



Philmont

Crew 720-P-02

Crew Overview

4 Scouts from Troop 221

2 adult Advisors

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Pre-Philmont: Shakedown no. 1

Hiked for two days in the Catskills at Hunter Mountain.

Carried some of the gear we would actually need in Philmont.

Pre-Philmont: Shakedown No. 2

Originally supposed to be in the Adirondacks, but they had a bear problem, went instead to the Loyalsock trail.

Got rained on, stuff got soaked, and we retreated.

The rain lifted the next day, just as we stepped off the trail. (Seriously.)





Pre-Philmont: Day 1 in Colorado

Met in Chenango, drove to NYC to fly out of JFK at around 7 A.M.

Arrived in Denver around 11 A.M. MST.

Visited Red Rock Amphitheater and took a hike on the Sierra trail

Then to Colorado Springs for our lodging





Pre-Philmont: Day 2 in Colorado

Visited the Garden of the Gods in the morning

Had lunch in Manitou Springs

Went to Pike's Peak in the afternoon

Then returned to the Great Wolf Lodge

Philmont Day 1 - Arrival - July 20

Arrival at Philmont

Issuing of gear

Visit to the Tooth of
Time Traders

Opening Campfire



Philmont Day 2 - Anasazi - July 21

Picked up at Base Camp, dropped at Six Mile Gate

Given “Ranger Training” for surviving out in the backcountry

Confirmed the existence of rattlesnakes

Visited the only true T-Rex track in North America

Arrived at Anasazi close to midday, no program





Life on the Trail

Normally up around 5:45 to 6 AM, vacating camps about 30 minutes to an hour later

Carried anywhere from 30 to 50 pounds in our packs

Food was usually either trail food (Like energy bars) or freeze dried meals

Staffed camps took our high-quality garbage (Not trash!) and meal bags

Tents were small, packs had to stay outside



Philmont Day 3 - Metcalf Station - July 22

Started with a visit to Indian Writings

Then continued up the trail to Metcalf Station

Learned about how railroads were made by hand, laid another section of track

Toured the forge and learned about blacksmithing

Campfire program featured music from the area



Philmont Day 4 - Ponil - July 23

Hiked from Metcalf Station over into Horse Canyon to Ponil

Views were great up on the ridge, Baldy Mountain just in view

Cowboy Action Shooting - Shot single-action revolvers, lever action rifles, and .12-gauge coach shotgun

Non trail meal dinner

Campfire featured music and magic



Philmont Day 5 - Pueblano - July 24

Picked up a Burro from Ponil

Then hiked from Ponil to Pueblano.

No program, immediately set camp

Campfire featured music and stories



Philmont Day 6 - Ute Meadows - July 25

Did some spar pole climbing at
Pueblano

Then hiked through Head of Dean
and Baldy Skyline to Miranda

Dropped the Burro in Miranda

Then continued on to Ute Meadows

No program, trail camp





Philmont Day 7 - Baldy Mountain - July 26



Up early to head to Baldy Town to check in

Climbed about 2441 feet in under four hours

Left the summit around 12 PM due to weather

Returned to Baldy town around 5 or 6 PM



Picked up food and supplies and returned to Ute Meadows



Philmont Day 8 - Miranda - July 27

Up later due to shortened distance

Hiked back to Miranda from Ute Meadows

Shot black-powder rifles and threw tomahawks

Campfire program featured tall tales and legends
about the area

Philmont Day 9 - Head of Dean - July 28

Up early due to conservation project

Hiked through Ringtail to Baldy Skyline

Met the “Wandering Foresters” and learned about what they did

Then continued to the project site for the conservation project

Afterward, hiked to Head of Dean from Baldy Skyline

No program/campfire program, instead a sunset hike



Philmont Conservation Project

Involved creating “Log Cabin” burn piles for use in forest thinning:
Stacked logs with a green burnable core that would be burned come winter





Philmont Day 10 - Santa Claus - July 29

Did the COPE activities at Head of Dean

Then hiked out to Santa Claus

Learned how to reload our own shotgun shells

Then fired them out on the trap range

Campfire program featured the story of Sam Ketchum
and a few words from Santa Claus

Philmont Day 11 - New Dean - July 30

Hiked from Santa Claus to New Dean

Arrived at about midday in New Dean

No program





Philmont Day 12 - Back to Base Camp - July 31

Up early to hike to the top of Dean Skyline

Hiked a mile up the ridge to watch the sunrise

Then hiked back down into Ponil

Bought root beer, played games in the cantina

Then hiked on the road out to the turnaround

Bus picked us up and transported back to base camp

Philmont Day 13/14 - Coming Home - August 1/2

Left Philmont for Colorado Springs around 7:45

Left the Great Wolf Lodge somewhere between
11 and 12 PM

Left Denver around 3 PM MST for Minneapolis -
St. Paul

Left MSP around 7 to 8 PM CST for JFK Airport

Arrived in NYC around 10 to 11 PM EST

Bussed back to Chenango, arriving about 2 to 3
AM



