

Troop 202

Philmont 2023

Commitment Letter

I, _____, am a member in good standing of Troop 202. This agreement will establish my desire to participate in the Philmont 2023 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 2023. 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 2023.

Requirements:

1. I will be at least 14 years old, or at least 13 years old and have completed 8th grade before June 23, 2023.
2. I will meet the height/weight requirements established by Philmont Scout Ranch.
3. (Scout) I will have achieved the rank of Life Scout by June 23, 2023.
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 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, and will make arrangements to meet my commitments to the crew.
7. I will attend at least two overnight shakedowns with my crew.
8. (Youth) My parents agree to become involved in the Philmont 2023 program to help me be prepared. (Adult) I will participate in the Philmont trek to maintain crew safety and positively support the youth crew leader. 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.
9. I will ensure that all payments for the trek are made by the established deadlines.
10. I will have a current BSA health form on file with the crew to participate in shakedown hikes.
11. I will take a medical exam and complete a medical form as required by Philmont Scout Ranch.
12. I will demonstrate leadership by putting my crew's needs ahead of my own preferences.
13. I will participate in necessary training and skills instruction, and use that knowledge to support my crew.
14. I will live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code.
15. I will 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 2023. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that the choice is mine whether or not I will participate in Philmont 2023.

Participant

Parent or Guardian (if participant is a youth)

Date