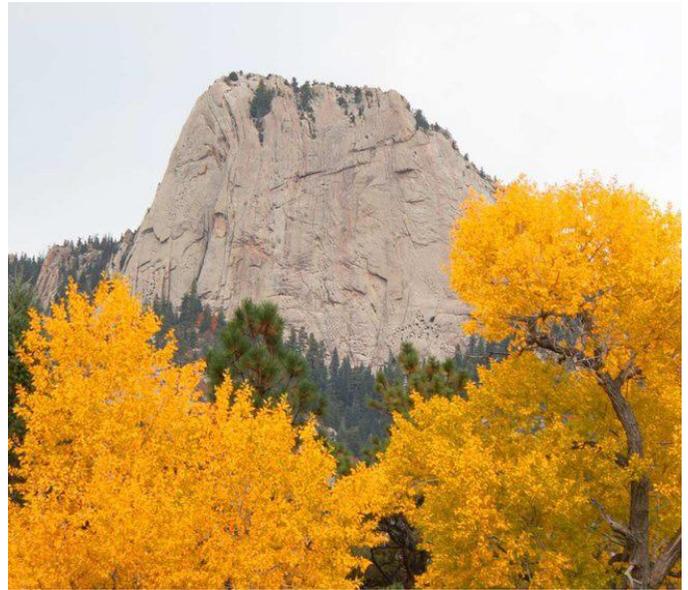


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Scout Ranch
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What Is It? It's Scouting's largest get-together of volunteers and professionals charged with delivering the world's greatest outdoor program for youth! It's four days of backcountry excursions, group sessions, outstanding keynote speakers, outdoor vendor exhibits, clean mountain air, sessions with camping and outdoor experts, some fun competition, special program opportunities, great music, and fellowship with Scouting's top outdoor leaders. Join fellow Scouters and outdoor enthusiasts from across the country to learn new methods, share ideas, and check out the latest in outdoor gear and programs. It is the place to be if you are involved with outdoor programs in any way.

When and Where Is It? October 14-18, 2015, at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico, the world's largest camp. There's no more fitting setting this year as Philmont continues to deliver wilderness adventures that last a lifetime! On-site registration opens at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, and the program begins with dinner at 6 p.m. The conference concludes on Sunday, October 18, after breakfast.

Who Should Attend? Anyone and everyone involved in national, region, area, council, district and unit outdoor program delivery: Scout executives, directors of support services, program directors, rangers, camp directors, council presidents, council program vice-presidents, council and district camping, conservation, aquatics, COPE/climbing, and shooting sports committee chairpersons, properties chairpersons, and any other volunteer or professional responsible for delivery of outdoor programs.

Schedule Overview

Wednesday, October 14:	Arrival of Conference Attendees. Program begins with dinner at 6 PM. Welcome and Opening General Session
Thursday, October 15:	Opening General Session Morning and Afternoon Workshop Sessions Afternoon – Vendor Fair Barbecue Lunch with Musical Entertainment Reception, Dinner, and Evening General Session
Friday, October 16:	Morning Workshop Sessions Morning – Vendor Fair Afternoon Backcountry Activities at Philmont: Hikes, Rides, Fishing, Tours, Shooting
Saturday, October 17:	Morning Workshop Sessions Lunch at Historic Rayado “The Phil-Mazing Race” Competition at Rayado Ridge Closing Keynote Address by Mike Fossum, NASA Astronaut
Sunday, October 18:	Depart for home after breakfast

Saturday Keynote Speaker

Saturday Evening Keynote Speaker: Mike Fossum, NASA Astronaut

Strap in for a closing keynote address that will rocket you to a realm that's about as far and fast outdoors as a human can go. The night sky will never look quite the same after you've met someone who's lived there. NASA astronaut, space station commander, spacewalker and (here on Earth) Scoutmaster Mike Fossum will share stories and photos of his adventures in space and in Scouting. You'll be treated to an out-of-this-world experience from an Eagle Scout and dedicated Scouter who definitely displays all the "right stuff."

Exhibits and Demonstrations

At lunch and on the afternoon of Thursday, October 15, visit exhibits from outdoor equipment vendors, outdoor agencies and many of the BSA's national volunteer outdoor program task forces. See and sample new outdoor products and services. Many exhibits will include a hands-on opportunity to test gear and equipment. And don't miss your chance for some take-homes and terrific door prizes as well.



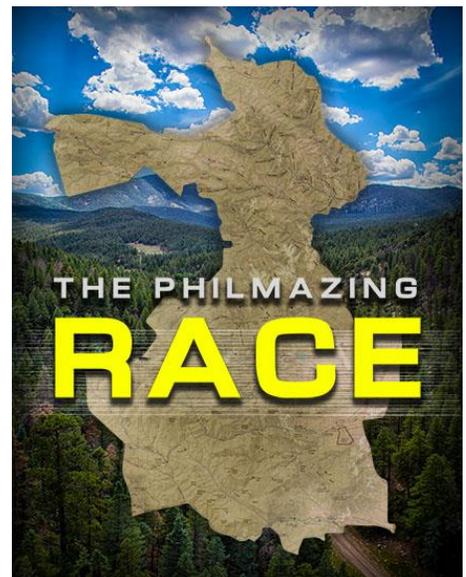
Backcountry Experiences at Philmont

Friday afternoon will be your opportunity to get outdoors and see the Philmont backcountry! You'll have the opportunity to take a day hike to one of Philmont's

landmarks, cast your line for trout in a swift-flowing mountain stream, or saddle up for a high-altitude horseback ride. Perhaps you'd like to take one of several backcountry drives through the mountains to see some of Philmont's historic camps and spectacular scenery. You can stay closer to civilization as well with tours of Philmont's base camp facilities and the famous Villa Philmonte, summer home of Waite Phillips. Or you can learn what it's like to keep the world's largest camp running on an operational tour with Philmont's maintenance experts. A whole smorgasbord of interesting events will be available for your selection.

The Phil-Mazing Race!

Brush up on your GPS skills and get ready for the inaugural Phil-Mazing Race! Participants will be broken up into teams and teams will look for a series of caches in the Rayado – Rayado Ridge area located in the south country of Philmont. Teams will be taken to the starting point and from the starting point, teams will compete at each location in "road blocks". Upon successful completion of each roadblock, teams will receive their next set of coordinates. Its golf style scoring – the lower the score the better! The number of minutes it takes to complete the Phil-Mazing Race are your Base Score. To that will be added Penalty Points for any caches not found. From that total, we subtract the points your team will earn at each road block. Prizes and a special patch will be awarded!



Registration Fees and Housing Information

Attendees have three options for registration and housing:

(1)	\$325.00 Conference Fee Plus Roofed Housing at Philmont	Includes four nights lodging (October 14-17) in a dormitory or duplex with up to four people per room, meals, conference gift, and supplies. Sheets, blankets, pillows and towels are provided.
(2)	\$290.00 Conference Fee Plus Tent Housing at Philmont	Includes four nights lodging (October 14-17) in a large two-person wall tent with electricity and camp-style bed with mattress, plus meals, conference gift, and supplies. Sheets, blankets, pillows and towels are not provided. Access to a nearby shower house.
(3)	\$250.00 Conference Fee Without Housing at Philmont	Select your own off-site housing. Includes all meals, conference gift and supplies. Visit www.cimarronnm.com for local lodging options

Early Arrivals: The early arrival extra fee is \$50 for indoor housing / \$25 for tent housing (additional to National Outdoor Conference fee)

A late fee of \$25 will be added in each category for those registering after October 1, 2015. A \$100 cancellation fee will apply if conference reservations are cancelled after October 1, 2015.

How to Register

Registrations will be accepted online **BEGINNING JUNE 5th** at:

[**2015 National Outdoor Conference Registration Site**](#)

Pre-Conference Event Options

Monday and Tuesday, October 12-13 or Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13-14

Participants in these two-day pre-conference events must arrive on Sunday, October 11th. The additional fee for these pre-conferences is \$75, which includes early arrival, lodging and meals.

BSA Fishing TRAIN THE TRAINER and the Certified Angler Instructor Course (Arrive by Sunday evening, October 11th; sessions run Monday morning, October 12 and end of day on Tuesday, October 13): This two-day pre-conference program is designed as the primary Fishing and Fly-fishing training course to develop a national cadre of Certified Angling Instructors to bring quality Fishing and Fly-fishing instruction and programs to all BSA youth. The courses includes full coverage of skills development, resource awareness and improvement, merit badge counselor instruction, fly-fishing instruction with focus on teaching others, how to improve the council camp’s fishing programs, plus opportunities for a council to offer fishing opportunities year around – ideal for those wishing to enhance fishing program emphasis within their Scouting world and lead Scouts into the wonderful world of fishing and fly-fishing.

Visual Storytelling Workshop (Arrival Monday night, October 12th; sessions start Tuesday morning, October 13th and end Wednesday afternoon, October 14th): Imagine thousands of Scouters armed with smartphones or digital cameras, finding great Scouting stories to share via social media. Attendees will learn the basics of photographic storytelling, how to publish to the Web and build an audience. This workshop targets those who have at least some experience with still photography, and a passion for showing the story of Scouting.

Idea Exchange: Sharing Your Best Practices

An area will be available for councils to share literature and materials with others. Be sure to show your council's best program ideas and pick up something new from another council.

Conference Attire

Casual dress and western wear are perfect for this conference. Denim is welcome at Philmont!

Climate

October in New Mexico offers crisp nights and warm days. An early season snowfall is not out of the question, but is rare. Bring layered clothing that will allow you to adjust for daytime temperatures in the 60s-70s and nighttime temperatures in the 20s-30s.

Transportation

Philmont Scout Ranch is located near Cimarron in northeastern New Mexico. Major airports serving the region are located in Albuquerque (220 miles), Colorado Springs (190 miles), and Denver (270 miles). There are Amtrak and Greyhound stations located in Raton New Mexico (45 miles).

Ample parking is available for private or rental vehicles. Shuttle service will be provided (depending on demand) from the Albuquerque airport for \$200 roundtrip (same fee as Philmont summer 2015). Shuttle service will also be provided from the Raton New Mexico Amtrak or Greyhound stations for \$45 roundtrip (same fee as Philmont summer 2015).

For those wanting to share rides with others, we will make available contact information on anyone who can take riders or anyone who wants to share a ride with others from Denver and Albuquerque airports. Please indicate on your online registration if you are interested in the Albuquerque airport shuttle or carpooling opportunities.

Facilities & Meals

Most conference activities and meals will be held at the Philmont Training Center, the BSA's national training facility and host to more than 7,000 volunteer leaders and family members each year. Meals are served in one of the center's two dining halls. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate on your online registration, in the special dietary needs section, any special dietary needs you may have.



Workshop Electives

More than 50 electives will be offered. Review the schedule and select the sessions that will most benefit your council. Select your sessions when you register online. You will be able to select 10 workshop electives to attend.

Accommodating Special Needs at Camp – Understanding ADA – Is your camp accessible to all of your members? Meeting the needs of Scouts and leaders with special needs can mean the difference of a lifetime to them.

The Adventure Plan (TAP) – Learn more about the new building the adventure planning program to be rolled out via the BSA Outdoor Programs website. Find out what documents you need in order to plan an outing and what you need to include in your preparations.

Aquatics Impacts: Program Opportunities and Regulatory Concerns – Learn how local councils can support the new Cub Scout adventures in aquatics at both the unit and council level. Get the scoop on the use of inflatable play structures and other new activities at camps to attract and retain Scouts. Plan ahead to prevent negative impacts of new government regulations on camp aquatics staff qualifications, training and operations.

Biking Program and Your Camp! – Get an introduction to the new biking guidelines and how they apply to your camp. The program will feature both mountain biking and BMX. The session will include the design of the facilities and the execution of the program as well as opportunities to connect with the International Mountain Biking Association.

Boy Scout Fishing Seminar – 2 hour session includes the new “Complete Angler Award” & the new “Fishing Program Features” publication. Learn how to enhance fishing opportunities for Scouts with rewarding advancement and enjoyment.

Building Sustainable Camps – Utilizing the BSA Sustainability Best Practices report. What does it take to make your camp facilities more sustainable? Learn about what others are doing to guide your actions.

Camp Director Leadership & Management – How to lead successful camp directors in setting goals, planning meetings, hiring & staff development, reviewing survey results, acting on leader feedback, managing expenses, and developing a staff succession plan.

Camp Fishery Management: An important seminar dealing with improving camp fisheries. Includes working with local and state agencies plus local fishing organizations to provide the best ideas for development, maintenance and improvements to your camp fishing waters. A quality camp fishing lake or pond should provide a scout a reasonable chance to catch a fish within 30 minutes.

Camp Health Issues (Mini-Sessions)—Learn more about these camp health issues: 1) Medication management– what’s new and what’s next for managing prescriptions and OTC drugs, 2) Allergies and Anaphylaxis update, 3) Energy Drinks– do you know the risk?, and 4) Healthy Eating– planning for nutrition at camp.

Camp Rangers, Camp Maintenance Camp Success! — Our rangers are an important part of our leadership team. They are on the front lines of Customer Service and Cost Control. Find out about the training we are developing to help them become successful. Topics include; an introduction to the predictability of facility failure and communicating upward, deferred maintenance, funded depreciation, budgeting, and maintenance software.

Camp Safety Issue Forum – Discussion on safety issues related to camping operations and how to “keep it safe” for Scouts.

Camping Data Analysis Discussion – Analyze your camping data to determine what you need to do to expand your camp attendance. What are the strategic indicators of a growing or shrinking attendance at camping activities?

Case Study – Michigan Crossroads Council Properties -- Learn how one council approached excess property issues, consolidated services and structured program and maintenance to create a “system” of camp properties.

The Council Conservation Committee – What exactly should this committee be doing? Who should be its members? How can it contribute to your overall council program and give back to the community? Does your council have a conservation plan for each of their properties?

Cub Scout Fishing Seminar: 2 hour session - Running Cub fishing events for units and councils. Features 5 **Cub Scout Fishing Modules**; Organizing an Outing / Den & Pack Opportunities / Where to Get Help / Day Camp Fishing & Selecting Proper Equipment, plus Participating in “Back Yard Bass” instruction game.

Design and Construction—How to leverage your facilities – Facilities Management and how to convey better construction methods and materials to lessen maintenance expenses for your properties in the long term.

Design Guidelines and the Program Venues They Impact – Instructors will present a cross-section of the Design Guidelines on file and the various program area facilities typically provided. They will show examples of how some councils have upgraded program areas to be much more appealing while still delivering a solid program.

Effective Council Enterprise Risk Management Committees – Discuss and learn ways your risk management committee can help make your council better.

Effective Summer Camp Food Service Operations— Decisions – do you hire an outside contractor, do you hire a school cook, do you hire a chef? How can you decrease food costs but increase customer satisfaction? Learn the pros and cons of all the above to help make the best decision for your camp programs.

Enhancing Your Shooting Sports Program – Topics include how to implement shooting sport programs that are beyond the Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badges, Summer Camp National Shooting Sport Competitions and year-round shooting sport competitions for all age groups, new BSA shooting sport programs including: Flash Ball, Sporting Arrows, and 3 gun Airsoft, the Boy Scout Pistol Program, and how you can receive the quarterly BSA Regional Shooting Sports Newsletter.

Financing Year-Round Camping Programs – Learn how your camp can become a vital year-round revenue producer while providing great program programs for youth.

First & Second Year Camper Programs – These programs are designed to help work with the younger Scouts, but are you really doing this? Who are our customers and are we helping them succeed?

Getting the Right Supplies – You can’t shoot rockets if you don’t have them. The National Supply Group will help you make sure you have the right supplies while also buying the right *quality* of supplies.

High-Octane Day Camp and Resident Camp – 90 plus percent of our Boy Scouts were Cub Scouts! How can we retain these Cub Scouts so they become Boy Scouts? Probably through a strong camping program! This session will provide ideas for a high energy, exciting day camp.

Hornaday Award Programs – Happy 100th anniversary to the Hornaday Award! Learn about these often-misunderstood but highly prestigious BSA awards for conservation. Find out how your council can improve and promote this experience for your Scouts. Check out the tools to help earn and manage the awards.

Ice Climbing – No need to chill this winter – You need to see to believe! – The best practices learned after years of experience in creating a fun and successful ice climbing program at your camp.

Incident reporting – Benchmarking Your Council – Where do you rate in the Incident Reporting Benchmark report? Are you in the top 10 or do you lag with this lagging indicator? Come find out how to streamline your incident reports, share best practices and see how you rank.

Making the Most of CFET (Camp Facilities Evaluation Tool) – Hear more about how to use the NCAP tool to tell your story and improve your planning and prepare for capital budgeting.

Marketing Your Outdoor Adventures – What are you doing to promote your council’s greatest assets? Come hear from marketing experts on how you can excite everyone from the youth, their units, and of course their parents, so they are breaking down the doors to participate in your programs. Learn more about how to use a social media component-- facebook, twitter, blogs, Instagram, etc to share your program with the Scouting public.

Media for camps – Elements of effective leader guides, videos, social media, website, and flyers as demonstrated on www.slipperyfalls.com and other effective council camp marketing campaigns.

New Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Skills – This session will focus on providing outdoor skills to a new audience – your Cub Scout leaders! Fire-starting, GPS, knots and compass skills are now part of the Cub Scout advancement program across all ranks and your leaders are hungry for information!

New Cub Scout Adventure Program and Your Camp! – This session will introduce you to the new Cub Scout adventure program, and how it can be used to highlight your camp properties or other facilities. The Adventure Program features more outdoor elements across all Cub Scout ranks and your camp should be part of the implementation. Learn how to facilitate the outdoor adventures at your camp and help your Cub Scout leaders and Scouts at the same time.

Order of the Arrow and Your Summer Camp – Is your lodge supporting and attending your camp, serving on camp staff and do they help with your camp promotion plan in your council Have you asked them for help? Learn the best ways to utilize the Order of the Arrow in your outdoor programs.

Over Manage the Customer Experience! Customer Service: Best Practices – Feedback from attendees consistently identifies “camp staff” as one of the number one things that brings them back to camp. How can your camp make your camp staff your number one asset? Learn and share best practices in developing a strong customer focused team that will help you increase camp attendance!

Planning for Successful High Adventure Experiences Starts with a Committee – Are you looking for ways to encourage your Scout units to take part in local and national high adventure? Than effective, well organized committee is critical! Learn how to structure and support a High Adventure committee in your local council.

POP – Cub Scout Portable Outdoor Program – Find out how you can bring programming to your Cub Scouts in a pop up design!

Retain More Youth at Camp & in Scouting through Quality, Diverse Programs – Bold older Scout programs can develop a loyal base to YOUR camp. Repeat customers who are older Scouts, will also bring younger Scouts and their leaders to camp with them. Quality, diverse programs can also help recruit potential staff members.

Risk Assessments (PD-111, 112 and beyond) – So you want to do something exciting in your camp? Let’s walk through the risk assessment tools available to you and expectations for that new program that you should share with your Enterprise Risk Management Committee BEFORE launching the program.

Rope Design, Manufacturing, Use and Retirement – Learn about how ropes are designed, manufactured, their specific uses, and when they should be retired.

Saving Money Through Camp Food Purchases – Food is the biggest line item in a camp budget in most camps. Learn how your council can save money by participating in this program. Big Money!!

Shared Services and Discounted Products – Many councils are using outsourcing and shared services to help improve accuracy and efficiency while economizing back-office operations. Learn how the combined buying power of the entire BSA can be leveraged by your council to improve service quality and generate savings. Hear from councils that have had success saving time, effort and money using shared services, group purchasing and the Participation Grant Program.

“So you want to build a Zip Line?” –If your council is considering in investing in COPE & Climbing programs, this is the session for you! Members of the National COPE & Climbing task force will be on hand to help you understand market analysis, serving Scout and non-Scout groups, costs, volunteer support and more.

STEM @ Camp Nova – Every Scout should have the opportunity to explore their future through Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The world is rapidly changing and we need to help our Scouts “Be Prepared” for this new world.

STEM Day Camps – Learn why and how to host successful STEM focused day camp programs.

The Summit – Our Plans for the Future – We have hosted the national jamboree and the inaugural year of our high adventure program. What’s next? Come learn all about the national BSA’s newest property.

The Tooth of Time Traders Difference: Camp Trading Posts – Enhance your camp program through sales and service in your camp trading post! Learn best practices from Philmont’s award winning Tooth of Time Traders store on how to best leverage your camp program to increase your trading post sales.

Using COPE & Climbing Programs to Retain Older Youth – Utilize your COPE & Climbing programs to compete with other programs that offer adventure experiences for youth. Learn about alternative delivery models for COPE & Climbing programs. Also find out more how you can use council provided gear to facilitate unit climbing activities.

Using Outdoor Ethics in Your Year-Round Programs – Learn how to engage units in living by outdoor ethics through Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! as a part of camp and their unit’s program.

Venturing Fishing Seminar: 2 hour session - A workshop on developing exciting Venturing fishing events including weekend and High Adventuring fishing experiences; also how to develop crews with a fishing focus. Make Fly-fishing, salt water kayak fishing or Bass competition options. How about fishing Alaska or the Bahamas.

What do Council and District Outdoor Programs Committees Do? – Want to know how your council committee stacks up? No council can have an effective outdoor program without an effective committee of motivated Scouters. Learn what you should have and how to implement the best programs.

Winter Outdoor Camping Programs – Come learn about exciting winter programs you can offer to benefit your programs—Klondike Derby, dog sledding, ice fishing, Polar Bear camping, and more.

Explore Philmont Adventures

An array of exciting and informative options is available on Friday, October 16, to see and experience Philmont and New Mexico. Half-day trips offer participants a variety of options, including visiting local museums or sightseeing. Please indicate on your online registration what program you may be interested in participating in. You will sign up officially on site during the event.

Backcountry Tours. Several driving tours will be available in Philmont’s backcountry, allowing participants to experience several backcountry camps and view the breathtaking scenery of the ranch. The tour guide will share information about the history of the ranch and the operation that supports more than 22,000 trekkers each summer. Half day afternoon trip.

Base Camp “Behind the Scenes” Tour. Each day during the summer, 400 campers arrive and 400 campers depart. This tour will take a look behind the scenes to discover how the Philmont operation works. Participants will learn about safety, equipment, and trek planning. Half-day afternoon tour.

Climbing. Have you ever roped into a harness for a belayed climb up a steep rock face, or experienced the thrill of a near-vertical rappel back down? Here’s your chance if you haven’t, another opportunity if you have. Philmont will offer morning and afternoon climbing sessions at its Cimarroncito climbing area. Half day afternoon event.

Conservation and Forestry: Visit Philmont’s Demonstration Forest near the beautiful Cimarroncito Reservoir and landmark Cathedral Rock. Learn about sustainable forestry, timber management, trail building techniques and related conservation programs from a Philmont staff conservationist. Half day event held in the afternoon.

Fly-Fishing. Those interested in fishing for trout along the Rayado Creek will enjoy fishing like Waite Phillips did and imagine that they are experiencing life like the movie “A River Runs Through It.” Instruction will be available for those who have never attempted fly-fishing. Equipment will be provided, or you may bring your own. Licenses may be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders. Half-day afternoon trip offered.

Hart Peak Hike. Hart Peak is located in Philmont’s north country and sits at 7,928 feet. This is a relatively easy hike that will begin at Ponil, the site of Philmont’s original camp then called “Philtorn Rockymountain Scoutcamp”. Though it is one of the lowest named summits on Philmont, it boasts some of the best views to the north. You can see Little Costilla, Culebra Peak and the east and west Spanish Peaks. It is approximately a 6 mile hike round trip. Half-day afternoon hike.

Horseback Riding. Horses have played an important part in western life. The trail ride will leave historic cattle headquarters and take a loop ride with great views of the Tooth of Time. Riders will learn about the cattle operations of New Mexico and the life of the cowboy. A maximum 200-pound limit for riders is required. Philmont’s burro program will also be highlighted during the ride. Half-day afternoon ride.

Lovers Leap Hike. The Lovers Leap hike is about 2.5 miles round-trip with a gradual incline. Great views of the Tooth of Time can be appreciated along the trail. Wildlife can often be seen during this trek. The trail ends on a breathtaking rock out-crop several hundred feet above the land below. Half day hike offered in the afternoon.

Maintenance Tour. The Maintenance Department for Philmont Scout Ranch is responsible for the infrastructure that includes the care of nearly 600 roofed structures, water systems, and extensive solar operations as well as maintenance of a vehicle fleet, an intensive conservation program, and fire suppression. Participants will be able to ask questions of our experts as they wander through the shops and learn about some interesting operational procedures that support the Philmont operation. Half day tour will be offered in the afternoon.

Mountain Bike Ride. See the trails of Philmont in a different way! Hop on a mountain bike and experience one of Scouting’s most exciting new outdoor programs. Learn about biking program setup and operation from experienced Philmont staff. Half day ride will be offered in the afternoon.

Pin It: GIS Mapping! If you are looking to learn more about how to utilize this technology in your local camps and properties, this is the event for you! GIS or “Geographic Information System” is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage and present all types of geographical data. Get hands-on experience by taking a trip into Philmont’s backcountry, collecting data and then creating your own map. Philmont’s Recreation Resource Manager, John Celley, will be on hand to share techniques, resources and answer your questions. Half day trip in the afternoon.

Shooting Sports: 3x3 Match! Get ready to take aim! Sign up to take part in our 3x3 Shooting Match! Held at our newly constructed PTC Shooting Sports range, participants will have a chance to compete in six shooting disciplines: Shotgun, .22s and pistols, plus try your hand at sling shots, tomahawks, and archery! Competitors will shoot at a multitude of target types. One of the cool things about an event like 3x3, unlike almost every other shooting sport, is that each course of fire is unique. You never get fatigued from repetitively shooting the same old thing every time! Prizes awarded!

Metcalf Station Visit & View T-Rex Footprint. Travel by suburban to Philmont's newest staff camp, opened in 2014, Metcalf brings railroading to the Philmont program. Located approximately halfway between Indian Writings and Dan Beard, the program includes railroading, Morse code, and blacksmithing. On the way back to base camp, see the world’s only known Tyrannosaurus Rex footprint, along with a number of other dinosaur prints. While traveling to and from Metcalf station, participants pass through historic Chase Ranch, which was established in the mid-1800s and is the location where New Mexico Territorial Governor Lew Wallace wrote the book Ben Hur. Half day trip offered in the afternoon.

Self-Paced Program Opportunities

Open in evenings after sessions

Fly-Casting & Fly-Tying instruction. Learn to cast and tie flies. It will help you with doing a better job at fishing as well as teaching your Scouts how to fish.

Available Friday after lunch, no sign up required

Historic Chase Ranch Tour. Owned for four generations by the Chase family since 1869, the historic Chase Ranch is one of Philmont's newest land-use areas. Beginning in 2014, Philmont took over the operation of this 11,000 acre property. The Chase Ranch has many historic buildings including the Main House and the Coach house. The Main House is a two story adobe home that dates back to 1871. Many of the items in the house are over 100 years old. Don't miss the chance to see this incredible new program area.

Rayado Rancho and Kit Carson Museum. Experience life along the old Santa Fe Trail literally in the footsteps of famous mountain men Kit Carson and Lucien Maxwell at Philmont's historic Rayado Rancho. Try your hand at blacksmithing, throw a tomahawk, feed the chickens, or tour the restored home where Carson lived as you see a "living history" program first-hand.

Villa Philmonte Tour. In 1927, Waite and Genevieve Phillips completed their Villa Philmonte. They enjoyed this summer home for 14 years until donating it to the Boy Scouts of America in 1941. During the 1960s, the Villa was restored to the way it looked when the Phillips family owned it. The tour affords an opportunity to get to know this extraordinary family and learn about their association with the Boy Scouts of America.