



# Troop 91

## Philmont Expedition

### July 26 - August 7

### 2008

A crew of 12 from Troop 91 will go on a 12-day backpacking trek at the BSA's premier high-adventure camp, Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, in the Summer of 2008.

Gabe Moore will be the tour leader. The crew of 12 must include at least 2, but not more than 4, adults over the age of 21. Scouts must be 14 years old by 1/1/2008 or have completed 8th grade and be at least 13 years old prior to participation. There are also physical health requirements, including maximum weight requirements.

Cost of the Philmont expedition itself is \$560. The cost of transportation and a few days of lodging will bring the total cost to around \$1000 per participant.

We will plan to have some dedicated fundraisers towards these costs (a Scout works to pay his own way) starting with a few car washes on Saturdays in Spring and Summer 2007.

We will have several training and conditioning backpacking trips in Spring and Summer of 2008, Scouts must participate in these activities in order to go on the Philmont trek. Scouts should also plan to participate in several planning meetings, including selecting the trek (from 50 miles up to 90 miles, with varying levels of difficulty).

#### Payment Schedule:

- 1) April 1, 2007 - \$100 deposit due.
- 2) Spring & Summer 2007 - Participate in fundraisers.
- 3) August 1, 2007 - First installment of \$300 due.
- 4) February 1, 2008 - Second installment of \$300 due.
- 5) May 1, 2008 - Balance of costs due (approximately \$300).

"I think that a 12-day high adventure trek can accomplish more for a young person than two years in the troop or crew program back at home—because the challenge is greater, the difficulty is greater, and it's just a wonderful opportunity for a young person to change from a very scared, unsure person to someone who goes home more mature and filled with confidence about what he or she can actually do."

- Monsignor John D. Brady on the Philmont Scout Ranch experience, in *Scouting* magazine, Nov-Dec. 2006.