



## Chester County Council, BSA

### High Adventure Committee

### Philmont 2017 Newsletter #1



# "The Adventure Begins"



Just about fifteen months from now you will be backpacking in "God's Country", the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northeast New Mexico.

The Sangre de Cristo Range, and The Philmont Scout Ranch, lies where the prairie meets the Rockies. The range is the southernmost sub range of the Rockies running from south central Colorado to a point just south east of Santa Fe, NM.

The Sangre de Cristo's contain a number of peaks over 14,000'. All of the peaks in New Mexico that are over 13,000 including New Mexico's highest point, Mt. Wheeler, are part of the Sangre de Cristos. The

Cimarron Range of the Sangre de Christos lies across the Morano Valley east of the Taos Mountains. The Cimarron Range is lower, with its highest point being Baldy Mountain at 12,441 feet. The Philmont Scout Ranch lies on the east side of the Cimarron Range and contains several peaks over 10,000 feet including Baldy Mountain, Mt Phillips and Trail Peak.

**Cost and payments:** Expected cost is \$2260 of which each participant has already paid a deposit. Payments are expected in June, September and November, 2016 plus January, 2017. Roughly ¼ of the fee (less deposit) will be required with each payment. Payment information will come out with the second newsletter in April, 2016. Timely payment is extremely important, failure to stay current puts your spot at risk. If you cannot keep up with the payments contact Amy Delasandro at 610-696-2900 x25 before it becomes a problem. There are many on the waiting list that would like to take your spot.

**Height/Weight Ratios:** Please refer to Philmont's height & weight limits which are located on the national council's Philmont web pages at [www.scouting.org/philmont/visitors/planning/weight.html](http://www.scouting.org/philmont/visitors/planning/weight.html). These limits are inflexible, avoid disappointment, if you are outside the limits or cannot meet them in several months; you should withdraw from the expedition. Philmont makes no exceptions and will send you home.

**Dropout/Refunds:** To qualify for a refund, you must notify the committee, in writing, of your desire to drop. Refunds are pro-rated. The refund policy is included on the Philmont application which is available on the council website at [www.cccbsa.org](http://www.cccbsa.org).

**Active List/Waiting List:** The waiting list is generally managed on a first come first served basis. The entire policy is available on the high adventure page of the council website at [www.cccbsa.org](http://www.cccbsa.org).

**What's Next?** All parents, scouts and adult leaders are invited to a Philmont Kickoff Meeting on April 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown, PA. We will review the plans for the trip and answers any question you may have.