



Expeditions Fall 2021 BSAC High Adventure

Philmont OA Trail Crew



The Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two-week trail crew and trek.

The program is a fourteen-day experience. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven-day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trail and hiking as it is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Trail building is tough. The worksite experience is full of long and strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the trail that is being built is designed to last over 75 years and protect the beautiful landscape of Philmont Scout Ranch. Other than trail building techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, observe and participate in group wilderness safety, good judgment, and motivation activities while also receiving special OA instruction. The program's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and enhance the purpose of the Order of the Arrow by using Scouting camping traditions. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge, and council programs.

For more information search www.philmontscoutranch.org/oatc.

New Biking Trail, Indiana



The DNR and the Hoosier Mountain Bike Association (HMBA) held a celebratory ribbon cutting on Oct. 8 to mark the opening of Limekiln East, a newly completed 1.6-mile beginner-level mountain bike trail in Brown County State Park, Indiana.

Limekiln East is the second of three mountain bike trails to be completed in the state park as part of a \$200,000 NLT grant to HMBA to develop 7.5 miles of new mountain bike trail. The first, Weed Patch Trail, a 2.4-mile intermediate-level trail, opened in November 2019.

The three new NLT-funded trails will connect with existing trails as well as other park amenities, including the campground, park office, nature center, and Hesitation Point. Once completed, the three new trails will bring the total mileage of mountain bike trails within the state park to 43.5.

BSA National High Adventure Bases



This past summer, crews were back at all four national high-adventure bases, backpacking the rugged trails of **Philmont Scout Ranch**, sailing to beautiful islands at **Sea Base**, paddling the tranquil lakes at **Northern Tier** and conquering the rope courses at the **Summit Bechtel Reserve**.

National high-adventure opportunities differ from traditional summer camp experiences. Instead of focusing on merit badges and rank advancement (although you can still do that), Scouts make memories by trying activities they might not normally get to do

If you and your Scouts want to take part in one (or more) of these life-changing experiences, you can still do so in 2022. And it doesn't have to be a summer trip. The high-adventure bases offer fun treks during other seasons, too. The **Find Your Adventure page** will provide detailed information.

Go to <https://www.scouting.org/OutdoorAdventures>.

