

Troop 479

PHILMONT SPECIAL EDITION

Newsletter

Philmont 2008

Mitch G.

Wow! What an amazing trek! I was part of the MCJJAMIN crew that took trek itinerary #14, a 66 mile trek. We had a blast! Some days were incredibly hard, but extremely rewarding. Like one of our longest days, we had to climb Mt. Phillips in full packs. It was a grueling hike, but the view at the top was spectacular! On our various hikes we saw lots of wildlife; deer, mini-bears, turkeys, and even a cinnamon bear! We also heard lots of elk, but never saw one (ask someone from the crew, they'll tell you! =D).

Besides tons of hiking, there were also many fun activities at the different staffed camps in the backcountry. I really enjoyed taking the mine tour at Cypher's Mine. We walked over 400 feet into the mountain! Once we got all of the way in, the tour guide had us all turn off our lights and "muck" our way out. You should ask Isaac about his experience in the back of the "mucking line," it's pretty funny! I didn't really like the campfire program at Urraca Mesa. They told lots of weird stories about the imps that haunt the mesa. I personally think the imps had gotten to the staffers at that camp, they were nuts! But from the meadows of Urraca Mesa to the heights of the Tooth of Time Ridge, I feel we learned a lot on this trek, and had a great time doing it!



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On , June, two crews left their homes in Minnesota for an exciting trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, in Cimarron, New Mexico, for a twelve-day hiking trip.



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-NICK B.

I had a great time at Philmont. My favorite parts were seeing the bomber that crashed on Trail Peak, and climbing the rock face at one camp. My least favorite part of the trip was being the last person going out of the mine tour in the dark because of the staff member that snuck up behind and tapped me on the shoulder. The most exciting part was winning the tomahawk throwing contest at Clear Creek. Overall, this trip was a great experience that helped me get exercise while enjoying the outdoors. I would recommend this trip to any scout who gets the chance to go.

Isaac U.

I really enjoyed backpacking in Philmont. It was a great experience! My favorite activity was horseback riding. I had never done it before, so it was new, exciting, and fun. I also loved burro racing, blacksmithing, and touring the mine. I didn't really have a least favorite activity, since they were all so fun! The most exciting part of the trek was hiking Mount Baldy, the highest peak in Philmont (12,441 feet). It was challenging but totally worth it. It was also exciting that we were doing one of the most difficult treks available (#32 out of 35). We only met 1 crew doing a more difficult trek than us. I highly recommend going to Philmont. It was one of the most exciting and adventurous things I have ever done.

Nick B.

