

**2004 Philmont Last Minute Information (5-18-04)**  
**Crew 702-K\_\_**

### **Air Transportation**

The following is our flight information:

Tue 6/29/2004      11:45 AM Arrive Newark -Terminal A -- Crews 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (Ticket 1)  
Tue 6/29/2004      Lv Newark 1:50 PM      Ar Denver 3:57 PM      United Flight 1179  
Wed 7/14/2004      Lv Denver 4:33 PM      Ar Newark 10:12 PM      United Flight 426

**or**

Tue 6/29/2004      2:45 PM Arrive Newark -Terminal A -- Crew 9 (Ticket 2)  
Tue 6/29/2004      Lv Newark 4:52 PM      Ar Denver 7:09 PM      United Flight 481  
Wed 7/14/2004      Lv Denver 6:25 PM      Ar Newark PM 11:51 PM      United Flight 430

**or**

Tue 6/29/2004      11:45 AM Arrive Newark -Terminal A – Crews 6, 7, 8 & 10 (Ticket 3)  
Tue 6/29/2004      Lv Newark 1:50 PM      Ar Denver 3:57 PM      United Flight 1179  
Wed 7/14/2004      Lv Denver 6:25 PM      Ar Newark PM 11:51 PM      United Flight 430

### **BRING A PICTURE ID – YOU WILL NEED IT!**

It is up to the Crew to arrange transportation to and from the airport.

United flight information: <http://www.ual.com> or 1-800-824-6200

### **Uniforms**

You will arrive at Newark Airport wearing a full summer “Class A” uniform. This includes: short sleeved uniform shirt, official shorts, belt, Scout socks, contingent issued hat, and contingent issued T-shirt. It is strongly recommended that you wear your boots on the plane instead of packing them. You will wear this “Class A” uniform at all times while we are in public from the time you arrive at the airport until we reach Philmont and then again from the time we leave Philmont until you leave the airport in Newark upon your return. On the bus while touring, you will be able to remove your uniform shirt. We may have occasions on which we will allow you to leave the bus in a “Class B” uniform; that means that the uniform shirt is removed and you will wear the contingent issued T-shirt.

Once we reach Philmont you will only need to be in uniform for certain meals and Campfires. At other times you can wear whatever you choose as long as it is appropriate and does not offend anyone.

### **Emergencies**

The emergency contact number at Philmont is **505-376-2281**. Give your Scout’s name and the expedition number that is **702-K\_\_**. You should call this number only in an extreme emergency in which you need to have your Scout taken off the trail and sent home immediately. It may take some time for a return call depending on the time and where someone is located on the Ranch. If it is not that important, it can wait until we get off the trail. Our local Monmouth Council Service Center is 732-536-2347 (days) and (for emergencies at other times) Matthew Thornton at home (732) 845-3930 or Jodi Stark cell (732) 861-8536.

### **Mail and Phones**

You can send mail to your Scout at Philmont. We will only get mail before we go on the trail (July 3) and when we come off the trail on July 13. All mail should be addressed to: Your Scout, Expedition 702-K\_\_, Philmont Scout Ranch, 47 Caballo Rd, Cimarron, NM 87714.

Your Scout will have the opportunity to call home from a pay phone at Philmont on 7/2 and possibly 7/3 and again on 7/13. If you have a phone credit card and give them the calling information including your carrier's access codes, you will save money as a small phone company that can hit you with high charges serves Philmont. A prepaid card is also a good option. Cell phones do not work in the mountains of Philmont. If your Scout does call, you don't need to tell them every little thing that is happening; there is most likely a line of Scouts standing over them waiting to use the phone.

## Spending Money

There are no absolute essentials that your Scout will need spending money for but there will be opportunities to buy snacks, last minute equipment, and souvenirs. Talk it over with your Scout. Avoid the junk at a number of tourist traps we stop at in the first couple of days. Buy your Philmont souvenirs after we come off the trail. See the *Philmont Guidebook to Adventure* given to your son or daughter for Philmont's recommendation on spending money.

## Photo Plan

The crew has agreed that two Scouts and one Advisor will be responsible for all photography for the crew. All film will be pooled and copies of all pictures taken will be provided to each participant both as photographs and electronically on a CD-ROM. The total costs will be evenly divided among the participants. We expect to hold a get-together about 3-4 weeks after our return to distribute photos, collect money, and reminisce.

## Last Minute Equipment and Packing Issues

Pack all knives in your checked baggage. Use lots of ZipLoc bags! Bring 3 heavy trash bags; they will have lots of uses. Remember good socks AND liner socks!

You should have one carry-on as outlined in Philmont Note 16.

Your pack needs to be enclosed for shipping to avoid damage. You need a duffel bag or some other covering that can be removed easily in case your baggage is selected for a hand inspection. Also attach an identification tag inside the outer cover to your backpack indicating your name and origin and destination. Label your pack as follows:

### HOME:

Name  
Street Address  
City, State Zip Code  
Telephone Number

### DESTINATION:

Philmont Scout Ranch  
Crew 702-K\_\_  
Monmouth Council #347  
Cimarron NM 87714  
Arrival Date: 7/2/2004

### DEPARTURE TO HOME:

July 14, 2004  
United Flight 426 (or 430) Denver (DEN) to Newark NJ (EWR)

## Scout Manners

Last but certainly not least is the topic of Scout Manners. Read the attached Philmont Notes #1 on this topic. There are 120 of us travelling together. Any Scout causing a serious problem will be sent home. There will be no refunds and any additional costs of sending the Scout home will be the responsibility of his family. There will be plenty of time for fun but since we will be in areas where many other Scout groups will be travelling to Philmont, we must insist upon excellent behavior.

Your Crew Advisors,

Attachments: Philmont Note 1, 16, 19

# **PHILMONT NOTE 1**

## **Scout Manners**

When you are out in public, meeting people from all over the country and sometimes with people from other countries, your actions and manners will be on display. Other people will be judging you and your actions. This includes ticket agents, airline personnel, bus drivers, our hosts at places we stay, people who operate the places we eat, and anyone we meet. All of these people automatically form an opinion about us, good or bad. Our actions, manners or lack of manners will give them the basis for that judgment. The wearing of a Scout uniform brings this judgment into finer focus. By being Scouts we are expected to be a cut above the rest in our actions and manners. It is important that you don't forget the small things, such as **"PLEASE"** when asking for something, and **"THANK YOU"** when you are served or helped. Being courteous and respectful doesn't cost anything except a few words and thoughtfulness. Many times someone will extend you a courtesy. It may be an invitation to some extra portions; a free tour, discount or help may be offered. Scouts pride themselves on paying their own way and being a help to others. This does not mean you may not accept someone's kindness, but do not ask for special treatment because you are a Scout. Also when someone is kind or generous to you, make sure you show your appreciation and say **"THANK YOU"**.

One of the worse things that can happen is for a Scout to **"MISBEHAVE"** or **"HORSE AROUND"** in a public place and cause the rest of the group to be embarrassed because of his actions. This can lead to your group and other Scout groups that follow to not be asked back, or allowed back at that particular establishment.

In summary remember that you and your actions either give people a good or bad impression **of you and the rest of the group**. Be courteous and say **"PLEASE"** when asking for something and **"THANK YOU"** when you are served. You will generally be treated with the same amount of respect that you gave.

**BE PROUD THAT YOU ARE A SCOUT AND SHOW IT.**

### **CREW ADVISORS NOTE:**

Do not assume that your Crew members are automatically courteous. They may need a GENTLE reminder. It is suggested that all Crew Advisors read or relay the above informative "REMINDER" to all Crew Members.

Also see: Guidebook to Adventure - Page 6, Harassment

# **PHILMONT NOTE 16**

## **Carry-on Baggage**

You will need to have a small daypack or gym type bag to hand carry your travel clothes and personal items on the plane with you. It must be small enough to fit in the overhead compartment over your seat or under the seat in front of you.

You should carry the following things in your carry-on baggage:

- a. 3 changes of underwear and socks, or plan on doing some hand washing on the way to Philmont.
- b. Swimsuit, sunscreen, sneakers (old) or water shoes, lightweight towel, wool sox
- c. Sunglasses, strap, and old cap
- d. Lightweight jacket or fleece
- e. Mountain suds or camp suds for washing your clothes. The facilities for washing clothes at Philmont are limited as is the time to do your wash.
- f. Any prescription medicine that you may need.
- g. Spare film; do not let your film go through the security-screening machine.
- h. Pen, stationary and stamps.
- i. Reading material, to read on your trip to and from Philmont.
- j. Toiletries and smellables (candy bars, chewing gum, snacks, soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, tooth brush, razor, shaving cream, comb, hair brush, etc.
- k. Plastic bags, for your dirty clothes.
- l. 1 spare Class A uniform.
- m. Handkerchiefs.
- n. Spare class "B" shirts.
- o. Hiking staff: If you use a hiking staff, you CANNOT carry your hiking staff on the plane; it will be bundled with other hiking sticks and checked.
- p. Identification: Put an I.D. tag on the outside of your bag, and an I.D. tag inside also. If you should lose your carry on and the outside I.D. tag has been lost, the inside I.D. tag will give the airline the name of the person the bag belongs to. Also write the airline you flying with, the flight number and your destination. With this information the lost article can be forwarded to you.

# PHILMONT NOTE 19

## Trip Tips & Last Minute Reminders

I hope the tips and information in this section will help you prepare for your trip. These tips are not by any means all of the things you need to know, but will give you a starting point. Use a highlighting felt marker to mark the items you need to do. Then check them off as you accomplish them. This will ensure that you don't miss something. You may want to copy these pages so you can save this information for future reference.

- Carry an assortment of rubber bands, more of the larger size. These can be used to keep plastic bags closed, mark your page in a book, etc.
- Sharpen your knife before your trip. It must be carried in your backpack, **NOT IN YOUR POCKET**, until we reach Philmont Scout Ranch.
- Carry a strip of emery paper (2"x8") to touch up your knife blade on the trail.
- Rig a drinking tube on your water bottle so you can easily drink as you hike the trail.
- If you take vitamins, pack your daily doses in small zip loc bags. Very small zip seal poly bags (2"x3") are available from Campmor.
- Don't forget any prescription medications you must take. Have a spare supply with you at all times. Notify your adult advisor of what medication you are taking and when you have to take it.
- Carry an assortment of empty freezer weight ZIPLOC bags in you pack.
- Line your sleeping bag stuff sack with a plastic trash bag. Stuff your bag into it, twist the top closed, then close the sack. Your bag will always be dry when you reach camp. Carry extra bags. **DO NOT** use scented bags, **BEARS** love the smell.
- Treat your boots with the proper silicone or paste application at least a 2 weeks before you leave for Philmont.
- Carry a small tube of Vaseline lip therapy in your personal first aid kit. It can be used for many first aid needs.
- Share the following items with your tent partner. Mountain Suds, suntan lotion, insect repellent, foot powder, toothpaste, ground sheet, and some of the other items referred to in previous notes.
- Get a slightly shorter than normal hair cut, a few days before you leave for Philmont. It will be easier to care for and cooler.
- Wear your boots around the house, in the yard, to school, or shopping. Your boots need to be well broken-in and comfortable for the trip.
- Get a good tan gradually, don't get a sunburn. The New Mexico sun is very hot and strong. Start your tanning program well before you go to Philmont.
- Use the Philmont personal equipment check list when you pack. This will help you in organizing your packing and help keep you from forgetting items.

- For the rafting trip, the following should be packed separately: bathing suit or shorts, T-shirt, hat, sunscreen, sneakers, towel and a plastic bag for wet clothes.
- Put any items that you don't want stolen into your carry-on bag.
- Do your Philmont equipment shopping early. Don't wait until the last minute. Now is the time to buy your socks, shorts, toiletries and the other items you will need.
- A Frisbee makes a great plate for eating. It packs well, is almost indestructible, easy to clean, and still good for after dinner sport. Don't buy an El-Cheepo frisbee, it may crack.
- Address and stamp envelopes for mailing letters home before you leave for camp. Carry extra stamps for post cards.
- Put fresh batteries in your flashlight, and carry one spare set in your pack.
- Aluminum gutter spikes make good tent stakes. Use a small stuff sack or plastic tube to carry them in your pack. **You must each bring 8 tent stakes with you to Philmont. Philmont will not provide stakes with the tent or dining fly.**
- Use straps to secure your sleeping pad, tent and sleeping bag to your pack. Bungee cords just won't hold up on the trail. Arno straps are one of the best available. Buy the longer lengths (36" or 48"). They will fit all of your equipment needs and are useful for many other uses. i.e. a belt for carrying your water bottle on side hikes, hanging your pack on a tree, etc.
- Check your pack for loose or missing hardware. Check all seams, buckles, straps and belts for wear and repair them before leaving home.
- Buy a bottle bag to carry your water bottle on side hikes.
- Put your name inside all of your clothes and footwear.
- Put an I.D. card inside of your pack and carry on baggage. Write the airline name, flight number and destination on it. In the event your bag or pack is misplaced, it can be forwarded to you. EXAMPLE:

**Home address:**

Joe Smith

1000 Apple Street,  
New City, N.J. 00000

Phone: 201-555-0011

Ali Oop Airlines Flight Number:OOO Newark, N.J. to Denver

**Destination:**

Philmont Scout Ranch,  
Cimarron, New Mexico 87714  
Crew Number 000-0-00  
Monmouth Council Contingent,  
Oakhurst, N.J.

Arrival date: July 10, 1992

**Departure to home address:**

July 22, 1992

Bailing Wire Airlines Flight number: OU812 Denver, Co. to Newark, N.J.

- Don't pack aerosol products for air travel, i.e. shaving cream, deodorant, hair spray, etc.
- Look in stores for sample or trial size shampoo, shaving gel, etc.
- Buy a plastic brush and comb combination at a variety store. They are light and good enough to do the job on the trail.
- Bring a partial tube of tooth paste for the trail. Share this with your tent partner.
- Foot care - trim your toe nails properly several days prior to the trip
- Don't **flash** your money when in public. It's an invitation to get robbed or have a pickpocket take it away. Carry your cash in two different pockets.
- Bring a book to read on the plane or during the bus ride.
- A Walkman is fine for traveling. Bring spare batteries. Remember, your Walkman does not go on the trail.
- The sun is very bright and strong at Philmont. You should use sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun's rays. Don't buy cheap sunglasses; they can damage your eyes.
- Buy some snacks to eat on your trip before you leave. The supermarket prices are much cheaper than airport concessions. Stay away from salty snacks and candy that melts easily. Remember not to put this smellable in your backpack.
- A small chess set or playing cards can make the bus travel less boring.
- Make sure your trail money, about \$20.00, is in small bills. Outpost camps and supply points don't always have change for large bills. Extra shots at shooting programs, film, candy, soda, emergency equipment purchases, are some of the things you may want money for.
- Make your camera film purchases before you pack for camp. Don't let it go through the security scanner at the airport.
- Keep your camp shoes light in weight. Sneakers are fine. Don't bring your \$100.00 Reeboks.
- Keep a record of your trail pictures so you know what the picture was taken of when you arrive home.
- Have your Crew members take some pictures of you with your camera, so the pictures will have **"YOU"** in some of the pictures.
- Have your pack for Philmont ready well in advance of the departure date. Wear it on walks around the block or through your neighborhood. This will help condition your body for the trail.
- Don't forget to **"thank"** those people that have made it possible for you to go to Philmont. A nice card or letter to MOM and DAD, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, etc. is in order. You are in their debt for the assistance they have given you.
- You can order by mail from the Philmont Trading Post any item in stock. You may wish to order in advance or after your trip.

- Put breakable souvenirs in your carry on baggage. Don't put it in your backpack for the trip home.
- If you want to buy a T-shirt or some other item of clothing as a souvenir for someone, find out his or her size before your trip.
- Don't get hurt before we leave. Accidents do happen, but many are avoidable. Don't take chances while swimming, biking, or skateboarding. It would be a shame to miss this trip because you were careless. Even a twisted ankle could ruin your plans.
- Study your Scout Handbook and Field Book concerning map and compass. You will need these skills at Philmont.
- Read your copy of Philmont's Guidebook to Adventure. There is a lot of information you should know and that you will need for the trip. You don't have to take the book with you but it makes good reading on the trip to remind you of the activities you will be experiencing.
- Make a journal about your trip, some of the things you see and experience need to be recorded right then or at least at days end. Your memory recall will not be as great weeks after your get home.
- Carry your rain jacket in your carry-on bag. This way you won't have to dig through your pack at the airport.
- Tell your parents not to call Philmont for you, unless it is a family emergency requiring that you come home immediately. You don't need bad news at Philmont. If it is not important enough to come home immediately, DON'T CALL.
- If you have a tendency to get sick on buses, boats, or planes, take some over the counter medication before you leave for the airport. These products don't help much once you are already sick. They take an hour or so to work.
- If you are on an allergy prevention shot program, make sure your allergist knows you're going to Philmont. This way he can give you your shots in advance of the trip.
- **Field Guides and Maps:** These items may be ordered from the Philmont Trading Post. Your crew may want to buy them in advance to insure they have them for the trip.
- **CREW BACKPACK REPAIR KIT:** Each crew should put together a backpack repair kit so that if a backpack needs repair, it can be done quickly on the trail and properly finished when reaching camp. The kit should contain: pack frame bolts and pins, a spare belt buckle, 2 heavy sewing needles, 10 feet of heavy nylon thread, 2 regular sewing needles, small spool of thread, nylon tent repair tape & pack hardware tools