



# Scouting in the Lutheran Church Conference Information



Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico

July 27 – August 8, 2008

A course for interested adults from Lutheran congregations or Lutheran schools who desire to learn more about the use of Scouting as a youth and community outreach ministry for young people and their families. The course will provide information on the benefits of forming and operating Scouting units for various age groups (including Venture Crews for young men and women aged 14 through 20), the Lutheran religious emblems programs, and best practices in using these programs in the Lutheran congregation's or school's ministry. This course benefits pastors, directors of youth ministry, Scouting leaders, Chartered Organization Representatives and other Lutherans involved in ministry to children and youth. The course is hosted by the National Lutheran Association on Scouting, a joint ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The Philmont Training Center near Cimarron, New Mexico, is the National Volunteer Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America. A unique environment for Scouting Conferences it also provides the opportunity for families to join their Scouters and enjoy a wide range of Family Programs—making the Philmont Training Center experience one of a kind.

## **Family Program:**

The Philmont Training Center offers a full, organized program for every member of the family—from infants to spouses. Family members are joined by others in their age group and participate in carefully designed, age-appropriate programs under the leadership of trained and experienced Philmont staff.

## **Family Program Groups**

**Nursery** (2 months to 2 year olds)—A fully equipped nursery is available for the youngest family members. Nursery children may be left for either an hour or two, or for the entire program session, as may be determined by your activity schedule. Care is provided according to your instructions.

**Small Fry** (3-5 year olds)—The Small Fry Center is located next to the Handicraft Lodge. Philmont staff provides activities, games, pony rides, and supervised play during each program session.

**Cowgirls, Cowpokes** (6-7 year olds)—These individual groups participate in nature hikes, pony rides, games, songs and skits, crafts, museum tours, and an all day hike. On weeks with smaller attendance, these two groups are combined to form the Bandits.

**Ropers, Deputies** (8-9 year olds)—Ropers and Deputies individual programs include hiking, Villa and Museum tours, archery and air rifles, pony rides, games, crafts and an all day hike.

**Sidewinders** (10 year old boys)—Sidewinders enjoy hiking, sports, crafts, archery and air rifles, Villa and Museum tours, and a Sidewinder/Parent overnigher.

**Mustangs** (11-13 year old girls)—Mustangs have fun enjoying horse rides, archery and air rifles, hiking, handicraft projects, nature activities, outdoor cooking, games, Villa and Museum tours, and an overnight camping trip in Philmont's backcountry.

**Trailblazers** (11-13 year old boys)—This group participates in day hikes, nature activities and games, horse rides, archery and air rifles, handicrafts, and an overnight camping trip in Philmont’s backcountry.

**Broncos** (14-21 year olds)—The Broncos program is designed to accommodate those teenagers who choose not to participate in the mountain trek program. Broncos will stay at PTC with their families, but enjoy a week of activities built around participation in Philmont’s C.O.P.E. course, day hikes, and horse rides.

**Mountain Trek** (14-20 year olds)—Mountain Men and Mountain Women treks are backpacking expeditions that provide the opportunity to experience the rugged challenges of Philmont’s mountains. Mountain Trek crews travel approximately 20-30 miles in Philmont’s backcountry where each Mountain Trek crew will stay at several staff camps that offer a variety of exciting programs, from mountain biking and rock climbing, to gold panning and homesteading. Groups with less than 10 participants are combined to form a co-ed Venture crew..

**Silverados** (spouses and other adults not attending Conference)—Silverados find that a wide-range of exciting activities are available throughout the week. Activities include museum visits, day hikes, a pottery-making demonstration, Villa tours, COPE, horse rides, and trips to nearby resort towns.

**Facilities:**

Tent cities accommodate Training Center participants and their families. Tents are large, two person wall tents with wooden or concrete floors, electric lights, an electrical outlet, wardrobe, and two twin sized beds with mattresses. Each tent city has restrooms and hot showers. Cots and cribs are available for use during the week.

Conferences are conducted in fully equipped conference rooms or at various locations in Philmont’s backcountry. Family Program facilities include the Small Fry Center, the Handicraft building, and our Pony Ring. However, most of the time family members will be enjoying the best facility of all—Philmont’s 137,493 acres of “Scouting Paradise.”

**Schedule Overview:**

| Sunday           | Monday                 | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday               | Friday                 | Saturday  |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
|                  | Breakfast              | Breakfast              | Breakfast | Breakfast              | Breakfast              | Breakfast |
|                  | Conference/<br>Program | Conference/<br>Program | FREE DAY  | Conference/<br>Program | Conference/<br>Program | Depart    |
|                  | Lunch                  | Lunch                  | Lunch     | Lunch                  | Lunch                  |           |
| 1:00 PM Check In | Conference/<br>Program | Conference/<br>Program | FREE DAY  | Conference/<br>Program | Conference/<br>Program |           |
| Dinner           | Dinner                 | Dinner                 | Dinner    | Dinner                 | Dinner                 |           |
| Campfire         | Cracker Barrel         | Western Night          |           | Cracker Barrel         | Closing Campfire       |           |