

What to Bring to Philmont

Class A uniform (shirt, pants or shorts, belt, socks) – both scouts and adults
troop t-shirt
crew shirt – to be provided
long-sleeve moisture-wicking shirt
shorts w/ cargo pockets (no denim, quick drying preferred)
long pants (no denim, convertible okay) – required for horseback riding & spar pole climbing
gym shorts
lightweight fleece pullover or thin sweater
3 underwear
2 pair liner socks
2 pair wool socks
1 pair cotton socks
bandana (to wipe forehead)
rain jacket (coated nylon or breathable fabric)
rain pants (optional)
lightweight sneakers
hat
knit cap
thin gloves or glove liners
large duffle bag (name & phone on tag)
daypack (name & phone on tag)
backpack (minimum volume 65 liters, or rent one at Philmont for \$30)
rain cover for backpack
hiking boots (waterproof)
gaiters (optional)
sleeping bag (if stuff sack isn't waterproof, then also need a plastic bag)
sleeping pad (foam for scouts, inflatable for adults due to their more sensitive backs)
trekking poles w/ rubber tips (optional)
daypack, lightweight and compact (optional)
water bottles (or bladder) totaling at least 4 liters (1 bottle minimum)
forehead flashlight
extra batteries for flashlight & camera
camp chair (optional - adults only)
solar charger (optional - adults only)
mesh ditty bag
5 2-gallon ziploc bags
3 1-gallon ziploc bags
bowl
spoon or spork
cup (optional, for coffee, hot chocolate & hot cider)
toothbrush
toothpaste (travel size)
lip balm (unscented)
sunscreen lotion
sunscreen lotion, travel size
camp towel or chamois
soap, travel size in ziploc sandwich bag (biodegradable & unscented)
prescription medicine

extra prescription glasses in case
sunglasses in case
shampoo for base camp showers
soap for base camp showers
bath towel for base camp showers
sandals for base camp showers
deodorant for base camp (not allowed on trail)
wristwatch (preferable w/ alarm)
compass or UTM GPS (optional)
pocket knife or multi-tool (optional)
notepad & pen (optional)
whistle (if backpack straps don't have a whistle)
playing cards (optional)
safety pins to attach wet clothes to outside of backpack to dry while hiking
small target to shoot at, such as playing card, no people photos (optional)
small leather items to brand (optional)
cell phone or tablet (optional – okay to use on train, can take on trail if used as camera or for nature apps)
camera (optional, best if in holder on belt for quick accessibility)
\$50-100 cash, some in ones and fives
reading material for train
Amtrak comfort kit (blanket, horseshoe pillow, sleep mask, earplugs) - to be provided
snacks to eat in train
sack dinner, lunch & breakfast (or buy meals in train)

Note that the above list differs from Philmont's in the following ways:

- P has long underwear, this list doesn't
- P has rain jacket & pants, this list has jacket required and pants optional
- P has 2 shorts, this list has 1 short
- P has 2 short-sleeve & 1 long-sleeve shirt, this list has 1 short and 1 long
- P has 3 liner socks & 3 wool socks, this list has 2 liner and 2 wool
- P has matches, this list has no matches (matches are in crew equipment)
- P has 2 bandanas, this list has 1
- P has wristwatch optional, this list has it required
- P has toothpaste as shared by crew, this list has everyone bringing own
- P has sunscreen as shared by crew, this list has everyone bringing own

Note that the following items are prohibited on the trail at Philmont: deodorant, aerosols, glass, radios, MP3 players, video game players, hammocks.

Instructions

Arrive at the train station wearing your Class A uniform, wristwatch and sneakers, and carrying your daypack and duffle bag.

In your daypack have your money, snacks, meals, Amtrak comfort kit, reading material, toothbrush & toothpaste, prescription medicine, playing cards, cell phone/tablet and camera.

In the duffle bag have everything else.

On the train and in base camp you will wear your scout uniform.

The morning you are to start hiking, take a shower in your sandals using the shampoo, soap & bath towel, then put on your crew shirt, fresh underwear, shorts, liner socks, wool socks, hiking boots, hat and wristwatch. In your pockets have your lip balm, sunscreen, bandana, sunglasses, whistle, pocket knife, compass, notepad & pen, and camera/cell phone.

The items that don't go on the trail with you will go in a locker at base camp: duffle bag, daypack, scout uniform, underwear & socks worn on train, snacks, Amtrak comfort kit, reading material, shampoo, soap & bath towel, sandals.

After breakfast and the crew photo, you will leave base camp on a bus with your backpack and trekking poles.

Attached to the outside of the backpack will be:

- sleeping pad
- sneakers w/ cotton socks stuffed inside
- camp chair
- solar charger

Inside the backpack will be:

- sleeping bag in waterproof bag
- water bottles
- lightweight daypack
- eating items in mesh ditty bag: bowl, spoon, cup
- sleeping items in 2-gallon ziploc bag: gym shorts, troop t-shirt, flashlight
- warmth items in 2-gallon ziploc bag: pullover, knit cap, gloves
- rain items in 2-gallon ziploc bag: rain jacket/pants
- extra clothes in 2-gallon ziploc bag: 1 liner socks, 1 wool socks, 1 underwear, long pants, long-sleeved shirt
- toiletries in 1-gallon ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, prescription medicine, sunscreen, chamois, soap, extra eyeglasses
- misc stuff in 1-gallon ziploc bag: money, extra batteries, safety pins, playing cards, shooting targets, branding items

Your rain items should be at the top of your backpack and easily accessible.

In or on your backpack you will also be carrying a share of the crew equipment.

Crew equipment provided by Philmont:

- 6 tents
- 8 bear bags & ropes
- dining fly
- water purification tablets (Micropur)
- 8-qt pot
- serving spoon
- salt & pepper
- toilet paper
- hand sanitizer

- dish soap
- scrub pad
- strainer
- plastic trash bags

Crew equipment provided by the troop:

- first aid kit
- mole skin
- leukotape
- duct tape
- 8 tent stakes per tent plus 8 for dining fly
- carabiner
- nylon cord
- multi-tool
- 2 stoves
- lighter
- waterproof matches
- 2 water filters
- 2 collapsible water storage containers
- food scraper
- trowel
- sewing kit
- scissors

Crew equipment purchased by the troop at Philmont:

- fuel
- maps

Your backpack will also be carrying a share of the crew's food (up to 3 days of food at a time).

On the trail, the crew hikes in an evenly spaced line, with the scouts in front and the advisors in the rear. The lead scout is the navigator and carries the map. The second scout is the crew leader, who sets the crew's pace. The scouts take turns as navigator, so each will be navigator twice during the trek.

The advisors do not navigate, or hang bear bags, or cook or clean. They share in carrying crew equipment, and they set up and strike their own tents, but otherwise they intervene only when health and safety are at risk.