

High Adventure Bases

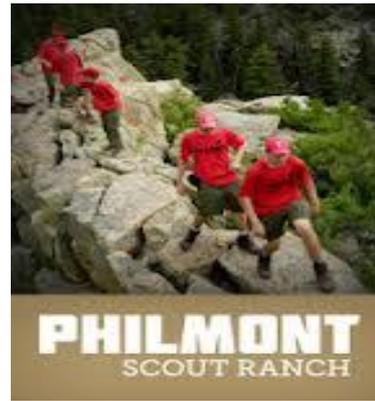
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High Adventure

- There are four high adventure bases
- Each has a specific type of activity
- Each base has different adventure, experience and skills set



Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve

- Located in southern West Virginia, covering 10,600 acres of rugged forest
- Announced as a National High Adventure Base on November 18, 2009
- Home to the National Scout Jamboree
- A High Adventure Base, National Center for Scouting Excellence, and a Scouting Summer Camp



Summit Program

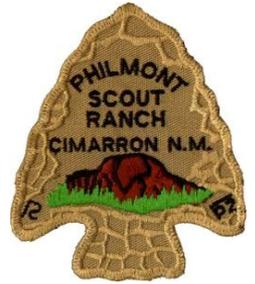
- Skateboarding Park: skating
- The Trax: BMX
- The Pools: scuba and swimming
- The Cloud: popular science and robotics
- The Bows: archery sports
- The Barrels: shooting sports
- The Ropes: challenging courses in trees
- The Rocks: climbing walls
- The Canopy: canopy tours



- The Zip: zip lining
- Low & High Gear: mountain biking, connecting over 30 miles of downhill and cross country mountain bike trails



Philmont Scout Ranch



- BSA's largest high adventure base
- Covers 137,000 acres of mountain wilderness
- Located in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico
- 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps
- High mountains with rough terrain and elevations that range from 6500 to 12441 feet



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Philmont Programs

- Backpacking adventure, with treks from challenging to super strenuous
- Features the Old West style activities, such as horseback riding, burro packing, panning, chuck wagon dinners and history
- Also features new challenges such as rock climbing, mountain biking, tomahawk throwing, spar pole climbing, ATVs, and rifle shooting



Philmont Individual Programs



NAYLE

- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience
- Continuation of NYLT program
- 6 day course
- Must be youth in Venturing to participate



ROCS

- Roving Outdoor Conservation School
- 21 Day Trek
- Learn conservation and environmental sciences while backpacking Philmont's wilderness
- Must be 16 and not yet 21



Philmont Individual Programs

Ranch Hands

- Must have a knowledge of horsemanship and horse care
- Work with horse department staff, assisting them with programs and everyday horse care
- 8 days for work
- 8 day Cavalcade Trek with wrangler staff



Trail Crew

- Focused on conservation and leadership development
- 7 Days of trail building
- 7 Day educational trek
- 16 years old not yet 21
- OA-only version available



Philmont Individual Programs

Rayado

- 21 day trek
- “Test your limits and expect the unexpected”
- Build advanced outdoors skills
- Intended to challenge participants physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually
- At least 15 but not yet 21



STEM Trek

- 12 day trek
- Focused on science, technology, engineering, math
- See the modern and historical technology used
- Insider’s perspective on how everything really works



Northern Tier High Adventure Base

- A wilderness canoeing adventure in northern Minnesota, northwestern Ontario, northeastern Manitoba
- A trained staff member accompanies the crew for their trek
- Ranges from 6-10 days and covers 50-150 miles of hiking, canoeing and portaging
- Charles L. Sommers, MN, Donald Rogert Base, ON, or Northern Expeditions Base



Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base, MN



- Has hosted BSA canoeing expeditions on Moose Lake since 1941
- Trips out of Sommers base are limited to the size of 8 plus an interpreter
- Allows individual Scouts and smaller troops to take a high adventure trip



Donald Rogert Canoe Base, ON

- Located 80 miles from Sommers base
- Expedition spread across Canadian Crown Lands to White Otter Provincial Park
- Crew sizes may be up to 11 participants plus and interpreter
- Program include a fishing expedition



Northern Expeditions Canoe Base, MB

- Most rugged and remote region paddled by Northern Tier crews
- All crews enter the wilderness in a 20 minute float plane, and dropped off into Atikaki Provincial Park
- Crews are limited to the size of 11 plus an interpreter
- Fishing in region is world class: northern pike and catfish
- Bissett is most appropriate for older crews with previous experience with high adventure



Sea Base

- Located in Bahamas and Florida
- There are many types of water adventures to choose from
- Each has a different type of experience and skill sets
- When choosing with your crew, make sure to read each adventure and see which one seems more fun and interesting to you



Sea Base Programs



Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure

- Fly directly to the Bahamas
- Sail throughout the Bahamas aboard a tall ship, 60' catamaran
- 18-20 people
- Active ship and require everyone to work as a team and experience the workings of sailing
- 7 day event



Bahamas Adventure

- Based in the Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island
- You will board a traditional Bahama sailing vessel
- Snorkeling, fishing, and swimming
- 7 day event
- 10-12 people



Sea Base Programs



Out Island Adventure

- Big Munson. The out island adventure combined with camping on a 100+ acre island
- Snorkeling on coral reefs, trolling for sport fish, kayaking and exploring the island
- 7 day event
- 10-14 people



Sea Exploring (Keys Tall Ship)

- Tall ship sailing on a 75ft boat, with a gaff-rigged schooner
- Snorkeling, swimming and hands-on sailing in the Florida Keys
- 8 day event
- 20 people plus boat staff



Sea Base Programs

Coral Reef Sailing

- 40-50 ft. sailing yacht
- Captain will teach you about Navigation and sailing
- Fishing, swimming and snorkeling
- You get to make your own float plan and explore the beautiful keys
- “Port day” at Sea Base with fun activities
- 7 day, and 14-17 people



Eco-Adventure

- Up-close and hands-on educational adventure
- 2 40'-45' sailboats
- Snorkeling, mask and fins, kayaking, fishing and glass-bottom viewing
- You will discover and explore four major marine habitats
- 7 days, and 10-12 people



Sea Base Programs

Florida Fishing

- Fishing in several different ecosystems so you can catch all different types of fish
- Spanning from the Gulf of Mexico to Florida straights of the Atlantic ocean
- 7 day
- 10-12 people



Scuba Adventure

- Scuba diving in the coral reefs and wrecks of the Florida Keys
- Designed for certified drivers. Eleven dives scheduled
- You must be a certified diver
- 8 days



Triple Crown Award

- If you complete all 3 high adventure bases, Philmont, Northern Tier and Sea Base you can receive the Triple Crown Award
- The basic rule is that if you received a high adventure program participant patch during your program, it qualifies as your participation requirement for that base



Further Information

- Venturing.org/connect.html
- <http://ntier.org/>
- <http://philmontscoutranch.org/>
- <http://www.summitbsa.org/>
- <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>
- <insert additional resources>





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