



On June 18th 2011, 72 Scouts and leaders from the Heart of Ohio Council will begin the journey of a lifetime; they will board an AMTRAK train and head west to Cimarron New Mexico. There they will backpack into the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains for 12 days hiking from 60 to 100 miles. Along the trail they will experience 35-staffed camps that include rock climbing, shooting sports, gold mining and more. There will be horseback riding and burro racing, wild life and majesty, all this while traversing rugged terrain and steep elevations, at the largest youth camp in the world, **PHILMONT** Scout ranch. The Boy Scouts premier paradise covers 135,000 acres of northern New Mexico. This Mecca of Scouting has drawn thousands of Scouts for nearly 70 years to an experience that is literally life changing.

The Heart of Ohio Council has done it's best to make this experience affordable and safe. Spots will soon open for **2012** we would like you and your Scouts to consider joining us for the trip of a lifetime. The cost is \$1250.00, which includes the transportation via AMTRAK. All Scouts and Ventures are welcome. You must be 14 or completed the 8th grade by June 16th, 2012 to participate. Each crew is limited to 12 participants that have a maximum of 4 adults over the age of 21. Several crews will be available. The dates will be posted as soon as awarded. Reservations will open March 1, 2011 and are non-refundable. A deposit of \$100.00 per participant, as well as the application is required to hold your spot. The payment schedule will be posted at <http://www.trekphilmont.com/> in the early part of 2011. The fee may increase or decrease slightly based on the final transportation quote from Amtrak, which is published in late July.

An informational meeting for anyone desiring more information about Philmont and the council contingent will be held on November 20th from noon until 4:00 p.m., in the Camp Avery Hand dining hall at camp Firelands Scout Reservation.

For more information or to schedule a presentation for your troop or Venturing Crew contact:

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