255 is going to Philmont July 27 through August 8, 2026!



Where is it? Philmont is located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico outside of Cimarron, starting at 6,000 feet elevation going to 11,000 feet.

What are the dates? Trek dates are July 27 through August 8, 2026. In addition, Philmont recommends at least one full day elsewhere at a location at altitude to assist in acclimatization. Thus, the minimum time block is two (2) weeks – 14 full days. Further, T-255 often adds optional side trips before and after. Those who are time constrained should plan to fly, whereas those who have time to see more of the U.S. can travel overland if logistics permit. The acclimatization and side trips will be the subject of a later mandatory parent and Scout meeting to be held the beginning of 2026.

What is the cost? Total cost for Philmont fees, transportation to-and-from, two nights lodging for acclimatization is approximately \$2500. This estimate does not include side trips, non-Philmont days' food, shakedown costs or any other personal costs. Most of these costs go directly to Philmont. As Philmont does not refund fees paid, any fees T-255 collects and paid to Philmont will be transferable but will not be refundable.

Next payment dates: Please make checks payable to "Friends of Scouts 255."

2nd payment September 16, 2025: \$1000 3rd payment February 17, 2026: \$1000

4th payment TBD: TBD depending on travel plans and side trips

For Scouts or adults who wish to join this trek and are not already registered, an additional \$200 is required for the registration fee. After the Trek is over, there will be a reconciliation of costs and income which may result in either an additional bill or a refund.

Want to join? Two slots are available for crew 727-106. If there is sufficient additional interest, another crew can be reserved. Eligibility? Any Scout First Class and above, age 14 as of the date of arrival at Philmont.

Adult Participation? High Adventures cannot happen without a lot of parental support. This trek still needs adult leaders to help as Treasurer, side trip planning and reservations, and paperwork. Any questions or want to join, please contact either Amit Mistry (amitsmistry@gmail.com) or Keith Pierce (hkpt255@piercehome.us).

