

2026 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course Site:

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Dates: March 14-15, 2026

Theme: Dinos!

Course times: The adventure begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14th and ends at approx. 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Check-in: Please check-in at the PTC Guest Services Office, marked on the map with a yellow star.

Weather: Temperatures will be high in the 50s with lows in the 20s. Be prepared for chilly mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities.

Early arrivals: For an additional fee of \$55.00*, you may arrive the night before, please make it after 3:00 p.m. and before 5:00 p.m. *This fee covers dinner Friday evening, lodging Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday. FYI: No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.*

Before You Arrive at NCS:

- Take the online NCS course ***Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp*** (CS-62) and the in-person Council led NCS course (CS-63). Don't forget to complete the other pre-requisites: Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Position Specifics training.
- Please utilize the [Scouting America pre-event medical screening form](#) and elect to stay home if you are ill, or you have been in close contact with someone who is ill.

What to Bring to Camp:

- **Proof** of Scouting America registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Foundations of Cub Day Camp Online Training, and In-Council Day Camp Training).
- Your completed [Scouting America health form](#) (parts A and B).
- Samples of your council's day camp promotional materials, staff manuals, or other camp literature, registration forms, schedules, etc., for display or giveaway. Make copies for at least 20 participants (no copying services are available at camp).
- Interesting crafts or activity ideas to share.
- Your camp T-shirt—there will be an opportunity for everyone to wear theirs.
- Notepad and pencil or pen. A participant binder and learning materials will be provided.
- NCS Online Trading Post: You can preview and purchase specialty National Camp School items (shirts, sweatshirts, and more!) to be sent directly to your home via [Scouting America Outfitters](#).

Personal Gear:

- Official complete Scouting America uniform. We will wear the Field uniform, the official Scout uniform, on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. You may wear any Day Camp T-shirt/Sweatshirt or Scout activity uniform, at other times.
- Warm sleepwear, perhaps “long johns” or sweats.
- Water Bottle/Nalgene.
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- Camera (Take photos of the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- The telephone number at **Philmont Scout Ranch** is 575-376-2281, in case of emergency. Internet Wi-Fi is also available throughout the PTC campus. Cellular coverage is available although some carriers are more limited than others. AT&T has the strongest signal.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last from early morning to late at night.
- Housing is provided in indoor heated Dorm style - rooms with twin mattresses and private bathroom/shower. Bedding and linens are provided.
- You will be sharing lodging with other NCS participants. The rooms are not attached to the conference center or dining hall.
- **You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day and attend all sessions through the last day to be certified.**
- To focus on the learning, please leave the distractions of life behind: family, children, pets, job, etc. There are no accommodations for anyone but registered participants.
- Please understand that if you receive the names and contact information for other participants or for staff, you may not contact them for commercial purposes unless you receive their expressed permission to do so.

As a member of your council’s day camp leadership team, you will be providing Scouts with an experience that they will remember the rest of their lives. Thank you for making the decision to attend National Camping School.

Yours in Scouting,

Nancy Farrell
NCS Course Director

**The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally.*

Philmont has the Tooth of Time Traders store for Philmont branded apparel, snacks, sundries, etc.
www.toothoftimetraders.com. They do not carry official uniform items.

Getting to Philmont

Philmont has arranged shuttle service from the Raton, NM Amtrak station for \$60.00 roundtrip. Please use this link to reserve your spot: <https://www.philmontscout ranch.org/ptc/planningyourvisit/getting-to-philmont/>.

For Navigation Systems, please use 32 Orchard Circle, Cimarron, NM 87714.

From Denver or Colorado Springs:

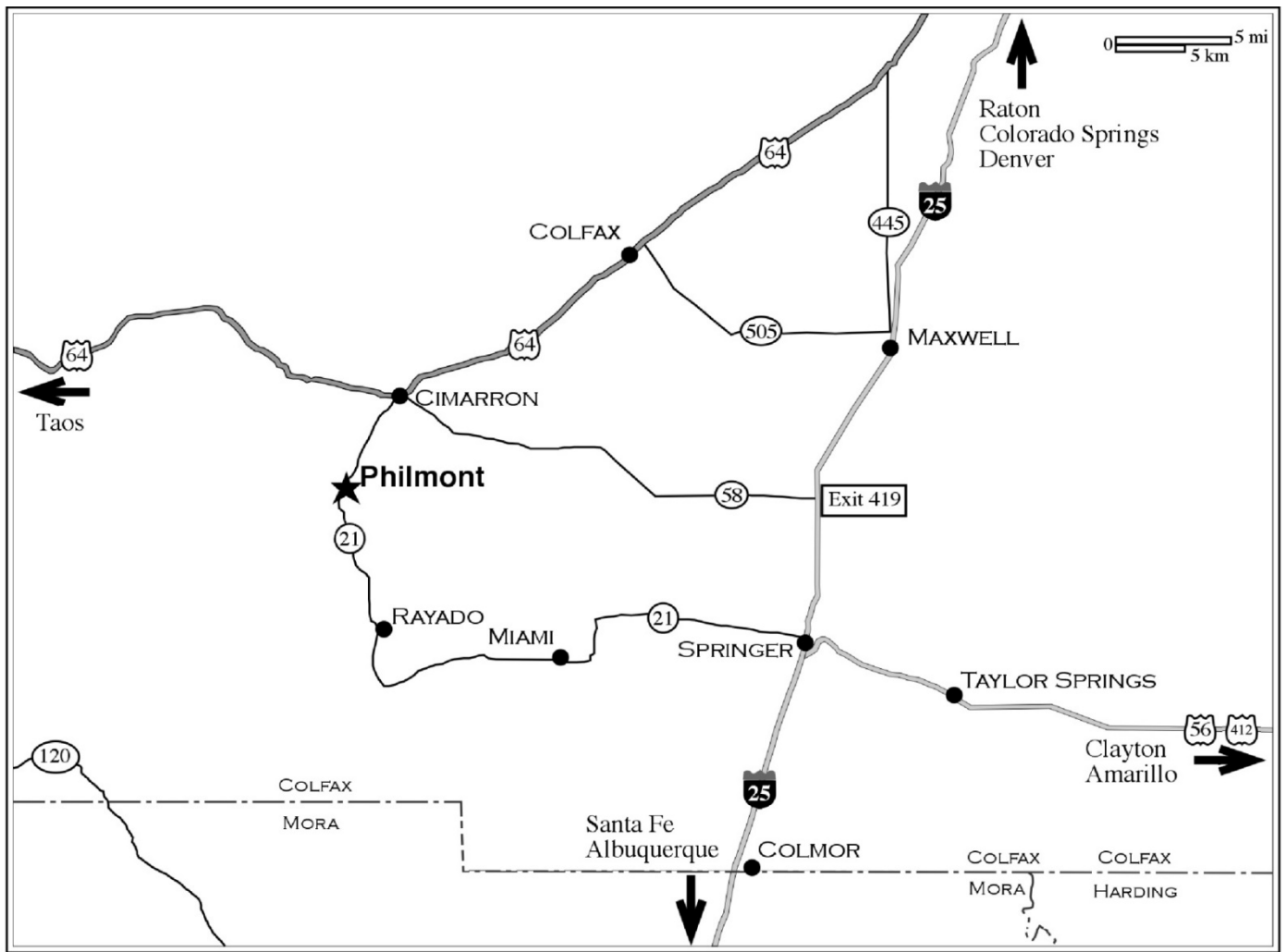
Go south on Interstate 25 to Raton, New Mexico (17 miles south of the Colorado border). Four miles south of Raton take Exit 446 onto Highway 64 and drive about 40 miles to Cimarron.

From Albuquerque:

Go north on Interstate 25 about 200 miles to Springer, New Mexico. Three miles north of Springer, take Exit 419 onto Highway 58 and drive about 20 miles to Cimarron.

From Cimarron to Philmont

When you reach Cimarron, turn south on State Highway 21 and drive approximately 4 miles to Philmont Scout Ranch. As you enter Philmont, you will see several buildings before you reach your destination; these buildings are other parts of Philmont Base Camp, such as the Administration Building. Look for the brown Philmont Training Center sign near mile-marker 4 and turn left (east) onto Orchard Circle. The Villa Philmonte, the Mediterranean-style home of the Phillips family, is located on the grounds of the Philmont Training Center and will serve as a guide to those arriving by car.

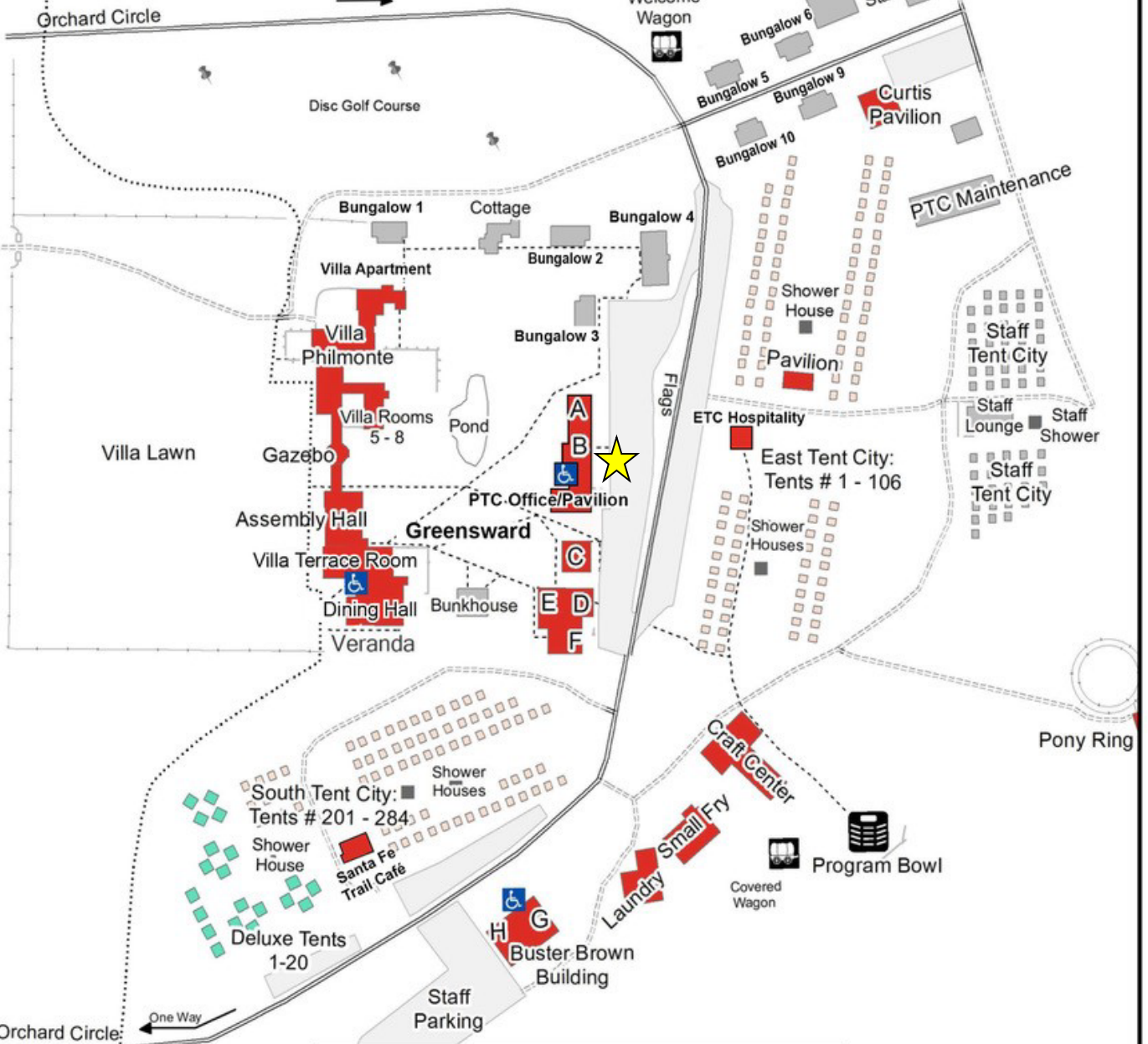


↑ To Cimarron/
Shooting Sports
Complex/ Nature
Trail Loop

Philmont Training Center



Philmont Training Center
Main Entrance



Conference Classrooms

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| A - Carson | B - Webster | C - Maxwell | D - Bent |
| E - Beaubien | F - Miranda | G - Buster Brown Waite | |
| H - Buster Brown Waite | | | |



Accessible Restrooms - PTC Office, Buster Brown, Dining Hall

Philmont GIS

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