

## **Philmont 2009**

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In the summer of 2009, a group of scouts and scout leaders from Troop 22 traveled to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. The trip started out with a brief bit of tourism in the Colorado Springs area to adapt to the altitude. Attractions included Pike's Peak, Garden of the Gods, and white water rafting. From here, the scouts made the trip to New Mexico. After spending a night in base camp getting all necessary affairs in order, it was time for the scouts from troop 22 to hit the trail. Philmont Scout Ranch is known all over the world for not only being the largest youth camp in the world, but also one of the most incredible experiences one could partake in. Any of the scouts that took part on the trek would tell you that this experience was simply amazing, with a combination of good old-fashioned adventure and breathtaking views, along with an opportunity to expand one's character. This trip is highly recommended for any scout or leader with the opportunity to attend. It blows all scout trips away.