

BSA HIGH ADVENTURE

Philmont, Northern Tier and Sea Base make up the “Triple Crown” of Boy Scout High Adventure. Philmont is a 144,000 acre Boy Scout camp located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range just outside of Cimaron New Mexico in the southern Rockies. We hike in altitudes of over 7400 feet to various campsites where, depending on your trek, you may rock climb, horseback ride, shoot black powder rifles or shotguns or do challenge courses. These 12 day treks range in length from just over fifty to just over 100 miles, scaling heights of over 12,000 feet on some treks. Northern Tier is located on the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and Canada. There we hike, canoe, swim and fish in this rugged, beautiful back country. You can go days and see no other humans except your crew. Sea Base is located in Florida. Adventure opportunities include snorkeling, sailing, camping and scuba diving. You learn to navigate at sea and the ins and outs of running a large sailing vessel. On each adventure, you and your crew learn art of working together as a team...individuals united by one goal.



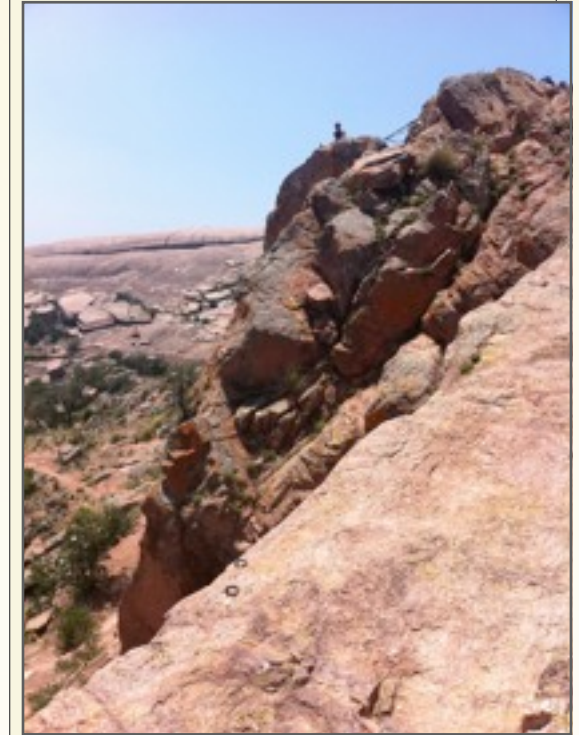
ARE YOU READY?

It’s one thing to learn to tie a knot....it’s another to learn to tie a knot that your life is going to depend on....are you up to the challenge? Do you know your limits...really know them? Are you willing to explore those limits (and push a bit beyond them) in the safe and supportive environment that is the Boy Scouts of America? Troop 889 in the Woodlands, Texas, under the charter organization Christ Church United Methodist Church provides these opportunities to our scouts. The incredible adult volunteers who make up our troop committee and scoutmaster leaders are dedicated to just that... providing ways and means to make these hopes of high adventure a reality for the scouts in our troop. If that sounds like fun to you, there’s just one question you’ve got to answer: Are you ready?

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BE PREPARED

There’s more to being a Boy Scout than tying knots and wearing a uniform. It is having opportunities to grow in leadership and do things you might never before have even tried....rock climbing, air-boating, sailing, canoeing, zip lining, hiking, to name a few. To learn skills of survival, first aid and problem solving that will influence all areas of your life.



What is “High Adventure”?

THE ULTIMATE GOAL

High Adventure is Scouting’s ultimate goal. It is the place where you put to use all the skills you learn during rank advancement and merit badge training. Scouts learn skills as they progress in rank...from Tenderfoot to Second and First class, then Star, Life and Eagle. These skills are not just steps to the next rank...they are skills that can be put to use in the high adventure arena. First Aid, Wilderness Survival, Camping and Climbing Merit Badges are fun to get, but high adventure campouts are an opportunity to hone these skills...and even discover new lifelong pursuits like rock climbing and kayaking. Sure you can learn to tie a figure-of-eight follow through knot...but when you go rock climbing this knot is your life line. You can learn first aid for a merit badge, but in high adventure you need these skills to keep your team safe and help in times of need. Putting the things you learn to use makes learning fun....and builds your self-confidence in all areas of your life.

CHALLENGES

At first glance, it may seem scary....or terrifying...to think of going on a high adventure campout. These campouts are not the first thing new scouts do....these campouts are the next step for scouts after they have acquired some basic skills at standard campouts. As the scout matures, new challenges are needed to keep him interested in camping and learning. And these high adventure campouts provide awesome opportunities for leadership. Every campout has trained adult leaders who are there for guidance and assistance. Boy Scouts of America prides itself on being “boy-led”...that is, the boys are the decision makers with the guidance and input of well-trained adult leaders. The goal of high adventure camping is to put the scout in a

position to succeed....not a position to fail. The adult leadership consists of scoutmasters trained in outdoor leadership, safety, climbing, hiking, canoeing, wilderness and remote first aid...all of the skills needed to provide a safe environment for the scouts to explore the limits of their abilities to lead and handle challenges and adversity. This opportunity to grow as a leader now will translate into future success as a leader down the road...wherever life takes you.



TEAMWORK AND LEADERSHIP

High adventure activities not only allow you to explore your limits and operate outside of your usual “comfort zone”. It also introduces you to new levels of teamwork and leadership....a chance to experience the joys and challenges of relying on team members....and having them rely on you. You develop leadership skills that are impossible to achieve in other less exciting settings...are you up to it?

