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Welcome New Units:

The Prairie Hills District Staff and volunteers would like to welcome the following new units to the Scouting family:

Pack 750, chartered by Our Lady of Guadalupe

Pack 751, chartered by Our Lady of Guadalupe

Both units are involved with the Soccer and Scouting Program.

Popcorn Update (Article for all Leaders)

ONE WEEK LEFT!

Keep up the effort, we know there are lots of people who have not been asked yet (*including district committee members and professional staff just waiting for a Scout in uniform to knock on their door.*), or may be out of popcorn and want to buy more.

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RECRUIT...

RETAIN...

PROMOTE...

BSA to have US Coin Minted

(Article for All Leaders)

The Boy Scouts of America will have a commemorative coin minted starting February 8, 2010. The 350,000 silver dollar coins will celebrate our Centennial Anniversary in 2010.

For the full article go to:

<http://www.scouting.org/Media/PressReleases/2008/20081020.aspx>

For the full text of HR 5872

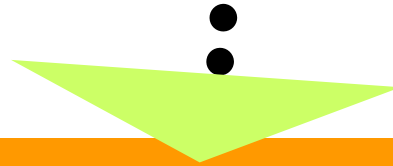
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Dates to know:

- 10/25-Scouting for Food collection
- 10/30-Popcorn Sale Ends
- 10/31-Membership Inventories Due
- 11/6-Commissioner Meeting 7PM
- 11/13-Roundtable

Congratulations to the following units who have exceeded the number of Scouts they had registered at the end of 2007, since the last E-News (see page 3):

Pack: 731 and Troop 11



Below is the current list of units who have submitted their unit membership inventories to date:

Packs: 16, 40, 52, 153, 156, 160, 190, 260, 371, 490

Troops: 190

Crews:

If your unit is not listed please email, fax or mail your unit's membership inventory to us. Cub Scout Packs remember to qualify for the Free Pinewood Derby Cars you must have your inventories in by Friday, October 31, 2008.

NOVEMBER ROUNDTABLE—

(Article for ALL Leaders)

Remember... Roundtable is not just for one Leader, it is for ALL Leaders!!

Sheryl and Bob have exciting things planned. Don't miss out. Please plan accordingly.

Sheryl wanted me to pass along to all Boy Scout Leaders that their will be a presentation on conducting Boards of Reviews. So please make sure that you invite/inform your Troop Advancement Chairman and Committee Members.

**November
Roundtable
Thursday, Nov. 13
7:00 PM
@ Center for**

Current Membership vs. year-end 2007

Pack Number	Jan. 2008 Youth	Current Youth	Additional Needed (+1)
3	36	38	1
8	54	44	-11
9	47	45	-3
10	60	58	-3
16	20	19	-2
32	26	15	-12
40	26	23	-4
41	48	37	-12
46	57	38	-20
50	23	15	-9
52	6	12	5
53	56	62	5
60	59	62	2
85	40	39	-2
99	56	48	-9
106	9	10	0
109	44	46	1
112	20	18	-3
115	30	28	-3
117	64	59	-6
121	19	11	-9
134	38	25	-14
152	17	13	-5
153	14	9	-6
154	19	12	-8
155	28	22	-7
156	17	17	-1
159	46	31	-16
160	65	51	-15
162	71	60	-12
171	51	47	-5
190	17	25	7
208	30	29	-2
218	18	18	-1
225	41	38	-4
227	30	23	-8
260	40	32	-9
309	18	31	12
346	58	48	-11
361	92	60	-33
371	84	91	6
490	12	20	7
582	96	79	-18
628	7	13	5
648	8	14	5
711	71	69	-3
731	31	32	0

Troop Number	Dec. 2007 Youth	Current Youth	Additional Needed (+1)
8	16	18	1
11	5	6	0
15	0	6	5
16	8	16	7
46	32	28	-5
48	32	45	12
53	14	13	-2
60	22	25	2
99	24	25	0
109	7	3	-5
112	12	8	-5
121	6	4	-3
134	17	22	4
150	14	12	-3
152	34	25	-10
171	17	17	-1
190	3	4	0
212	13	13	-1
216	19	21	1
218	27	19	-9
229	33	33	-1
248	14	7	-8
251	10	5	-6
280	15	9	-7
346	34	29	-6
361	36	35	-2
371	44	42	-3
490	9	8	-2
529	13	18	4
582	14	15	0
731	32	28	-5

Cub Scout Leader Specifics Training!!!



DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday, Nov. 10	7:00-8:30 PM	American Legion Hall 303 Main Street Harrisburg, SD 57032
Saturday, Dec. 6	TBD	Scouter Rendezvous In Sioux Falls Area

Please register one week prior to training session.

If you have questions, please contact:

Glenn Miller at 507-370-0575 or *tenderfoot56167@yahoo.com* or

Kyle Schumacher at 605-323-0746 or *kschumac@bsamail.org*.

Cub Scout Leader Specifics Training

Return information to the Center for Scouting: 800 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104
by one week prior

Name: _____ Pack _____

Email Address _____ Phone () _____

Please select the Training Location:

Harrisburg

Please circle the course you will take (only circle one):

Tigers Leader

Pack Committee

Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster

Wolf/Bear (Asst.) Den Leader

Webelos (Asst.) Den Leader

**A course may be canceled if the minimum number of applicants is not received
by the One Week Prior deadline.**



DO YOU LIKE ?

- Camping
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Horseback Riding
- Fishing
- Rock Climbing
- Rafting
- Backpacking
- Cycling
- Snowboarding
- Sailing
- Motor Boating
- Archery
- Shotgun Shooting
- Rifle Shooting

Most Boy Scout Troops do All of these activities, plus More!!!

PHILMONT EXPEDITION REGISTRATION FOR 2010

Reservation requests for 2010 Expeditions for Philmont Scout Ranch will be made on the internet late October thru November of 2008. Please review the attached flyers for complete information and attendance requirements for Philmont. The following information is provided to assist your unit in placing a reservation:

1. From October 27 through November 30, reservation requests will be accepted via internet for 12-day Expeditions, 9-day Expeditions, 8-day Expeditions and 7-day Expeditions.
 2. Reservations **will not** be assigned in the order that registration requests are made. Reservations will be picked randomly by computer at the close of the registration request period beginning December 1. **Special Note: Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venture Crews who have officially been on the waiting list for the past four years (2009, 2008, 2007, 2006) will be given priority treatment.** These units will enter the reservation system before all other reservation requests are randomly considered. Units who should have been eligible for this offer but found alternate ways to allow their youth members to participate (i.e. participated in a Council Contingent or joined another unit and participated as part of their reservation) should voluntarily withdraw from the 2010 reservation system and honor the minimum participation requirement of every other year.
 3. Units may make only one registration request during this process. However, the request may be made for consideration of multiple arrival dates. **Please do not attempt to make duplicate registration requests.**
 4. A unit representative may place crew reservations only for members of their chartered unit but are not limited to one crew (maximum crew size = 12 participants), however, please be realistic when estimating attendance to avoid unnecessary expense (forfeited fees) and to permit the maximum number of units to make a reservation. Please note formula on worksheet for determining the number of crews you are reserving.
 5. A worksheet is provided in order to assist you in collecting the information required to place your reservation request. Please complete the worksheet and have it available when you access the internet. **DO NOT MAIL THE WORKSHEET TO PHILMONT.**
 6. The unit representative may log on to <http://philmontreservations.wslive.com/2010> during your assigned week which corresponds to your BSA Region or during the open week. To verify the BSA Region in which your unit is located, please contact your Council Service Center.
▶ **Week One: Central Region ~ Oct 27 - Nov 2** ▶ **Week Two: Northeast Region ~ Nov 3 - 9**
▶ **Week Three: Western Region ~ Nov 10 - 16** ▶ **Week Four: Southern Region ~ Nov 17 - 23**
▶ **Week Five: Open Week ~ Nov 24 - 30**
- Please Note: Each Region's schedule will begin at 12:00 am Central Daylight Time before 11/02 -- Central Standard Time beginning 11/02**
7. The system will allow the unit representative to create a password to make changes or corrections to the unit reservation request entry either within their assigned week or during the open week. The representative will receive a confirmation e-mail at the conclusion of the request process. Only one record is kept on file for each unit.
 8. Once the reservation request process is completed, the computer will randomly select units to receive reservations. When 2010 reaches capacity, groups will be placed on a waiting list for 2010.
 9. Units with a confirmed 2009 reservation for Philmont may not place a request for 2010 – units may not attend in two consecutive seasons. Reservations may not be transferred from one unit to another. Philmont maintains a waiting list and will contact the next available group on the waiting list in the event of a cancellation.
 10. After the computer selection process is completed, an e-mail will be sent to each representative giving them their unit's status. This will take place during the middle of December. A hard copy will be mailed in early January.
 11. A \$50 non-refundable deposit, per participant will be due January 30, 2009.
 12. Questions about the 2010 registration process may be directed to Philmont Scout Ranch by e-mailing camping@philmontscoutranch.org or by phone: 575-376-2281.
 13. **PLEASE NOTE: The Double H High Adventure Base will conclude six years of operation with the 2009 season. No reservations will be accepted for the Double H for 2010.**

SUMMER 2010 PHILMONT RESERVATION REQUEST WORKSHEET
(Do not mail this worksheet to Philmont!)

From **October 27 thru November 30**, reservation requests will be made for 2010 using the internet. Log on to:

<http://philmontreservations.wslive.com/2010>

during your BSA Region's assigned week or during the open week to make your reservation request.

- ▶ **Week One: Central Region ~ Oct 27 - Nov 2** ▶ **Week Two: Northeast Region ~ Nov 3 - 9**
- ▶ **Week Three: Western Region ~ Nov 10 - 16** ▶ **Week Four: Southern Region ~ Nov 17 - 23**
- ▶ **Week Five: Open Week - Nov 24 - 30**

Please Note: Each Region's schedule will begin at 12:00 am Central Daylight Time before 11/02 -- Central Standard Time beginning 11/02

Please complete all information on this worksheet before using the internet to make your reservation request.

Please circle one: Troop Varsity Team Venture Crew

Unit # _____ Council Name _____

Sponsoring Organization _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail address _____

Please use this formula to determine the number of crews you will reserve:

$$\# \text{ of youth } ______ + \# \text{ of adults } ______ = ______ \div 12 = ______ \text{ Crews}^*$$

** Round crew # up to next whole #*

Example: 16 youth + 4 adults = 20 ÷ 12 = 1.66 crews – round to 2 crews

- # of Crews _____ (maximum crew size 12, minimum crew size 7)
- # of Youth _____ (**2010 Philmont participants must be at least 14 years of age by September 1, 2010**)
- # of Adults _____ (21 years of age or older, limited to 4 per crew)

Philmont available 12-day Expedition – each day June 8 through August 9

Philmont available 9-day Expedition – August 10, 11, 12

Philmont available 8-day Expedition – August 13

Philmont available 7-day Expedition – August 14

Please note. On the reservation request website you will be able to do any or all of the following:

- 1) prioritize 5 preferable arrival dates
- 2) check all specific dates your group would like to be considered for
- 3) check months (June, July, August) your group would be able to attend on any available date
- 4) check that you are able to accept any available date throughout the summer

**PHILMONT ADVENTURES
2010 UPDATE**

EXPEDITIONS:

Arrival Dates: Each day June 8 through August 9
Length: 12 days & nights
Cost: \$620 per person

Arrival Dates: August 10, 11, 12,
Length: 9 days & nights
Cost: \$486 per person

Arrival Dates: August 13
Length: 8 days & nights
Cost: \$432 per person

Arrival Dates: August 14
Length: 7 days & nights
Cost \$378 per person

***CAVALCADES:**

Arrival Dates: June 16, 17, 25, 26,
July 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25
August 2, 3, 12, 13
Length: 8 days & nights
Cost: \$670 per person

*To participate in the 2010 Cavalcade Drawing, a crew must notify Philmont in writing by January 1, 2009. Your request can be emailed to camping@philmontscoutranch.org.

Age requirement for Expeditions and Cavalcades: 2010 Philmont participants must be at least 14 years of age by September 1, 2010.

PLEASE NOTE: The Double H High Adventure Base will conclude six years of operation with the 2009 season. No reservations will be accepted for the Double H for 2010.



PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH – 2010 WEB-BASED REGISTRATION INFORMATION Backpacking Expeditions & Eight-day Cavalcade Expeditions

BACKPACKING EXPEDITIONS - Participants on backpacking expeditions hike through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch, ranging in elevation from 6,600 feet at Headquarters to 12,441 feet at the top of Baldy Mountain. Fascinating backcountry programs and more than 350 miles of challenging trails await those who seek to discover the wonder of Scouting's Paradise as over 880,000 Scouts, Venturers and leaders have since 1939.

The arrival dates for 2010, 12-day Expeditions are June 8 thru August 9. The cost for the 12 day Expedition is \$620 per person. Arrival dates for treks of a shorter duration are August 10 thru 14. The cost for the Short Trek is \$54 per person/per day. The crew size is 7-12 members, including leaders.

Philmont Backpacking Expedition Reservations for the year 2010 will be accepted in two ways: Council contingent reservation and individual unit reservations.

Council Contingent Reservations for the year 2010 will be taken during September 2008. A reservation form will be mailed to each Scout Executive in August. Each council will be asked to freeze their reservation request at or below their 2008 or 2009 level.

Philmont defines a Council Contingent as a "provisional expedition composed of Scouts, Venturers and leaders". Ideally, contingents should provide a "Philmont Experience" to individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend.

Philmont prohibits units from attending two years consecutively in either a 12 day Backpacking Expedition and/or a Cavalcade experience. In selecting participants for a Council Contingent, priority should be given to participants (youth & adults) who have never attended.

Individual Unit Reservations for the year 2010 will take place during October and November 2008 using a web-based registration process. A registration information packet with all the instructions for the registration system will be mailed to all interested units in early October 2008 and will be posted to www.scouting.org/philmont in early October. Units may request this information by contacting Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281 x 1139 or email camping@philmontscoutranch.org.

1. Online reservation requests for the random selection registration will take place during October and November. Units will be eligible to register during a week assigned to their BSA Region. At the conclusion, a final week of open enrollment will be available. **EACH UNIT IS ASKED TO HAVE ONLY ONE PERSON PLACE THE ENTRY SOMETIME DURING THE ASSIGNED WEEK.**
2. A unit may register members of their chartered unit only, but are not limited to one crew (maximum crew size =12 participants), however, please be realistic when estimating attendance to avoid unnecessary expense (forfeited deposit fees) and to permit the maximum number of units to make a reservation.
3. When 2010 reaches capacity, groups will be placed on a waiting list for 2010 in the order reservations are randomly selected.
4. Units with a confirmed 2009 reservation may not place a reservation for the year 2010 - **units may not attend two consecutive seasons.** Reservations **MAY NOT** be transferred from one unit to another. Philmont maintains a waiting list and will contact the next available group in the event of a cancellation.
5. Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venture Crews who have officially been on the waiting list for the past four years (2009, 2008, 2007, 2006) will be given priority treatment. These units will enter the reservation system before all other reservation requests are randomly considered.

CAVALCADES - Participants of Philmont Cavalcades ride horseback over some of Philmont's most scenic trails. Designed for chartered troops or venturing crews, Cavalcade participants acquire riding and packing skills long in use in the American West. Philmont offers two eight-day, eight-night Cavalcades on each arrival date. (June 16, 17, 25, 26, July 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25, August 2, 3, 12, 13) The cost for 2010 is \$670 for each participant. The crew size is 10-15 participants, including leaders. There is a **200 pound weight limit for all riders.**

A random drawing will be held in January 2009 for 2010 Cavalcades. To participate in the drawing, notify Philmont in writing by January 1, 2009 (can be emailed). Selected groups will be notified by mail and will receive a reservation form that must be approved by their local council. A group may not attend in two consecutive seasons on a Cavalcade experience and/or 12 day Backpacking Expedition.

Age Requirements for Participation - Philmont participants for both Expeditions and Cavalcades for 2010 must be 14 years of age by September 1, 2010. To avoid disappointment, please do not request or expect exceptions! Philmont can make no exceptions to the minimum age requirement.

Adult Leadership - A minimum of two adult leaders is required for both Expeditions and Cavalcades. The maximum number of adults per crew is four.

RISK ADVISORY - PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Philmont has an excellent health and safety record with over 880,000 adults and young people having attended since 1938. 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*. 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 wilderness 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 AND 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 70 inches tall cannot weigh more than 226 lbs. All heights and weights will be measured in stocking feet.

For participants 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 discussion in advance with Philmont is required regarding any exception to the weight limit for persons under 21 years of age, whether it is over or under. Philmont will consider up to 20 lbs. over the maximum acceptable as stated on the chart, however, the exception will never exceed 295 lbs. Philmont's phone number is 575-376-2281.

The maximum weight for any participant in a Cavalcade Trek and for horse rides is 200 lbs. **Under no circumstances will any individual weighing more than 295 pounds be permitted to participate in backcountry programs.** This requirement is necessary because of limitations of rescue equipment and for safety of search and rescue personnel.

Individuals who do not meet Philmont's weight for height requirements will not be allowed on the trail and will be sent home.

Height (inches)	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Allowable Exception	Maximum Acceptable	Height (inches)	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Allowable Exception	Maximum Acceptable
60	97 - 138	139-166	166	70	132-188	189-226	226
61	101-143	144-172	172	71	136-194	195-233	233
62	104-148	149-178	178	72	140-199	200-239	239
63	107-152	153-183	183	73	144-205	206-246	246
64	111-157	158-189	189	74	148-210	211-252	252
65	114-162	163-195	195	75	152-216	217-260	260
66	118-167	168-201	201	76	156-222	223-267	267
67	121-172	173-207	207	77	160-228	229-274	274
68	125-178	179-214	214	78	164-234	235-281	281
69	129-185	186-220	220	79 & over	170-240	241-295	295

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.