

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL

PHILMONT 2020

ADVISOR APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Date of birth (if born after 1999, may be classified as a youth participant): _____

Current Height: _____ Current Weight: _____

Street: _____ Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Work phone: (____) _____

Cell phone: (____) _____ Other phone: (____) _____

E-mail(s): _____

Emergency contact information: _____

Medical coverage (with policy number): _____

Current medical training (select): None CPR Basic First Aid Wilderness First Aid First Aid Merit Badge

Other: _____

Unit number: _____ Current Unit position: _____

Scouting experience/training (inc. High Adventure): _____

Scouting references (at least 3, name, address, phone number): _____

I have read, understand, and accept the "PHILMONT risk Advisory" (please check the following box) []

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submitting this form does not guarantee a leadership position. The organizing committee will review your application and inform you as to whether or not you have been accepted.

Please submit a \$250 deposit with this form (if you are not accepted your entire deposit will be returned) made out to "WMC PHILMONT 2020." Please attach a copy of a government issued ID. Mail everything to WMC PHILMONT 2020, attn: Kevin Duncan, 274 Raymond Dr, Dalton, MA 01226.

The payment plan and activities calendar will be provided at a later date. The total expected cost of this trip is \$3250, as money is spent on your behalf, that money becomes non-refundable.

Please read the **PHILMONT Risk Advisory** on the reverse side of this application. By submitting this form you realize the risks involved, accept them, and will not hold anyone liable for accidents or injuries sustained while participating at **PHILMONT** or any of the other activities associated with this adventure.

TO EACH PARTICIPANT AND THEIR PARENT(S) or GUARDIAN(S) RISK ADVISORY

The Philmont Health Lodge Task Force will meet at the conclusion of each summer season and review all health information. Any changes will be included in the 2020 Philmont Health & Medical Record that will be mailed to you in the fall of 2019 and will apply to all participants for 2020. Philmont has an excellent health and safety record with over 1,150,000 adults and young people having attended since 1938. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Most participants in Philmont programs do not experience injuries because they are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions. If you decide to attend Philmont, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions, work as a team with your crew, and take responsibility for your own health and safety. For further information please thoroughly read the Guidebook to Adventure. Like other wilderness areas, Philmont is not risk free and you should be prepared to listen to safety instructions carefully, follow directions and take appropriate steps to safeguard yourself and others. Parents, guardians and potential participants in Philmont programs are advised that journeying to and from Philmont, and one's stay at Philmont, can involve exposure to accident, illness, and/or injury associated with a high elevation, physically demanding, high adventure program in a remote mountainous area. Campers may be exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods and heat. Other potential problems include: injuries from tripping and falling, motor vehicle accidents, worsening of underlying medical conditions such as diabetes or asthma, heart attacks, heat exhaustion and falls from horses. Philmont's trails are steep and rocky. Wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes, and mountain lions are native and usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken. Please refer to the Guidebook to Adventure, speak with previous Philmont participants, or call Philmont for further information concerning risks and measures which can be taken to avoid accidents. Philmont has staff trained in first aid, CPR and accident prevention, and is prepared to assist in recognizing, reacting, and responding to accidents, injuries and illnesses. Each crew is also required to have at least one member trained in wilderness first aid and CPR. Medical and search and rescue services are provided by Philmont in response to an accident or emergency. However, response times can be affected by location, weather or other emergencies and could be delayed six (6) or more hours. Philmont trail food is, by necessity, a high carbohydrate, high caloric diet. The trail food is high in wheat, milk products, sugar and corn syrup, and artificial coloring/flavoring. Most dinner meals contain meat. If a participant has a problem with the diet described above, contact Philmont for a copy of the trail menu and ingredients and plan to send supplemental food. Philmont will deliver supplemental food to the appropriate pickup places.

THE PHILMONT TREK EXPERIENCE

A Philmont trek is physically, mentally and emotionally demanding. Each participant must be able to carry a 35 to 50 lb. pack while hiking 5 to 12 miles per day in an isolated mountain wilderness, ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet in elevation. Climatic conditions include temperatures from 30 to 90 degrees F, low humidity (10-30%) and frequent, sometimes severe, afternoon thunderstorms. Activities include horseback riding, rock climbing and rappelling, challenge events, pole climbing, black powder shooting, 12 gauge trap shooting, .30-06 shooting, trail building, mountain biking and other activities that may have potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Refer to the Guidebook to Adventure for specific information. Philmont staff instructs participants in safety measures to be followed. Each participant and crew is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for the health and safety of each of its members.