



## Announcing the 2020 National Jewish Philmont Treks





- When:** Arrive: Sunday, June 28 2020 (Travel Day)  
Trek: Monday, June 29, 2020 through July 10, 2020  
Shabbat Observances: July 3-4, July 10-11, 2020  
Leave: Sunday July 12, 2020
- Where:** Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM,  
<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org>
- Who:** Jewish Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts who are 14 years old, or 13 and completed 8th grade by the beginning of the trek, and at least First Class, or equivalent for Venturers and Sea Scouts. We have two crews, with a maximum of twelve people each (4 adults and 8 youth). We hope to have one all-male crew and one all-female crew.
- What:** Philmont is the ultimate Scouting High Adventure. Each crew will backpack between 60 – 80 miles in the mountains of New Mexico, and during their trek will participate in many terrific activities - crews will select the activities they want.
- 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.
- These treks are for Jewish participants who will be asked to sign a code of conduct and agree that during the trek they will:
- Observe a traditional Shabbat
  - Eat only Kosher Food
  - Participate in three daily prayer sessions
  - Participate in Jewish Learning (one adult per crew is a Rabbi)
- Cost:** Philmont Fee is \$1025.00.00 for each participant.  
First Payment, \$100.00, due December 15, 2019  
Advance Payments, \$462.50, due January 15, 2020  
Final Payment, \$462.50, due March 1, 2020
- Register:** Send a message to Dr. Norman Kahn [nkahnmd@gmail.com](mailto:nkahnmd@gmail.com) with the following information:
- Participant's full name
  - Participant's date of birth
  - Parents' Names (if a youth)
  - Mailing Address
  - Participant's Email Address
  - Parents' Email Addresses (if a youth)

- Name of Participant's Local Council
- Unit Type (troop, crew, ship) and Unit Number
- Name and Email address of Unit leader (youth and adult if applicable)
- Name and Email address of reference for adults who are not registered with the Participant's Scouting Unit

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

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

**Questions:** Contact the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, Philmont Trek Coordinator, Dr. Norman Kahn, [nkahnmd@gmail.com](mailto:nkahnmd@gmail.com) 913-991-2938.

## 2020 PHILMONT *SHOMER SHABBAT* TREK PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a Jewish trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in 2019. The trek will permit Jewish Scouts to experience the wonders of nature in the back country immersed in a Jewish setting. In order to permit all participants to fully experience the benefits of this trek, we each need to commit ourselves to active support for and participation in the unique Jewish aspects of our treks. Each participant must sign this code of conduct and follow it from the time they begin their Philmont experience until its end.

**EXPECTATIONS:** We are privileged to be able to make a trek at Philmont during the summer of 2020. Any participant not living up to the expectations for this trek may cause difficulty and embarrassment for others on the trek. We want to make the expectations of all participants on this trek explicitly clear.

1. **Behavior:** Our trek must live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and work to create a *Kiddush Hashem* in all we do. In all cases, we will expect all participants to act accordingly from the time that they board a Philmont Scout Ranch transit bus or arrive by private transportation until the time that they leave Philmont Scout Ranch or Philmont's transit bus, whichever is later.
2. **Kashrut:** All food consumed by Scouts and Scouters at Philmont and on these treks must and will be *kosher*. Scouts will not eat non-*kosher* food at any places from the time that they board a transit bus to Philmont or arrive there by private means until they exit the Philmont bus or Philmont Scout Ranch if by private means.

3. **Shabbat:** Our experience will include at least one *Shabbat* observance on the trek, and the opportunity for a second Shabbat experience in basecamp upon the completion of the backcountry trek. Scouts will strictly observe *Shabbat* in accordance with the tone set by the trek religious authority. It is the expectation of all that *Shabbat* will be observed in camp and all of us will participate in the observance together.
4. **Tefila:** Our trek will participate in regular prayer during the trek, as determined by the Crew leaders and Advisors. All participants gather together for crew prayer, will be expected to wear appropriate clothing for tefilla, and to exhibit appropriate reverence.
5. **Limudi Kodesh:** One of the objectives of the trek is to provide all participants with the opportunity for on-going Jewish learning. Regular learning sessions will take place during the trek. All participants are expected to fully engage in these sessions. Among other learning experiences will be an opportunity to establish an *eruv* for *Shabbat*.
6. **Duration:** The trek will begin on Monday, June 29, 2020 and end on Friday, July 10, 2020. It is anticipated that Scouts and Scouters will arrive on Sunday, June 28, will stay in basecamp for Shabbat at the end and depart on Sunday, July 12, 2020.

Therefore,

I agree to be bound by and to diligently follow the requirements of this trek for its entire duration. I fully recognize that my failure to comply with this code of conduct will result in me being removed from the trek and that I may then be sent home at my expense.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trek Participant

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parents if participant is under 18