

## Philmont Resource Page

### Philmont at Your Fingertips via the World Wide Web

#### On-Line Shopping Resources:

1. *REI*. The REI web site is an excellent resource for product information, comparisons, and researching consumer product reviews. REI is a great place to shop because REI stands behind all its products with a 100% satisfaction guarantee. REI's core purpose says it best: " We all work to inspire, educate and outfit for a lifetime of outdoor adventure and stewardship." REI's on-site Expert Advice page can link you to a number of timely backpacking and hiking articles and video clips to assist you in preparing for your Philmont experience. Perhaps the best aspect of REI is that it is a cooperative. As a co-op member, you can take advantage of seasonal members only seasonal sales, receive 10% annual rebates on your gear purchases, and gain access to REI's local garage sales of gently used items. <http://www.rei.com>
2. *REI Outlet*. REI maintains an on-line outlet for overstock, closeout, seconds, and clearance items. The REI Outlet offers a huge selection of great gear and apparel at substantially discounted prices. Co-op members can often leverage these discounts further with members-only coupons and sales. The Outlet features "Deal of the Day" and "Deal of the Week" specials for even more savings opportunities. <http://www.rei.com/outlet>

#### Philmont Sites:

1. *Philmont Scout Ranch*. This is the official BSA site. This is a "must browse" site for a wealth of information on "Everything Philmont" The "Camping and Operations" page is a tremendous resource for trek planning, preparation, traveling, program, and itinerary selection just to name a few. <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org>
2. *Philmont Forum*. This site includes a message board forum dedicated to Scouting's high adventure programs and a messaging system. All registered members can post and respond to messages, write Philmont articles and blogs, upload and download photos to and from the photo gallery as well as other documents and files. <http://www.philmontforum.com>
3. Seldon's List of Philmont Web Pages. This site is an incredible directory of Philmont related web sites. This site links you to all sites Philmont! <http://www.lepp.cornell.edu/~seb/philmont>.
4. *Tooth of Time Traders*. This is the official web site for Philmont's trading post. A great place to shop for memorabilia before your Philmont ramble. <http://www.toothoftimetraders.com/philmont>
5. *Philmont Trek Hints*. This site was originally established in 1997 by a six-time Philmont veteran Scouter. [http://www.rogerknapp.com/download/philmont\\_hints.htm](http://www.rogerknapp.com/download/philmont_hints.htm)
6. *The Watchu Experience*. This site is one of my personal favorites. The site provides many excellent training videos on water purification, equipment, shipping gear, navigating base camp, and trail tips- you name it, this site has a video on it! <http://www.watchu.org/Training.asp>
7. *Backpacking Light Philmont Tips*. This is a great site to reference for ultra light backpackers. These tips may not be appropriate for every Philmont trekker, but certainly are thought provoking when it comes to shaving ounces off your gear. [http://www.backpackinglight.com/cgi-bin/backpackinglight/forums/thread\\_display.html?forum\\_thread\\_id=57615](http://www.backpackinglight.com/cgi-bin/backpackinglight/forums/thread_display.html?forum_thread_id=57615)