

State 4-H Venturers Program

Are you seeking a challenge that requires skills in communications, decision making, safety, leadership, teamwork, backpacking, outdoor cookery and coping with nature's elements?

Then this might be just the right challenge for you!

This challenge demands top mental and physical conditioning, being able to take on tough mountain hikes of 6-8 miles a day, carrying a 40-50 lb. backpack which contains all that you need for a week's outing at the legendary Philmont High Adventure Base in the rugged wilderness of the New Mexico mountains.

If you are willing to...

✓ Work with others as a crew member, to accept others as they are, to help make group decisions, to do your share of work and carry your share of the load;

✓ absorb and share the wonder and beauty of the outdoors, to learn and practice low-impact camping techniques, to make a commitment to preserve and protect the wilderness;

✓ condition your body, to endure sore and aching muscles, burning lungs, blisters, and bruised bones when the days can be long, hot cold, wet, muddy and dusty;

✓ share laughter, hugs, songs, tears of joy and frustration, to make lasting friendships, to be the best person that you can be.

Then this really is the right challenge for you!

What is the 4-H Venturers High Adventure Program?

Formed in 1997, the 4-H Venturers brings together youth from 4-H Boy Scouts and other youth organizations from all over the state who are interested in high adventure experiences.

The program is offered to teens who are 14 years of age by August 1 or who have completed the eighth grade by the time the summer adventure takes place. The program is limited to 27 youth and 9 adults who will form into 3 crews and includes the following activities:

*Shakedown — June 4-6
Kerwin Reservoir, Phillips County*

Intensive training to prepare you for your summer adventure ... teambuilding, skill building, trip planning, low impact camping techniques, outdoor cookery, map and compass.

Summer Adventure — August 4-13, 2004

You'll be among the fortunate folks who will get to experience the high adventure program offered at Philmont, located south of Cimarron, New Mexico. On the road trip, we'll explore the Santa Fe Trail Museum, Fort Larned and Bent's Old Fort. Plus, we'll camp one evening at the NRA Whittington Center near Cimarron.

What is Philmont?

Owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America since 1938, Philmont is a high adventure base consisting of 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rockies. The program provides an unforgettable adventure in sky-high backpacking country along miles on rugged, rocky trails.

Program features combine the best of the Old West (gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, burro packing, spar pole climbing and interpretive history) with today's exciting challenges – rock climbing, challenge courses and fly fishing. Each year, over 18,000 campers experience the magic of Philmont. In fact, there's a waiting list of over 4,000 people for the 2004 program!

Crew Leadership

One of the unique components of the program is based upon crew leadership. Crews will be formed consisting of 10-12 teens and adults. Each crew will select two of their members to serve as the Crew Leaders. These Crew Leaders have a lot of responsibility placed upon their shoulders. They delegate work tasks and make sure that every member is doing their part; they make decisions and represent the crew as needed; they work with the adult advisors to make sure everybody is doing okay. They set the pace and influence the attitudes of their crew. It is an honor to be a crew leader!

Low-impact Outdoor Skills You Will Learn

- * Gathering and organizing your equipment
 - * Packing and carrying a backpack
 - * Hiking skills and etiquette
 - * Pitching and striking camp
 - * Outdoor cookery
- * Using a map and compass
 - * Physical conditioning
 - * Wilderness ethics

What are the medical requirements?

- * Medical physical examination
- * Tetanus shot or booster (within 5 years)
- * Top physical condition (those who have marked obesity for height and/or are physically inactive will not be accepted)
- * Medical conditions that are aggravated by strenuous activity at high altitudes include asthma, high blood pressure, heart conditions, poorly controlled diabetes.
- * Must not exceed maximum acceptable limit in weight/height ratio (contact State 4-H Office for details)

In case you might miss football practice, you can assure your coaches that this trip is a physical conditioning exercise that will be of benefit to you and your team!

In case you might miss a couple of days of school, you can assure your principal and teachers that you'll have valuable learning experiences that require the use of math, history, language, science, geography, food preparation, safety, reading and leadership skills!

What kind of equipment will I need?

- * T-shirts, shorts, long pants, wool socks, liner socks, wool/fleece sweater, bandanas
- * Top quality rain jacket/pants or poncho (big enough to cover your backpack and you!)
- * Hiking boots
- * Light-weight sleeping bag and pad
- * Other miscellaneous items such as a compass, water bottles, personal first aid kit, etc.
- * You will also need to rent, borrow or buy a backpack

What will all this cost?

The cost is \$525 for the 10-day trip and 3-day Shakedown. This includes transportation, 26 meals, program fees, insurance, BSA fee, shirt, crew supplies and equipment.

Important dates when fees are due:

October 10, 2003	\$ 200.00 (includes \$50 non-refundable deposit)
February 15, 2004	\$ 325.00

How do I sign up?

Your completed registration form and \$200 fee are due October 10th, with the 36 slots filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Confirmation of your participation will be sent after October 15th and additional information will be sent to you at that time.

Check out the 4-H Venturers Website

For more information about the Venturers, outdoor adventures and photos of previous trips, check out the website: http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/dp_4hyp/Venturers/

For more information, contact:

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Due: October 10, 2003 (first-come, first-serve)

_____ \$200 (includes \$50 non-refundable deposit) -- check payable to Kansas 4-H Foundation
_____ Completed Registration Form

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## 2004 4-H Venturers Program Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE: (Circle one)      M      L      XL      XXL

For Adult Participants Only: VIP Registered Volunteer      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

For Youth / Adult Participants (Parental / Guardian Signatures required):

### Shakedown Attendance

I understand that my attendance at the Shakedown (May 31-June 2) is an absolute requirement for my participation in the program. I understand that if I am unable to attend the Shakedown, my registration will be cancelled and I will not receive a refund of the \$50 deposit unless a substitute can be found to fill my position.

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**Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**