

Troop 202 Philmont 2025 Commitment Letter

I, _____, am a member in good standing of Troop 202. This agreement will establish my desire to participate in the Philmont 2025 trek, and my commitment to meet the requirements listed below. I hereby confirm my understanding that my failure to comply with this agreement might render me ineligible for Philmont 2025. In the event I become ineligible, I will not receive a refund of payments made.

Standards established by the Boy Scouts of America in the High Adventure programs state, "A youth or leader who desires to participate, but who is not emotionally, mentally, or physically ready for a high adventure trek, must be so informed." I therefore understand that my failure to display emotional, mental, or physical maturity might jeopardize the trek and that, as a result, I may have to withdraw from Philmont 2025.

Requirements:

1. (Scout) I will be at least 14 years old, or at least 13 years old and have completed 8th grade by July 4, 2025.

(Adult) I will be at least 21 years of age by July 4, 2025.

2. I will meet the height/weight requirements established by Philmont Scout Ranch.

3. (Scout) I will have achieved the rank of Star Scout by Wednesday, December 18, 2024. I will have achieved the Life Scout by trek departure (on or about July 2, 2025).

4. I will participate in my crew's fundraising activities as agreed on by the crew members.

5. I will participate in a physical conditioning program to prepare myself for the trek that involves both individual and crew activities. I will share my progress on this program with my fellow crew members and I will encourage my fellow crew members in their conditioning.

6. I will participate in necessary training and skills instruction, and use that knowledge to support my crew.

7. I will make every effort to attend crew meetings, skills instruction sessions, and shakedown. If an unavoidable conflict arises, I will make it known to my crew leader and advisor beforehand, and I will commit to make arrangements to make up for anything missed. I will meet my commitments to the crew.

8. I will attend at least two overnight shakedowns with my crew.

9. (Scout) My parents agree to become involved in the Philmont 2025 program to help me be prepared emotionally, mentally, physically, and financially.

(Adult) I will participate in the Philmont trek to maintain crew safety and positively support the youth crew leader and overall crew. To be considered for the role of adult advisor, I must have experience as an adult Scouter on multiple troop overnight activities separate from Philmont preparation. I am attending this trek to support the crew.

10. I will demonstrate leadership by putting my crew's needs ahead of my own preferences.

11. I will ensure that all payments for the trek are made by the established deadlines. Payments are not refundable.

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12. I will have a current BSA health form on file with the crew to participate in excursions, hikes and shakedown and any additional forms as required by Philmont Scout Ranch for the trek.

13. I will live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, the Philmont Wilderness Pledge as well as follow the principles and practices of the Philmont Scout Ranch. Any deviations to the above will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

The Scoutmaster makes the final determination as to whether a Troop 202 member is emotionally, mentally, and physically ready for Philmont.

I believe I am fully capable of completing this agreement. I also realize that if I decide not to complete this agreement, I may not participate in Philmont 2025.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that the choice is mine whether or not I will participate in Philmont 2025.

Participant Signature

Date

- ☐ I give permission for my Scout to be photographed/videos during our Philmont preparation activities and trek. I understand that these may be shared and posted in accordance with Scouting America and Troop 202 rules.

Parent or Guardian Signature (if participant is a youth)

Date