

**OLD NORTH STATE COUNCIL
2011 PHILMONT APPLICATION**

FOR YOUTH (UNDER 21 through Last Day of Expedition)

DEADLINE: September 15, 2010 *Youth registration will be on a first-come first-serve basis.*

Current 2011 applications must be used – previous applications will not be accepted and will be returned for resubmission.

Dates shown are approximate intended dates of expedition.

Dates at PHILMONT Scout Ranch: Sunday, June 26 to Friday, July 8, 2011

Probable overall expedition dates including travel: Friday, June 24 to Saturday, July 9, 2011

Requirements: Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, 14 years of age by September 1, 2011*

ONSC requires minimum of First Class Scout or Venturers with corresponding skill level

*Youth who are not 14 by January 1, 2011 must have approval of ONSC High Adventure Committee

A \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is required with this application. The deposit will be refunded only if no openings as of December 31, 2010.

(Please print or type) - Use back of form for more detail on any questions, if needed.

Scout's/Venturer's Name: _____ Nickname _____

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail*: _____ Birth date: _____

*YOUTH MUST USE PARENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS IF LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD

Height: ♦ _____ Weight: ♦ _____ District: _____ Unit: _____

♦ See High Adventure Height/Weight Guidelines – High Adventure Bases make NO EXCEPTIONS to maximum weight guidelines.

Current Rank: _____ Scoutmaster's Name & Phone: _____

How long have you been a Boy Scout: _____ Venturer: _____ Arrow of Light as Cub Scout: **Yes No**

I. Scouting Leadership Positions

Training History: (JLT, NYLT, etc)

1. _____
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II. Do you have any physical limitations that would restrict your participation in this activity? **Yes No**

If yes, explain _____

III. Have you attended any National High Adventure programs before? **Yes No** (Use back of form if necessary.)

When? _____ Which program(s)? _____ How many times? _____

IV. Which Merit Badges have you earned and additional training taken that you feel would be beneficial to you on this high adventure trip? (Provide detailed information on back or separate sheet.)

V. Unit High Adventure trips taken (Provide detailed information on back or separate sheet.)

VI. Why do you want to go on this expedition and what are your expectations? (Use back of form or separate sheet.)

VII. Are other unit members going to be applying? **Yes No** (If yes, please list names on back.)

Scholarship information is available; please contact the Scout office for more details.

We have read and understand the physical requirements, payment schedule and refund policy. By signing below I agree that all of the information on this application is correct, and that I have not withheld any known information concerning my health or otherwise. I understand that the acceptance of this application is not automatic. I understand that this application will be reviewed by the ONSC High Adventure Committee and could be rejected for reasons including, but not limited to failure to disclose information, incomplete application, failure to meet height/weight guidelines, etc.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Applicant) (Parent or Guardian)

COUNCIL USE ONLY

Date application received _____ Date Deposit Received _____

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HEIGHT and WEIGHT GUIDELINES FOR HIGH ADVENTURE BASES

This table was taken from the Philmont Chart that was developed from the revised Dietary Guidelines for American from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and Dept. of Health and Human Services. *It also matches the Height Weight Limits in Part B of the NEW Annual Health and Medical Record that becomes mandatory January 1, 2010*

PHILMONT IS SERIOUS ABOUT THESE GUIDELINES and WILL NOT PERMIT PARTICIPATION BY YOUTH OR ADULTS WHO DO NOT MEET THE STANDARDS. IF YOU DO NOT MEET THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT STANDARD FOR YOUR HEIGHT UPON ARRIVAL AT PHILMONT YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AND WILL BE SENT HOME WITHOUT A REFUND AT YOUR EXPENSE.

HEIGHT	RECOMMENDED WEIGHT	MAXIMUM ACCEPTANCE
5'0"	97-138	166
5'1"	101-143	172
5'2"	104-148	178
5'3"	107-152	183
5'4"	111-157	189
5'5"	114-162	195
5'6"	118-167	201
5'7"	121-172	207
5'8"	125-178	214
5'9"	129-185	220
5'10"	132-188	226
5'11"	136-194	233
6'0"	140-199	239
6'1"	144-205	246
6'2"	148-210	252
6'3"	152-216	260
6'4"	156-222	267
6'5"	160-228	274
6'6"	164-234	281
6'7" & over	170-240	295

If you are **BELOW** the weight guidelines, and feel you will meet them prior to arrival at Philmont contact the High Adventure Committee thru the Scout Office for more detailed information on the procedures you will need to follow.

Participants falling **BELOW** the Recommended Weights as of March 1 of expedition year -will need to have their CREW Advisor Contact Philmont for a waiver.

Old North State Council
2011 PHILMONT PAYMENT SCHEDULE
(For Youth and Adults)

The following Payment Schedule is based on a \$ 1600 - \$ 1800 Expedition Fee, current Philmont Payment Deadlines and transportation providers. If Expedition Cost or Payment Deadlines change amounts will be adjusted by proportional changes on each remaining due date.

NON-REFUNDABLE* DEPOSIT DUE WITH APPLICATION	\$ 100.00
6/15/2010	\$ 350.00
9/15/2010	\$ 350.00
11/15/2010	\$ 350.00
2/15/2011	\$ 350.00
4/15/2011	\$ BALANCE

If family experiences temporary problems in meeting payment schedule and extension to payment deadline is needed please contact Old North State Council Office PRIOR to due date. We will work with you in handling problems of this type.

If participant is requesting Financial Aid which is *usually* limited to a 50% maximum of the expedition fee they MUST STILL PAY THE \$ 100.00 Deposit, **and make payments of at least one half of the amount due on each payment date.** All requests for financial aid MUST BE SUBMITTED *prior to September 15, 2010* using the *Application for High Adventure Financial Aid* Form to the Old North State Council Office, and if applying for specific scholarship the appropriate application procedure must also be followed.

If payments are more than 15 days late the adult participant or parents will be contacted to be sure that adult or youth still plans to participate in the expedition. If payments are more than 30 days late without contact, participant is subject to being moved to BOTTOM of waiting list.

TAKE OR SEND PAYMENT TO SCOUT OFFICE
P.O. BOX 29046
GREENSBORO, NC 27429-9046
INCLUDE PARTICIPANT'S NAME
AND PHILMONT 2011 WITH PAYMENT

INITIAL \$ 100.00 DEPOSIT FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS BECOMES NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER SELECTION TO EXPEDITION.

Refunds of deposit are only made under the following circumstances:

- ADULT if not selected as advisor to expedition in May of 2010.
- YOUTH if space not available to remove from waiting lists as of December 31, 2010
- Adult and Youth under unusual circumstances with High Adventure Committee Approval.

Since spaces are limited and waiting lists often develop no refunds of deposit will be made to participants who "decide not to go" "not longer interested", something else came up etc.

Any requests for refunds of other payments in addition to initial deposit will be handled by the Old North State Council High Adventure Committee on an individual basis. All requests for refunds should be **submitted in writing** to the HAC for review at their next scheduled meeting

This is due to Council Expeditions having to make scheduled non-refundable non-transferable payments to High Adventure Bases, and transportation providers. In general if an alternate IS NOT FOUND to replace the original participant refunds will be limited to the amount that is refunded to the expedition and Old North State Council.

IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES sickness or injury to participant or serious family situation refunds are also possible if participant has to drop out of expedition at a late date. In these cases the High Adventure Committee will review the situation and make the highest possible refund to the participant's family. This is sometimes possible since High Adventure Bases and Some Airlines have policies to cover situations of this type.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS and ANSWERS FOR YOUTH APPLICATIONS

When will EXACT expedition dates for each Philmont Expedition be known?

When advisers confirm tour options, expedition dates and travel reservations are confirmed with the appropriate transportation providers. This should be by mid-October of the year prior to the expedition after adviser training weekend, unless there are unexpected problems with airline reservations.

The dates on the youth application are the expected dates based on past experience and ONSC High Adventure Committee Procedures..

What are the minimum requirements for youth Philmont participation?

The MINIMUM ONSC requirements are listed on Youth Applications and below:

Must be registered member of BSA, 14 years of age by January 1st of expedition year should also be First Class Scout or Venturer with similar outdoor skill level and have past experience in backpacking on extended trips prior to expedition.

The actual Philmont requirement for 2011 is 14 years of age by September 1, 2011, so youth who are not 14 years of age by January 1 of the expedition year, but will be 14 years of age by September 1 of the expedition year **will need special pre-approval by the ONSC High Adventure Committee.**

The following will be considered during this pre-approval process

- Physical condition and maturity of the applicant
- Unit leader's recommendation
- Past experience of the individual in long- term high adventure activities
- Is the applicant attending Philmont with other youth and adult members from their unit

These are the MINIMUM requirements for attendance. Although the age requirement is an absolute requirement, physical ability, physical stamina, experience in appropriate skills, and maturity are also important. Applicants should also be sure THEY want to participate in the expedition and are not participating simply because their friends, parents or leaders want them to go to Philmont.

*If you are not going to be 14 years of age by January 1, 2011, but will be 14 years of age by September 1, 2011, or have any questions about the physical demands required, contact the High Adventure Committee through the Old North State Council office.

How are youth applications considered and processed?

All youth applications are processed and registration done on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS providing the following requirements are met:

- Applicant is currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America.
- \$ 100.00 deposit accompanies application.
- Applicant meets the requirements for a Philmont Expedition including application review by the ONSC HAC and possible contact with the youth's adult unit leaders. This is especially important for applicants who are not, but will be, 14 years of age by September 1 of the expedition year.

When are youth applications and deposits accepted, and what are the deadlines for youth applications?

- Applications WITH deposits are accepted beginning the first WORKING DAY of January the year PRIOR to the expedition. This means the office will begin accepting applications on January 2-4 depending on when New Year's Day falls a particular year.
- Deadline for applications is generally mid-September of the year PRIOR to the expedition, but remember that youth registrations will be on A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS. Over the past several years many expeditions have filled up and waiting lists developed very early in the application period. The sooner you submit your application and deposit the better your chances of selection.

How are applicants, between the ages of are eighteen and twenty-one, considered in the registration and selection process?

Since the BSA High Adventure Bases are for Boy Scouts and Venturers, applicants in this age bracket at the time of participation ARE PRIMARILY CONSIDERED AS YOUTH MEMBERS and should submit a YOUTH application, which will greatly increase their chance of selection. This does not mean that they could not serve as the second adult adviser for a crew, if necessary to meet two deep leadership requirements at the BSA High Adventure Base, or during the trip to and from the base.

How many meetings and training trips will be required?

This will vary by expedition, previous training level, **and individual crew**. In general you can expect the following:

- One or more expedition meetings with parents and participants.
- Crew meetings, and especially training sessions, including MULTIPLE SHAKEDOWN TRIPS. These will be necessary for physical training and most importantly team building for the crew.
- Individual crews and expeditions **will set a minimum number of shakedown hikes** (usually 50 to 60 percent) that crew members must participate in to properly prepare for the Philmont Expedition. The ONSC HAC will review, approve, support and **enforce** these requirements. In the past, there have been a few individuals who say they cannot participate **in the minimum** number of shakedown hikes because of conflicts due to sports, home Scouting unit activities, and other activities. The important thing to remember is that everyone is also part of the Philmont Crew Team, in addition to other teams or groups. This is especially true of crews made up of members from multiple units who need to get to know each other before the Philmont Trek. You **MUST** meet this minimum requirement. Individuals who do not meet these requirements are **subject to being dropped from the expedition**.
- Although it is desired that you participate in all training activities, it is understood that some scheduling conflicts will occur, but you will still need to participate in the minimum set by the expedition. If you or your parents have any questions about this policy, you can contact the ONSC High Adventure Committee through the ONSC office AFTER you have talked to the crew advisers and contingent leader.

Can a female Venturer under 21 participate on Old North State Council Philmont Expeditions?

YES, IF THEY PARTICIPATE AS PART OF A COED VENTURE CREW WITHIN THE COUNCIL EXPEDITION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW.

“Coed Venturing Crews are required to provide coed leadership while en route to and from ... *the High Adventure Base and while... at the base....* **A Coed Venturing crew must have at least one male advisor and at least one female advisor, each of whom must be at least 21 years of age.** Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facility. Male and female advisors are required to have separate sleeping facilities. Married couples serving as adult advisors may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available. Female advisors will be responsible for the female participants; male advisors will be responsible for the male participants.”

THIS ESSENTIALLY MEANS IF A COED VENTURING CREW or PROVISIONAL COMBINED CREW CAN PROVIDE MALE and FEMALE LEADERSHIP **THAT MEETS THE ONSC HAC ADVISER GUIDELINES** THAT A COED CREW COULD PARTICIPATE IN AN OLD NORTH STATE COUNCIL EXPEDITION. THE QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED COED LEADERSHIP SHOULD BE SECURED, INCLUDING SUBMITTING MALE AND FEMALE ADVISER APPLICATIONS, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR FEMALE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS.

Can I be in a crew with my fellow troop or crew members?

The answer is a definite YES and participation by multiple unit members is encouraged. We ask that you indicate this on your applications and give us a list of unit members who are applying. Unless your unit leaders are submitting the applications, DO NOT WAIT to submit your applications together with other unit members, since you don't want to miss an available slot waiting for your buddy to get their application and deposit ready. You are not required, however, to be in a crew from your unit.

How are crews formed and adult leaders assigned?

Old North State Council Philmont Expeditions *usually* operate at the 12 person MAXIMUM crew size. This is done to maximize the number of youth participants while having two-deep adult leadership over 21 years of age. Although your unit members and adults will be kept together as much as possible, ADDITIONAL CREW MEMBERS, both youth and adults, will be added to the crew to reach the full Philmont crew size of 12 members (10 youth – 2 Adults).

Does participation in past national high adventure trips effect future consideration for participation?

There is no current Old North State Council policy restricting **youth** participation in multiple trips, even to the same high adventure base. We do ask you, however, to consider the limited slots available, and give your fellow Scouts or Venturers a chance to participate and enjoy the same trip you have by doing the following:

- Participate in a unit expedition to a different base.

- Participate in an INDIVIDUAL program at Philmont such as a Rayado Program or Trail Crew.
- Participate in an Order of the Arrow Service Group at one of the bases.

What types of financial aid are available to youth participants?

There are several potential sources of financial aid available and the Old North State Council office can provide you with more detailed information and applications. Since most of the financial aid *usually* covers a maximum of 50% of the expedition fee, participants who will be submitting a request for financial aid **MUST STILL PAY THE \$ 100.00 DEPOSIT** with their application **and make at least 50% of EACH scheduled payment**. If you are approved for a scholarship, adjustments will be made to the balance due, including any refund, if applicable. If you have any questions about this, contact the council office or a member of the ONSC High Adventure Committee.

What type of physical examinations and medical forms will be required for the Philmont Expedition?

For the Philmont Expedition, you will need a physical examination by a physician or other authorized medical professional within 12 months of the last day of the expedition (6 to 9 months is preferred). THIS MUST BE DOCUMENTED AND SUBMITTED ON AN ORIGINAL COPY OF THE PHYSICAL FORM PROVIDED BY PHILMONT – NO EXCEPTIONS. Your crew adviser will provide the form to you and your parents in the late fall of the year prior to your expedition.

For training activities with your Philmont Crew that will begin in the summer or fall of 2010, you will be required to submit the new BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B & C. This must include Part B, which requires a physical examination within 12 months of the date of the activity that is signed by an authorized health care provider. You may provide your Philmont advisers a copy of the form on file with your unit. After your Philmont physical examination, a copy of the Philmont Physical Form will meet the Health and Medical Record requirement.

The ONSC HAC expects that most Philmont applicants will already be familiar with the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record forms, since their unit should already be using them. If you have not seen the new forms you can pick up a copy from the ONSC office or download the form from the council website at www.bsaonsc.org.

What if a YOUTH applicant is ABOVE the MAXIMUM recommend weight noted in the Philmont height/weight guidelines?

Philmont and the BSA (see new BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Part B) are very serious about the height/weight guidelines. We are not sure at this time (December 2009) exactly what Philmont will require in 2011, but would expect requirements would get stricter, if anything. In the past, Philmont has made a *few limited exceptions*, but this was usually in the case of athletes (primarily football players), and always required individual contact with the Philmont medical staff by the family and sometimes their physician. After discussion, written waivers have sometimes been given, but not guaranteed. Although it has never happened on an ONSC expedition, we do know that in the past, youth participants who did not meet the maximum weight requirement, were not allowed to participate and were sent home at their own expense.

Best advice is to meet the requirements and not expect any waivers from Philmont.

For participation in training activities, physician approval documentation on Part B will be required, including a check off in the backpacking and hiking area.

What if a YOUTH applicant is BELOW THE MINIMUM recommended weight on the Philmont height/weight guidelines?

Beginning in 2004, the BSA High Adventure Bases began to pay much closer attention to youth participants falling BELOW the recommended weight guidelines. This was a result of youth below the recommendations having problems and trying to do activities above their physical ability. This caused problems for both the individual and their fellow crew members. For past Philmont Expeditions, including ONSC expeditions exceptions were approved because the youth had fellow crew members and advisers **from their unit** on the expedition participating within the same crew with them and had completed a similar trip in the past without difficulty. Having a crew member below the minimum recommended weight required the other crew members to carry more weight primarily crew gear and food, so the underweight member could carry a total pack weight that was approved by the Philmont medical staff.

If you fall BELOW the recommended minimums and will probably not be above the minimum prior to your expedition, **you need to have your parents contact the ONSC High Adventure Committee through the ONSC office to discuss issues of being below the minimum weight BEFORE submitting an application.**

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