SPECIAL NEEDS CONFERENCES
PHILMONT ADVENTURES FOR SCOUTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FROM JULY 24-30, 2022

Three conferences available!

Growing Your Special Needs
This course is designed for Scouters, professionals, chartered organization leadership, and school district personnel who want to expand their knowledge in order to positively impact youth with disAbilities within your local Council.

Empower yourself and your Council Committee to make a difference in the lives of others. Learn to maximize resources and manage expectations, while creatively explore ways to make modifications and accommodations to Scouting advancement.

Adaptive Special Needs
This national training spends a week learning best practices in outdoor and camping programs for special needs. The week will help volunteers and professionals learn how to mainstream special needs scouts into everyday outdoor/camping programs. Adults will also learn about the latest adaptive programs including shooting sports, horsemanship, Project COPE and hiking while working with the Scouts attending the Zia Experience. The conference will also include: dietary and medication safety, program and facilities management, adaptive equipment, advancement, and program development for serving special needs scouts.

Zia Experience
Our team of Philmont staff and highly-trained volunteers will work with a wide-range of functioning and abilities. Our team will finalize program registration long before the experience begins, so that parents/caregivers and scouts can meet in-person, via video conference, or phone call with our leadership team one or more times before arrival. The goal of these pre-experience conversations will be to understand the type of experience your scout wants to have, as well as his or her abilities, special needs, special health care challenges, medications, allergies, diet restrictions, housing and personal care needs, transportation and mobility issues, advancement goals, and other associated risk management issues. The goal is to design experiences for scouts ranging from a backcountry trek, to modified backcountry day adventures, to a basic residential camp experience in base camp.

For more information visit: philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/