



**2009**  
**NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW**  
**TRAIL CREW**  
**Philmont Scout Ranch – Cimarron, New Mexico**  
**<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>**



*"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the out of doors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky."*

*- E. Urner Goodman*

### **THE BACKCOUNTRY EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME**

The Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on the two week trail crew and trek.

The program is a fourteen-day experience. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven-day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trail and hiking through, the OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Trail building is tough. The worksite experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the trail that is being built is designed to last over 75 years and protect the beautiful landscape of Philmont Scout Ranch. Other than trail building techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, observe and participate in group wilderness safety, good judgment, and motivation activities, and receive special OA instruction. The project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and enhance the purpose of the Order of the Arrow by using Scout camping traditions. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge and council programs. Camping is a method of Scouting that enhances and builds stronger programs and people.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not 21 by its conclusion.
- Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 lbs. (Philmont height and weight guidelines listed in this application will be strictly enforced.)
- Be a registered member of both the BSA and a local OA lodge.

*No exceptions can be made to these requirements. Selection for this program is competitive and is both an honor and a privilege.*

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Complete the enclosed application, have it approved by both your Scout executive and lodge adviser, and receive parental permission if you are under age 18. Mail your completed application and \$50.00 deposit to the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, P O Box 152079, Irving, Texas, 75015-2079. The Order will begin notifying applicants of acceptance by March 15, 2009. Following receipt, a packet of materials will be sent to you in preparing you for your experience at Philmont. Applications will continue to be accepted after March 15 until all slots are filled.

### **LODGE AND COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Lodges and councils should only approve those youth Arrowmen who meet all of the qualifications for this program. Philmont is not an easy experience and is a risk for those not physically prepared for the rigors of the New Mexico mountains.

### **PROGRAM COSTS AND TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Participant cost is \$200 for the two-week experience. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with this application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Philmont as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant. Those applicants not accepted as participants in the program will have their deposit returned. Participants canceling acceptance will be eligible for a refund if notification is received in the National BSA Office by May 15, 2009. No-shows are not eligible for a refund. Be sure to visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org> for information to help you plan your trek.

Shuttles are available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico and Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado Airports to Philmont. The shuttles leave the airports at 1:00 to 3:00 pm, depending on location, on the day **before** your scheduled starting date, arriving at

Philmont at 6:30 to 7:30 pm (approx). The return shuttle leaves at 6:00 am on your departure date, arriving at the Airports at 9:45 to 11:30 am, again depending on location. You may also consider a bus or train arrival at Raton, New Mexico (40 miles from Philmont). A roundtrip shuttle is available from Raton. If you do not arrive by shuttle from Albuquerque, plan to arrive at Philmont between 8:00 - 11:00 am on your scheduled starting date. Shuttle Information and registration forms will be included in your packet. Participants are strongly encouraged to recruit a travel companion from their home council to ease the travel process. The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew is a fourteen (14) day program. Participants depart the morning of the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day (June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 are departure dates)

### **2009 OA TRAIL CREW SESSION DATES**

Session 1: June 8 – 22

Session 3: June 22 – July 6

Session 5: July 6 – 20

Session 2: June 15 – 29

Session 4: June 29 – July 13

Session 6: July 13 – 27

### **2009 NATIONAL OA TRAIL CREW CODE OF CONDUCT**

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of our national service project and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As an Arrowman, I understand this and support the reasonable demands of conduct expected of me.

#### *As a member of the Order of the Arrow, I will:*

- Live the Scout Oath and Law and Order of the Arrow Obligation.
- Observe, respect, and strive to live the Philmont Wilderness Pledge.
- Observe the rules of the Philmont Conservation Department and my Foremen.
- Wear my full official BSA uniform or work clothes as required. Unofficial decorations are not part of my official uniform
- Attend and participate in all functions of the program.
- Be personally responsible for damage or loss of property.
- Respect all safety procedures and learn to properly use equipment.
- Observe quiet hours.
- Keep my tent clean and dispose of trash in proper place.
- At all times, be considerate of participants and staff at Philmont Scout Ranch.
- Understand the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes or illicit drugs at any time during the program will not be permitted and will result in dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant. This standard shall apply to all participants. Compliance with state law regulations will apply at all times.
- Respect the laws of the State of New Mexico, the Village of Cimarron, and Philmont rules prohibiting the use of fireworks, firearms and gambling. Infraction of these regulations will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For information about the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program contact the Order of the Arrow at 972-580-2438 or email [ctoler@netbsa.org](mailto:ctoler@netbsa.org).

For information specific to Philmont Scout Ranch including shuttle arrangements, physical requirements (health and medical form questions), equipment needs, service worksite and hiking questions contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281, or email [camping@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:camping@philmontscoutranch.org).

During the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program (June 1, 2009 to July 27, 2009) contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281 seven days a week and ask for the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew/Conservation Department or Camping Registration. During this time Philmont Logistics will also be able to assist with transportation concerns or problems.

### **PHOTO (TALENT) RELEASE STATEMENT**

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made during my visit to Philmont Scout Ranch by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for the OA Trail Crew, have read and understand all the information about the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program, and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement.

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Participant Signature

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Parental Signature (if applicant under 18)

# 2009 OA TRAIL CREW APPLICATION

(Please type or print neatly.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion.)

### SCOUTING EXPERIENCE:

Years Involved \_\_\_\_\_ Currently registered in Troop, Team # \_\_\_\_\_ OA Honor: O \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ V \_\_\_  
(circle one)

### ORDER OF THE ARROW EXPERIENCE:

Leadership Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

Years at Summer Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Years on Summer Camp Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Philmont experience (include years) \_\_\_\_\_

Other High Adventure Experience \_\_\_\_\_

### I PREFER THE FOLLOWING DATES:

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

\$50.00 deposit enclosed  \$200.00 full fee enclosed

(Make check payable to Boy Scouts of America)

## PARENTAL APPROVAL

*Our son has our complete permission to participate in a Philmont work project during the period indicated above. We understand that these projects are physically demanding and involve a high degree of personal risk to participants. It is understood that this is a voluntary activity and it is a privilege to be selected as a participant.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### LOCAL COUNCIL APPROVAL

Council Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

*We certify that this person meets the age and physical requirements for the program and is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of an Order of the Arrow Lodge. In addition, we certify that this is an individual we are pleased to have represent our council and lodge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by Lodge Adviser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by Scout Executive

RETURN TO: Order of the Arrow  
Boy Scouts of America  
P O Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Order of the Arrow Action:

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Notified \_\_\_\_\_

Packet Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

Exp #: OATC:

Account 79050-8260

ORDER OF THE ARROW



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**2009 National OA Trail Crew  
Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico  
REFERENCE FORM**

Please take a moment to provide us with the contact information of fellow members of your lodge who you feel would also enjoy the opportunity of summer adventure. This information will remain confidential, and will be used for the purpose of providing the person(s) listed with information about the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**Thank you!**

“The lasting impression I had from my Trail Crew Experience was the knowledge that I was able to make such a huge impact on future generations of Scouts to come.”

**Dan O'Rourke** – 2005 Northeast  
Region Chief, OA Trail Crew Participant

“Sunrises on the Tooth of Time, sunsets on the top of Mount Baldy, and everything in between is just the beginning of the action-packed two-weeks that an OA Trail Crew has in the Philmont Backcountry.”

**Chris Roach** – OA Trail Crew Foreman

***Order of the Arrow***  
***Scouting's "National Honor Society"***

### **RISK ADVISORY - PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH**

Philmont has an excellent health and safety record with over 860,000 adults and young people having attended over the last 65 years. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Most participants in Philmont programs do not experience injuries because they are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions. If you decide to attend Philmont, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions and work as a team with your crew and take responsibility for your own health and safety. For further information please thoroughly read the *Guidebook to Adventure* which will be mailed in mid-March. Like other wilderness areas, Philmont is not risk free and you should be prepared to listen to safety instructions carefully, follow directions and take appropriate steps to safeguard yourself and others.

Parents, guardians and potential participants in Philmont programs are advised that journeying to and from Philmont, and one's stay at Philmont, can involve exposure to accident, illness, and/or injury associated with a high elevation, physically demanding, high adventure program in a remote mountainous area. Campers may be exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods and heat. Other potential problems include: injuries from tripping and falling, motor vehicle accidents, worsening of underlying medical conditions such as diabetes or asthma, heart attacks, heat exhaustion and falls from horses.

Philmont's trails are steep and rocky. Wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes and mountain lions are native and usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken. Please refer to the *Guidebook to Adventure*, speak with previous Philmont participants, or call Philmont for further information concerning risks and measures which can be taken to avoid accidents.

Philmont has staff trained in first aid, CPR and accident prevention, and is prepared to assist in recognizing, reacting, and responding to accidents, injuries and illnesses. Each crew is also required to have at least one member trained in first aid and CPR. Medical and search and rescue services are provided by Philmont in response to an accident or emergency. However, response times can be affected by location, weather or other emergencies and could be delayed six (6) or more hours.

### **PHILMONT WEIGHT LIMITS FOR BACKPACKING & HIKING**

Each participant in a Philmont trek must not exceed the maximum acceptable limit in the weight for height chart shown below. The right hand column shows the maximum acceptable weight for a person's height in order to participate in a Philmont trek. Those who fall within the limits are more likely to have an enjoyable trek and avoid incurring health risks. Every Philmont trek involves hiking with a 35-50 lb. backpack between 6,500 and 12,500 ft. elevations. Philmont recommends that participants carry a pack weighing no more than 25-30% of their body weight.

Participants 21 years and older who exceed the maximum acceptable weight limit for their height at the Philmont medical recheck, **will not** be permitted to backpack or hike at Philmont. For example, a person 5'10" cannot weigh more than 226 lbs. ***For individuals under 21 years of age who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height, the Philmont physicians will use their best professional judgment in determining participation in a Philmont trek. Participants under 21 years of age are strongly encouraged to meet the weight limit for their height. Exceptions are not made automatically and the maximum allowable exception will be 20 lbs. Discussion in advance with Philmont regarding any exception to the weight limit for persons under 21 years of age is required, whether it is over or under.***

Under no circumstance will any individual over 295 lbs. be allowed to participate regardless of height or age. This limit is necessary due to limitations of rescue equipment and for the safety of Philmont personnel. The maximum weight for any participant in a Cavalcade Trek and for horse rides is 200 lbs.

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Height	Recommended Weight (lbs)	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

Height	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Maximum Acceptance
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

## **PURPOSE OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW**

To recognize those campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

## **OUR VISION FOR THE ORDER OF THE ARROW**

To be recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society and an integral part of every council. Our service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults, are model of quality leadership development and programming that enrich, support, and help extend Scouting to America's youth.

## **OUR STRATEGY: INCREASED SERVICE**

In support of our vision to be recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society and an integral part of every council, the Order of the Arrow (OA) intends to dramatically increase the level of service we provide to councils and to the national organization. We intend to do more, much more, to help the Boy Scouts of America fulfill its mission to serve our nation's youth.

In the years ahead we will expand our reach beyond camping to include greater focus on leadership development, membership extension, adventurous programming, and broader service to Scouting and the community.

[www.oe-bsa.org](http://www.oe-bsa.org)

