



**SCOUTS, APPLY NOW FOR
NEXT SUMMER'S
HIGH ADVENTURE EXPEDITION AT**

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

JULY 23 - AUGUST 4, 2006

Piedmont Council and Scoutmaster Rich Harms are looking for 20 Scouts to take part in this consummate Scouting experience.

Philmont Scout Ranch, set in the mountains and mesas of northern New Mexico is 137,493 acres in size with elevations from 6,000' to 12,441'. Deer, elk, mountain lion, bear, bobcat, buffalo and antelope can be seen within its' forested mountains and grassy plains from the 330 miles of horse and hiking trails. Philmont is a working cattle ranch where over 250 head of Hereford cattle graze in its' pastures. One hundred burros and 300 saddle horses are maintained for summer packing and riding. Some say "Philmont is to Scouting as Everest is to mountaineering."

The twelve-day backpacking expedition (plus two travel days) will consist of mountain climbing, technical rock climbing, archaeological excavation techniques and blacksmithing, as the Scouts travel from backcountry camp to camp. Scouts will have an opportunity to ride western saddle horses and pan for gold.

Boys must be in top physical condition, have completed the eighth grade and must be at least 13 years of age by July 20, 2006. They must be prepared to hike 70-100 miles on trails climbing to high elevations.

An informational meeting for interested Scouts and parents will be held:

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2005

6:00 P.M. AT THE SCOUT OFFICE

(10 Highland Way, Piedmont)

The cost per Scout will be \$520 (plus transportation fees which are estimated at \$425 and spending money). A first payment of \$300/Scout and application form is due to the Piedmont Council office NO LATER than September 23, 2005. The second and final payment is due by February 15, 2006.

All applicants will be interviewed and their Scoutmaster consulted as to their maturity and stamina for the rigorous trip. Final decisions will be made by Mr. Rich Harms and three other ASMs.

