

Imagine spending six nights in the backcountry of Philmont meeting Scouters from all over the country, bringing the skills you learned during your Wood Badge training to life at an all new level and gaining an in-depth understanding and greater appreciation of Servant Leadership.

Well you don't have to imagine it; you can experience it, by accepting the Philmont Leadership Challenge.

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The Philmont Leadership Challenge goes beyond Wood Badge by taking you on an action packed, experiential backcountry adventure where you will practice and internalize the skills and concepts you were introduced to during your Wood Badge course.

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PLC underscores and reinforces the values of Scouting, teaching and learning through the EDGE method, living through the stages of team development and most importantly, expands on the concept of servant leadership.

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Your PLC experience starts as you join a crew made up of Scouters from all over the country. Together with two crew guides you will travel to Rayado Ridge Leadership Camp, the home of PLC and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience or NAYLE. Nearly all of the training and activities you participate in will occur at Rayado Ridge. Using the EDGE method you will be introduced to geocaching, land navigation, orienteering using GPS, wilderness first aid and backpacking. Many of these skills might be new to you but don't sweat it. Others in your crew may have a lot of experience they can share with you. Don't be surprised if you find some activities you want to take back to your home unit.

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Everything you do during PLC will build on what you already know and help tie it to the activities you are doing each day. This accomplished in a daily session known as Beyond Wood Badge. During this time you will discuss and journal about your what you have learned and how it applies to what you already understand. Scouters that have completed PLC routinely say that these sessions, and particularly the journaling, are some of the most memorable and impactful parts of the PLC experience.

Towards the end of the week we break camp at Rayado and backpack the three or so miles to Zastro, the Philmont home of Wood Badge and the starting point for what used to be called Walking Wood Badge. Your time at Zastro will be memorable.

You will get a taste of what its like on a Philmont trek. Setting up camp, hanging bear bags, preparing and eating backcountry meals and sleeping in one of the most beautiful settings in what many refer to as HOmE – Heaven on Earth.

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The next morning it is a trail breakfast and a large exercise that helps bring together all of the practical and leadership skills you have learned during the week before returning to Rayado Ridge.

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Philmont is truly the legacy of Waite Philips. Part of your PLC experience is giving back to Philmont by contributing to his legacy as the entire contingent takes part in a conservation project designed to help preserve the beauty of Philmont and keep it available for future generations of Scouts and Scouters. Now before you think the day is nothing but manual labor, we do have a little more fun as you will have an opportunity to explore another famous Philmont landmark, hiking to Lover's Leap.

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So are you ready to accept the Challenge? Are you ready to grow as a leader and a person? What's holding you back?

The Philmont Leadership Challenge is here for you all you have to do is accept the Challenge.

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