

Announcing the 2026 National Jewish Philmont Treks

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What is a Philmont Trek?

It is the ultimate Scouting High Adventure!

Backpack through New Mexico's glorious Rocky Mountains. Participate in crew selected activities — panning for gold, archaeology, blacksmithing, burro racing, muzzle-loading rifle shooting and more.



Why a Jewish Trek?

What better place can there be to ask the BIG questions? If this is "God's country," how does my Judaism fit in? When seeing a million stars before my eyes, how does that link me to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as they shepherded their flocks? When my friends and I observe Shabbat on the trail, how do I feel about my relationship with Judaism?



What is a Jewish trek?

Our treks include Shabbat observance, kosher food, daily prayer and on-going Jewish learning.

As part of this unique experience, participants will grow physically, mentally and emotionally and most importantly, participants will experience a deeper insight into what it means to be a Jewish Scout, **all with rabbinical participation and supervision.**

When is it?

- June 26th through July 9th, 2026 (plus travel days)
- Travel Arrangements will be coordinated by Crews.

Can I go?

- We will have two (12 person) crews for the **12 day** treks
- Youth Age – 14-20 (or 13 and have completed 8th grade)
Scout Rank – First Class or higher
- Up to 12 Adults over 21 years of Age

Where is Philmont:

- Philmont Scout Ranch Headquarters is 220 square miles in size, located four miles south of Cimarron, New Mexico.
- Check out this video:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/PhilmontScoutRanch>

Budget: Estimated Trip Cost: \$3,200

- This covers Philmont Trek Fee, Meals, Flights, Ground Transportation, Lodging, Crew Shirts and Patches
 - Reservation Fee: \$100 due December 1, 2025
 - Initial Payment: \$1,600 due February 1, 2026
 - Final Payment: May 1, 2026
- **It includes estimated cost of flights**
- **It does not include gear necessary for the trek.**



The 2024 NICOS Trek Crews

Philmont Trek Registration Information Form

For Trek Registration, Scan this QR code



or visit: <https://forms.gle/g5tKC9d2hj4ezqMR9>

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TREK WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO ATTEND THE 2026 SCOUTING AMERICA JAMBOREE, SO BOTH ACTIVITIES WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THOSE INTERESTED.

What to expect for trek participation:

A traditional Philmont backpacking trek is 12 days in duration. Shabbat will be a day of rest and there will be no trekking. The trek duration will be 50-75 miles and will include 3 hours of conservation work necessary to earn the Philmont Arrowhead Patch.

Trek preparation will involve extensive commitment to physical conditioning and training as well attendance at regular meetings

After **pre-registering**, we will send additional information to include:

Transportation Plans, Physical Conditioning, Equipment, Medical Forms, and more!

Questions?

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