

February 4, 2010

Dear Scout Leader:

Over the past few years, units from our Council have had difficulty making reservations for Philmont Treks. In light of this, the South Texas Council has reserved 48 spaces (four 12-person crews) for a Council Contingent to Philmont in the summer of 2011. We will be traveling to Philmont **Monday July 11, 2010** and will return to Corpus Christi **Monday July 25, 2011**.

Applications from interested units will be accepted at the Council Service Center through **March 1, 2010**. After applications have been received, they will be ranked based on their history of application for our Council Contingents, their history of attendance at Philmont, how much support the unit has provided to the South Texas Council, and other factors. The highest-ranking units will be allocated crew slots on the Contingent. The remaining units will be placed on a wait-list that will be used to fill vacated unit-based crew slots in the 2011 Contingent.

The cost for the Contingent trek is currently estimated to be \$1100 per person (there may be minor adjustments to this as the expenses are completely determined). This price will include all Philmont fees, transportation, and any overnight accommodations. It does not include crew or personal equipment or personal spending money. It also does not include expenses related to crew preparation activities.

Crews are comprised of 12 participants. There may be no more than four adults (21 years of age or older) combined with Scouts or Venturers for a total of 12 participants in a crew. If a unit has fewer than 12, they must either link with another unit or be committed to recruit youth from other units. **The selected unit is financially responsible for paying for 12 participants.** **LEADERS AND YOUTH PARTICIPANTS MUST MEET THE AGE and the HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR PHILMONT. THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY PHILMONT!** Proper BSA registration; certification in Wilderness First Aid and CPR; and Youth Protection Training for all adults is also mandatory. The contingent requires full "class-A" BSA uniform (including Scout pants or shorts) for travel and some activities while at Philmont.

The unit application form for a crew is included with this mailing and is also available on the council website at [www.stxbsa.org](http://www.stxbsa.org). Units may apply for only one crew slot.

Please be aware that some financial assistance may be available for Philmont youth participants. This scholarship money is available to youth going to Philmont with any group; it is not limited to the Council Contingent. Feel free to contact me regarding these scholarships

Philmont has a policy whereby units may not attend two years in a row. Honoring this, **only units and participants who are not going to Philmont in 2010 (trek or cavalcade) will be considered.** Units selected for the contingent must agree that they will not apply for another Philmont activity (trek or cavalcade) in 2012.

Thank you for all that you do to support Scouting in the South Texas Council.

Sincerely,

*Marty Sepulveda*

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Philmont Contingent Staff Advisor



## Unit Application

### 2011 Council Contingent — Philmont Scout Ranch (July 11- July 25, 2011)

The South Texas Council is sponsoring a Council Contingent for Philmont for the summer of 2011. The Council has been allocated 4 crews of 12 participants each (48 participants total) for this Contingent.

The Contingent trek will be a total of fourteen (14) days which includes two travel days. Crews will depart Corpus Christi **Monday July 11, 2011** and will return **Monday, July 25, 2011**. Crews will be at Philmont Camping Headquarters for one day and then will be backpacking in the Philmont backcountry for 11 days before returning to Corpus Christi.

Applications will be accepted for complete twelve-person crews from South Texas Council units. These applications must be postmarked on or before **March 1, 2010** and received in the Council Service Center on or before March 5, 2010. Alternatively, the applications may be hand delivered to the Council Service Center on or before **March 1, 2010**.

Units applying for a Contingent crew are required to agree to adhere to all the Philmont rules and regulations regarding participation in treks as well as the Contingent's rules and guidelines. These include but are not limited to age requirements, adult/youth crew makeup, Youth Protection requirements, height/weight limits, uniform requirements, etc. These rules may be found on the Philmont website. Reservations are not transferable and may be made for one unit only (although one unit may join with another unit or units to create a crew).

Units must agree to participate in **all** Contingent planning meetings. There are normally two of these meetings and at least one adult leader from each crew is **required** to attend each meeting.

After all unit applications have been received, the Council Philmont Contingent committee will select units to participate in the Contingent. The selection will be made along the guidelines below and the selection decision is final. Applicants will be notified of their selection or position on the wait-list by approximately **March 15, 2010**.

#### **Eligibility:**

- A Boy Scout Troop/Team or Venturing Crew ("unit") chartered in the South Texas Council may apply for 12-person crew slots for the 2011 South Texas Philmont Contingent Trek.
- Units unable to organize a crew of 12 participants may partner with one or more other units to create a full crew. One unit must be designated as the "primary" unit in this event and will have all Contingent responsibilities that would apply to a single unit crew. Each unit must complete an application and all applications partnering together should be stapled together for submission. The "primary" unit must be clearly designated.
- **Units must not be registered in a Philmont activity (trek, cavalcade, council contingent, or other youth related group summertime activity) in 2010 and must not have obtained a 2011 trek assigned during the Philmont Individual Unit Registration process. If a unit selected for the Council Contingent is on Philmont's waitlist for a unit-based 2011 trek, the unit must formally withdraw from one or the other. If selected to participate in the Council Philmont Contingent, the unit must agree to not apply to attend Philmont in 2012 in any unit-based or Contingent activity. A unit found to be in violation of Philmont's policy of not participating in two consecutive seasons may be permanently banned from participation in this and future Council contingents and forfeit of any monies paid to the contingent.**
- Applications must be approved and signed by the Unit's Committee Chair.
- **Units may apply for only one crew slot.**
- If a selected crew later determines it will not participate, its deposit will be forfeited and a replacement crew will be selected from the waitlist by the Contingent Advisor. The Council will refund any other payments made by the unit prior to withdrawal less any unrecoverable expenses incurred on behalf of the unit. This refund will not be made and the unit will remain fully financially responsible for the entire crew fee until the Contingent Advisor successfully replaces the unit with another from the waitlist.
- The (primary) unit is financially responsible for complete crews of 12 participants. There is a maximum of 4 adults per crew. Be aware that Philmont considers an "adult" to be a participant 21 years of age or older for this purpose-this age limit does not apply to Youth Protection rules which follow the standard BSA guidelines.
- Units must conform to the Council and National Youth Protection policies. In the case of co-ed Venturing Crews, female adult leadership is required at all times.
- There will be no carryover from year to year. Crews applying will be selected for 2011 or will be on waitlist for 2011.
- **The unit must commit to recruit at least 75% of crew members (9) who have never participated in a Philmont trek.**
- The unit must commit to the estimated financial cost of **\$1100 per person (\$13,200 per crew)** and contingent's payment schedule. Units not keeping current with the payment schedule may be dropped and replaced with a unit on the 2011 wait-list. The \$1100 charge includes all Philmont fees, transportation, and overnight accommodation expenses. Participants are responsible for their own spending money and personal equipment. Participants may also be financially responsible for crew preparation activities, crew tee-shirts, and other crew-related expenses.

**Selection:**

- **Selection will not be made on a first-come, first-served basis.** There is no benefit for early submission.
- Applying units will be “ranked” based on:
  - Number of times unit has applied for a crew slot on the Council Contingent since their last Contingent participation and has not been selected. Preference will be given to units that have not participated in a previous Council Philmont Contingent.
  - Last time the unit has had crews participate at Philmont (treks, cavalcade, etc.)
  - Number of times unit has attended summer camp at Camp Karankawa between 2005 and 2009.
  - Number of times unit has attended winter camp at Camp Karankawa or Camp Huisache between 2005 and 2009.
  - Number of times unit has sent Scouts to NYLT (Arrowhead Training) between 2005 and 2009.
  - Number of session’s youth from unit has staffed summer camp at Camp Karankawa between 2005 and 2009.
  - Number of session’s youth from unit has staffed NYLT (Arrowhead Training) between 2005 and 2009.
  - Number of times unit participated in Family FOS program between 2005 and 2009.
  - Number of times unit participated in Council Popcorn sale between 2005 and 2009.
  - Number of times the unit has achieved Quality Unit status between 2005 and 2009.

*Consideration will be given in the ranking process to Venturing Crews relative to attendance at summer and winter camp. They will however, be ranked generally based on their participation in Council activities.*

- **Selection of participating crews and wait-list priority will be final.**

**Financial:**

Estimated Cost: **\$1100 per participant** (\$13,200 per crew)

Payment schedule:

Payment Date	Per Person	Per Crew
April 1, 2010	100.00	1,200.00
July 1, 2010	250.00	3,000.00
October 1, 2010	250.00	3,000.00
January 1, 2011	250.00	3,000.00
March 1, 2011	250.00	3,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1100.00</b>	<b>\$13,200.00</b>

*Financial assistance (scholarships) may be available to youth participants. The amount available will not be known until fall 2010.*

All payments should be made to:  
**South Texas Council**  
 700 Everhart Terrace, Bldg. A  
 Corpus Christi, TX 78411  
 Please make one check per payment for the net amount due at the payment date.

**NOTE:** *this cost and payment schedule may be updated when the 2010 Philmont budget has been confirmed. It is not anticipated that it will vary significantly from the above.*

**Additional Information:**

Philmont and Council rules relating to the Council Contingent and information specific to the 2011 Council Contingent may be obtained there. Other questions may be addressed to:

**Marty Sepulveda**  
 Assistant Scout Executive  
 Council Contingent Staff Advisor  
 1-361-814-4300 ext. 18  
[Martin.sepulveda@scouting.org](mailto:Martin.sepulveda@scouting.org)



## Unit Application

2011 Council Contingent — Philmont Scout Ranch (July 11- July 25, 2011)

**Unit Type:**  Boy Scout Troop/Team  Venturing Crew **Unit #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit Chartered to: \_\_\_\_\_ If combining with other units, which unit(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Scoutmaster/Venturing Crew Advisor Name:** *If combining with other unit(s), attach the same information for those unit(s)*  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail  Preferred Home \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Leader Contact for Crew:** *(this is the adult anticipated to be the adult Crew Advisor and will go on the trek)*  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail  Preferred Home \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Crew makeup:**

Male Youth	
Female Youth*	
Male Adults	
Female Adults	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>

} *Maximum of 4 adults per crew*

\* *Female adult leadership required*

***For crew makeup purposes, Philmont considers anyone 21 years of age or above an "adult." All other participants are considered "youth."***

- Does the unit commit to be financially responsible for 12 participants?  Yes  No
- Will at least 75% of the Crew's participants (9) have never been to Philmont?  Yes  No
- Does the Crew agree to follow Philmont's rules** (age, height/weight, etc.)?  Yes  No
- Does the Crew agree to follow the Contingent rules** (uniform, paperwork schedules, etc.)?  Yes  No
- Will the unit participate in any unit-based activity (cavalcade or trek) at Philmont in 2010?  Yes  No
- Does unit have another Philmont activity in 2011?  Yes  No
- Is the unit on Philmont's waitlist for a 2011 trek? If yes, waitlist # \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No
- Will the unit agree to not apply for Philmont cavalcade or trek participation in 2011 if selected?**  Yes  No

Year unit last attended Philmont ( Trek,  Cavalcade,  other \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 If your crew is not selected, do you want to remain on the waitlist in case openings occur?  Yes  No  
*(If you do not want to remain on the waitlist, your deposit will be returned.)*

Complete the following:	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
Attended summer camp at Camp Karankawa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Attended winter camp at Camp Karankawa or Huisache	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Youth from unit from unit attended NYLT (Arrowhead Training)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Youth from unit staffed summer camp at Camp Karankawa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Youth or adults from unit staffed winter camp at Camp Karankawa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Youth from unit staffed NYLT (Arrowhead Training)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Unit achieved Quality Unit/Centennial Quality Unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Unit held a Family FOS presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Unit participated in the Council Popcorn sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Scouting Position \_\_\_\_\_  
*(printed name)* *(signature)*  
 Unit Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*(printed name)* *(signature)*



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# **2011 Council Philmont Contingent Application Package**