

Philmont 2022 JPL Troop 509 Crew 621-India-01 Itinerary 14 58 miles 10,528 ft gain

Day (-2) Sun. June 19 leave Union Station

5:00 pm, everyone meets outside Union Station's main entrance wearing **scout uniforms**

5:55 pm, train departs (Southwest Chief no. 4)

6:25 pm, Fullerton 9:43 pm, Barstow

Day (-1) Mon. June 20 arrive at Philmont

5:18 am, Winslow

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8:00 am, Gallop 11:20/11:48 am, Albuquerque 12:58 pm Lamy 2:51 pm, Las Vegas (NM)

4:38 pm, Raton

A Philmont bus picks us up at the train station (no matter what time the train arrives) and takes us to eat fast food in Raton at McDonald's, Dairy Queen and Arby's, then drives us 45 min. to base camp where we are assigned a ranger and six 2-person platform tents with cots in the trailbound area. (At base camp it is okay to leave food in the tents.)

Day 1 Tue. June 21 prep with ranger in base camp

We wear our **scout uniforms**. We meet our ranger in front of the cafeteria and eat breakfast together at 6:30 am. We spend the day with the ranger going over paperwork and our itinerary, signing out tents, crew equipment and food, and getting checked at the medical office. Lunch is at 11:30 am. The ranger does a pack check at the tents to make sure we have the right stuff. The lead advisor and crew leader buy maps and fuel at the store. We walk to the nearby **National Scouting Museum** and to **Villa Philmonte** (or do it tomorrow morning). Dinner is at 5 pm, and at 5:45 there are meetings for the scouts in leadership positions and for the advisors. Optional church services are at 7, and at dusk it's the **opening campfire**. Tonight is a last-quarter moon, and also the longest daylight of the year: sunrise 5:40 am, sunset 8:22 pm.

Day 2 2.8 miles 589 ft gain base camp to Six Mile trailhead to House Canyon trail camp

We get up early and take a hot shower. We wear our **crew shirts**. We meet our ranger in front of the cafeteria and eat breakfast together at 6:30 am. We get our crew photo taken, the earlier the better so the sun is in front of us. We vacate our tents and put the stuff we aren't taking on the trail in a locker. If we didn't do it yesterday, we visit the National Scouting Museum and Villa Philmonte. A bus takes us 13 miles to Six Mile trailhead. We hike 0.9 miles to the world's first confirmed T-Rex track. We hike another 1.9 miles to House Canyon trail camp and spend the night. This first day's hike is short so the ranger has time to train us in navigation, lightning position, dining fly setup, the bearmuda triangle, bear bag hanging, water purifying, cooking, cleaning and more.

Day 3 3.2 miles 320 ft gain House Canyon to Indian Writings staffed camp

We hike 3.2 miles to Indian Writings staffed camp and spend the night. (This is the camp where in 2015 a Sacramento scout was killed in a flash flood - two crews from our troop were at Beaubien that night.) We throw **spears**, view **petroglyphs** on canyon walls, and learn about **archaeology**. There are **showers** here. The ranger has been observing the crew today, and if we did what we were taught, tonight is the last night the ranger will be with us. After dinner, the crew leader makes a short speech thanking the ranger and giving the ranger the parting gift of a Troop 509 t-shirt.

Day 4 6.5 miles 1,445 ft gain Indian Writings to Metcalf Station to Horse Canyon trail camp

We hike 3.4 miles to Metcalf Station staffed camp where we learn about **railroading** and **blacksmithing** and the **telegraph**, and we pump a **handcar**. We then hike 3.1 miles to Horse Canyon trail camp and spend the night.

Day 5 4.3 miles 206 ft gain Horse Canyon to Ponil staffed camp

We hike 4.3 miles to Ponil staffed camp and spend the night. Ponil was Philmont's original base camp. There is a **trading post** where fuel and supplies can be purchased, and a **post office** where letters can be mailed home. There are **showers** here. Our afternoon **horseback ride** starts at the stables, which are three-quarters of a mile from the campsites. Riders must wear **long pants** and be under 200 lbs. Before and after dinner we play **horseshoes**, practice **roping** and burn the Philmont cattle **brand** onto any leather we brought with us. We eat a **chuck wagon dinner** consisting of beef stew, Dutch oven biscuits and Dutch oven peach cobbler. That evening we go to the cantina to watch the **cantina show** while drinking **root beer** at \$1 per cup.

Day 6 6.1 miles 1,050 ft gain Ponil to Pueblano staffed camp

After breaking camp, we **pick up food** at the commissary, then go to the stables to get a **burro** (when naming the burro, be original, not Pedro or Donkey or Eddie). The burro doesn't carry much weight, so we won't see much of a reduction in

what each of us carries. After learning how to pack and care for the burro, we lead the burro 6.1 miles to Pueblano staffed camp and spend the night. The burro goes to the burro pen, where we unpack, groom and water the burro. If we have time today, we do **spar pole climbing** wearing **long pants**, otherwise we do it tomorrow morning. We also make **rail ties**. After we've had dinner and fed the burro, we play a **variant of baseball**, then we attend a **campfire show**.

Day 7 6.9 miles 2,004 ft gain Pueblano to Miranda to Ute Meadows trail camp

If we didn't climb spar poles yesterday, we do it this morning. We then lead our burro 5.2 miles to the stables near Miranda staffed camp to unpack, groom and water the burro, then say adios. We hike 0.6 miles to Miranda, where we throw **tomahawks** and **learn about fur trading** and attend a **mountain man rendezvous**. Ask if we can shoot **muzzle-loading rifles** (it's not on our itinerary, but there's no harm in asking). If we are able to shoot, we can use our own target to shoot at, but no depictions of people. We then hike 1.1 miles to Ute Meadows trail camp and spend the night.

Day 8 11.5 miles 3,331 ft gain summit Baldy Mtn., visit French Henry & Baldy Town, return to Ute Meadows

We get up early to watch the sunrise, and to get an early start. We carry daypacks with water, lunch and warm clothes, along with a couple of empty backpacks to carry the food we'll be picking up later today. We hike 4.6 miles to the summit of **Baldy Mtn.**, which at 12,441 ft is the tallest peak at Philmont. We need to be off the summit by noon to avoid any afternoon lightning. We hike via the Copper Park loop 3.0 miles to French Henry staffed camp where we **tour the Aztec mine** and **pan for gold**. We hike 2.2 miles to Baldy Town staffed camp where we **pick up food** at the commissary and learn about **assaying** and the **history of gold mining**. There is a **trading post** where fuel and supplies can be purchased. There are **showers** here. We then hike 1.7 miles back to our tents at Ute Meadows and spend the night.

Day 9 4.9 miles 600 ft gain Ute Meadows to Head of Dean staffed camp

We hike about 2.3 miles toward Baldy Skyline on the trail between Ewells Park and Baldy Skyline until we find the location of our 3-hour **conservation project**, which is thinning trees to reduce forest fuels, and starts at 10:30 am. Wear **long pants**, but don't wear crew shirts as sap stains won't come out. After, we hike about 2.6 miles to Head of Dean staffed camp and spend the night. If we have time, we do **challenge events**, otherwise we do it tomorrow morning. It's a new moon tonight.

Day 10 4.0 miles 305 ft gain Head of Dean to Santa Claus staffed camp

We hike 4.0 miles to Santa Claus staffed camp and spend the night. We **load shotgun shells** and shoot **shotguns** at clay birds launched in the air.

Day 11 7.1 miles 678 ft gain Santa Clause to Cimarroncita staffed camp

We hike 7.1 miles to Cimarroncita staffed camp and spend the night. At one point we cross a highway by walking under it. We **pick up food** at the commissary and do **3-dimensional archery** and learn about **hunter safety**.

Day 12 0.4 mile 0 ft gain Cimarroncita to Ute Park trailhead

In the morning we go to the **laser shooting range**. We return to our campsite to pack up, then hike 0.4 mile to the Ute Park trailhead where a Philmont bus picks us up at the designated time and drives us 17 miles back to base camp. At base camp we turn in our crew equipment, get our stuff out of the locker, get platform tents assigned to us in the homebound area, take showers, and put on our **scout uniforms**. The lead advisor picks up patches and crew photos and buys other patches. After dinner in the cafeteria at 5:45 pm, there are optional church services at 7 pm, and then we all attend a **closing campfire**.

Day (+1) Sun. July 3 leave Philmont

Today is Maximus's birthday. We wear our **scout uniforms**. After breakfast in the cafeteria at 7 am we pack our duffel bags and a Philmont bus takes us to the train station. The bus driver monitors whether the train is running on time, and will delay leaving if the train is late.

10:30 am, train leaves Raton

12:12 pm, Las Vegas (NM) 3:29/4:19 pm, Albuquerque 6:46 pm, Gallup

clocks move back one hour upon entering Arizona

7:26 pm, Winslow 8:32 pm, Flagstaff

Day (+2) Mon. July 4 arrive at Union Station

5:37 am, San Bernardino 6:03 am, Riverside 6:54 am, Fullerton

8:00 am, train arrives at Union Station

The family member who will be picking you up at Union Station should check the train's status on amtrak.com (train no. 3 arriving at LAX).