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Dear Scout,

Are you ready for fourteen days of High Adventure in America's Southwest next summer? If you are, Philmont is calling you! Philmont is the National Boy Scouts of America Rocky Mountain Scout Ranch (all 214 square miles of it). Now is the time to start thinking "Philmont". On June 26, 2008 join the Monmouth Council Philmont contingent when they leave on the trip to the Scout Ranch in the rugged wilderness of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range near Cimarron, New Mexico, returning on July 11.

Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high. Learn technical rock climbing, archaeological excavation techniques and wilderness survival. Relive the by-gone days of the Old West as you ride a saddle horse, learn the ways of the mountain men and pan for gold in an icy mountain stream. The attached flyer provides a sketch of what Philmont is all about, with a listing of the various activities that are available at Philmont. Note that not all activities are available on each itinerary. In addition to our 12 day stay at the Scout Ranch, we anticipate spending a night at the Koshare Indian Kiva in La Junta, Colorado. Other planned program features include visits to Pikes Peak on a Cog Railway, the Flying "W" Ranch, Whitewater rafting down the Arkansas River plus visits to the Air Force Academy and Villa Philmonte. (The specific itinerary is still being developed.)

If you are a registered Scout or Venture Crew member who will be 14 years old by January 1, 2008 or are 13 and have completed eighth grade by June 26, 2008, you may be eligible. Eighteen to twenty-one year old Scouters are also eligible to participate. Boy Scouts must achieve the First Class rank prior to departure. Age, physical ability, maturity, attitude, and Scoutmaster's recommendation will all be used as selection criteria. Since camping at Philmont is a rugged experience, each person attending must pass a physical exam by their own family physician, as well as a second exam at Philmont. We are anticipating the cost of the entire trek be approximately \$1,400, however, fund raising activities may be conducted by each crew to lower the cost of the trip as much as possible. This fee includes transportation, meals, lodging, sightseeing, the Philmont camp fee and all the adventure Philmont has to offer.

To find out more about the trip and all of the exciting activities and/or to sign up, please plan to attend our Open House for interested Scouts and their parents on August 23, 2007 at the Morganville Service Center on Ginesi Drive. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. On the reverse side are directions to the Service Center. If you are prepared to make a commitment at the Open House, a deposit of \$300 will be required. At the Open House, each Scout and Parent must be present with a check/cash in order to make a reservation. Depending on the number of Scouts who sign up for the trip, a waiting list may be required. Deposits can also be made as soon as possible after the Open House at the Monmouth Council Service Center. More details on the trek are on line at [www.monmouthbsa.com/philmont](http://www.monmouthbsa.com/philmont). If you cannot attend the Open House or need additional information, contact the Scout Service Center at 732 536-2347.

Hope to see you at the Open House,

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