

Philmont 2024 JPL Troop 509 Crew 610-Uniform Itinerary 32 91 miles 18,188 ft gain

Day (-2) Sat. June 8 leave Union Station

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

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

6:25 pm, Fullerton 7:11 pm, Riverside 7:33 pm, San Bernardino 8:47 pm, Victorville 9:43 pm, Barstow

Day (-1) Sun. June 9 arrive at Philmont

12:11 am, Needles 1:15 am, Kingman, AZ 4:14 am, Flagstaff 5:18 am, Winslow

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8:00 am, Gallop, NM 11:13/11:41 am, Albuquerque 12:58 pm Lamy 2:51 pm, Las Vegas (NM) 4:38 pm, Raton

A Philmont bus picks us up at the Raton train station (no matter what time the train arrives) and takes us to eat fast food in Raton at your choice of McDonald's, Dairy Queen and Arby's, then drives us 45 minutes to base camp where we are assigned 2-person platform tents with cots in the trailbound area.

Day 1 Mon. June 10 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 infirmary. 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. If there's time, we walk to visit the nearby **Villa Philmonte** (reservation required) and **National Scouting Museum**. Dinner is at 4:45 pm. At 5:45 pm there are meetings for the scouts in leadership positions and for the advisors. Optional church services are at 7. At 8:15 pm it's the **opening campfire** (meet at the Welcome Center). During our trek **sunrise is at 5:41 am, sunset is at 8:19 pm**, and the moon will be waxing until full on our last night.

Day 2 2.6 miles 575 ft gain base camp to Six Mile Gate trailhead to McBride Canyon trail camp (dry)

We get up early and **take hot showers**. 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 in a locker the stuff we aren't taking on the trail. If we didn't do it yesterday, we visit the Villa Philmonte (reservation required) and National Scouting Museum. We **fill up with water** at base camp for tonight's dry camp. A bus takes us 13 miles to Six Mile Gate trailhead. We hike 2.6 miles to McBride 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 9.0 miles 1,521 ft gain McBride Canyon to Indian Writings to Metcalf Station staffed camp

We hike 3.1 miles to the summit of **Hart Peak**, then hike 2.5 miles to Indian Writings staffed camp where we throw **spears**, view **petroglyphs** on canyon walls, and learn about **archaeology**. (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 hike 3.4 miles to Metcalf Station staffed camp and spend the night. After dinner we attend a **campfire show**. 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, or tomorrow morning, the crew leader makes a short speech thanking the ranger and gives the ranger the parting gift of a Troop 509 t-shirt.

Day 4 10.1 miles 1,184 ft gain Metcalf Station to Ponil to Sioux trail camp

Our ranger leaves us this morning (we probably won't see him/her ever again). We start the day at Metcalf Station learning about **railroading** and **blacksmithing** and the **telegraph**, and we **pump a handcar**. We hike 7.0 miles to Ponil staffed camp, which 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. We **pick up food** at the commissary, then hike 1.0 mile to Sioux trail camp where we spend the night. At 2 pm we report to the nearby site of our 3-hour **conservation project**, which is constructing a new trail. Wear **long pants**, but don't wear your crew shirt as sap stains won't come out. After dinner, we bring our forehead flashlights and hike 1.0 mile to Ponil and go to the cantina to watch the **cantina show** while drinking **root beer** at \$1 per cup. After the show we hike 1.0 mile back to our tents at Sioux.

Day 5 7.6 miles 1,849 ft gain Sioux to Ponil to Pueblano staffed camp

We hike 1.6 miles to the stables at Ponil 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 6.0 miles to Pueblano staffed camp and spend the night. We take the burro to the burro pen and unpack, groom and water the burro. After eating dinner and feeding the burro, we play a **variant of baseball** and attend a **campfire show**.

Day 6 7.1 miles 1,669 ft gain

Pueblano to Miranda to Maxwell trail camp

In the morning we feed the burro, then do **spar pole climbing** while wearing **long pants**. We also cut **rail cross ties**. We pack and lead our burro 5.2 miles to the stables near Miranda staffed camp, where we unpack, groom and water the burro and say adios. We hike 0.6 miles to Miranda and shoot **black powder muzzle-loading rifles**. We can use our own targets, but no depictions of people. We also throw **tomahawks**, **learn about fur trading** and participate in a **fur trapper rendezvous**. We hike 1.3 miles to Maxwell trail camp and spend the night.

Day 7 12.4 miles 4,107 ft gain

summit Baldy Mtn., visit Baldy Town, return to Maxwell trail camp

Today is Father's Day. We get up really early and leave at 5 am with forehead flashlights and daypacks containing water, lunch and warm clothes, plus a couple of scouts bring empty backpacks to carry the food that will be picked up later today. We hike 5.5 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 because of afternoon lightning. We hike 2.9 miles down 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 hike 2.7 miles to Miranda and another 1.3 miles to Maxwell and spend the night.

Day 8 9.8 miles 1,653 ft gain

Maxwell to Head of Dean to Black Jacks trail camp

We hike 2.8 miles to Head of Dean staffed camp and do **challenge events**. We hike 7.0 miles to Black Jacks trail camp and spend the night. Water is from a nearby catchment.

Day 9 10.6 miles 1,365 ft gain

Black Jacks to Harlan staffed camp

We hike 1.3 miles to Black Jack Ketchum's hideout, which is a rock overhang, then hike 9.3 miles down Turkey Creek Canyon, cross a highway by walking through a tunnel under it, and arrive at Harlan staffed camp and spend the night. We **load shotgun shells** and shoot **shotguns** at clay pigeons launched in the air. After dinner we may **race burros** in 3-person teams.

Day 10 7.4 miles 1,373 ft gain

Harlan to Cimarroncito to Hunting Lodge trail camp

We hike 5.5 miles to Cimarroncito (Cito) staffed camp where we **pick up food** at the commissary and practice climbing in a **climbing gym**. There are **showers** here. We drop our packs and hike 0.3 miles to nearby rocks to **rock climb and rappel**. We return 0.3 miles to our packs and hike 1.3 miles to Hunting Lodge trail camp and spend the night.

Day 11 3.3 miles 781 ft gain

Hunting Lodge to Clarks Fork to Ponderosa Park trail camp (dry)

We hike 0.5 miles to the **Demonstration Forest** and get a tour from an on-site forester. We hike 1.3 miles to Clarks Fork staffed camp. In the afternoon we go on a **horseback ride** (we can't arrive late for this). Riders must wear **long pants** and be **under 200 lbs**. After the ride 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. After dinner we **fill up with water** and hike 1.5 miles to Ponderosa Park trail camp and spend the night.

Day 12 11.4 miles 2,111 ft gain

Ponderosa Park to Shafers Peak to Tooth of Time to base camp

We hike 2.7 miles to the **Shafers Peak** trailhead. We drop our packs and hike 1/8th mile to the summit, then return to our packs and hike 2.1 miles to the Tooth of Time trailhead. Carrying daypacks with water and lunch, we boulder scramble 1/4th mile to the summit of **Tooth of Time**. After lunch on the summit, we return to our packs and hike 5.9 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 hot showers**, and put on our **scout uniforms**. The lead advisor picks up arrowhead patches and medical forms and buys other patches. After dinner in the cafeteria at 5:45 pm there are optional church services at 7 pm, and at 8:15 pm it's the **closing campfire** (meet at the dining hall flagpole). It is a **full moon** tonight.

Day (+1) Sat. June 22 leave Philmont

We wear our **scout uniforms**. After breakfast in the cafeteria at 7 am we pack up and go to the Welcome Center. At 8:45 am a Philmont bus drives us to the Raton train station 45 minutes away. If the train is late, the bus may stop at a grocery store.

10:30 am, train leaves Raton

12:12 pm, Las Vegas (NM) 1:54 pm, Lamy 3:19/4:09 pm, Albuquerque 6:46 pm, Gallup

clocks move back one hour upon entering Arizona

7:26 pm, Winslow, AZ 8:32 pm, Flagstaff 11:21 pm, Kingman

Day (+2) Sun. June 23 arrive at Union Station

12:26 am, Needles 3:40 am, Barstow 4:22 am, Victorville 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, leaving RAT and arriving at LAX).