



Scouts Pay Their Way

We know the adventure of a lifetime called Philmont is expensive. However, we do not believe this wonderful opportunity should be a drain on family finances. One of the basic propositions of the Boy Scout program is that Scouts and Venturers work to pay their way. Check your *Boy Scout Handbook* under a Scout is Thrifty. Given the 18 months from initial signup for a Philmont trek until hitting the trail, the cost is about \$3 a day. The key is to start early saving for this life-altering experience.

Many relatives and organizations are anxious to contribute and help make this great adventure come true: grandparents at birthday time, local service organizations such as the VFW, American Legion, Elks Club, your home troop or crew and even the Patriots' Path Council through the Wheeler Adventuershship* program. But in the end the financial responsibility must rest with the Scout or Venturer. We know that those who earn their way will have a much better overall scouting experience.

Here are just a few ideas of fund raising opportunities:

For individual Scouts and Venturers

- Shovel sidewalks in the winter
- Cut grass in the spring, summer, and fall
- Washing windows in the spring, summer and fall
- Neighborhood gardener for your working neighbors
- Work at summer camp
- Register as a Single Scout Popcorn Seller with Patriots' Path Council (if your unit does not participate in the popcorn sale)

For troops and crews

- Car wash
- Spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts
- Participate in troop and crew product sales
- Participate in the Patriots' Path Popcorn Sale as a crew

We are certain you will think of even more creative ways to fund your awesome New Mexico adventure. Work with your crew. Make a fund raising plan for you and your crew. Develop a calendar of events. You can make it happen!

(*) A Wheeler application is enclosed and must be returned no later than October 31.