

High Adventure

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Order of the Arrow High Adventure

Each of the following High Adventure Bases have an OA high adventure program. Done as an individual scout, a youth Order of the Arrow member can attend any of the five OA high adventure programs, where they join a crew of around 20 other Arrowmen from around the country and spend two weeks at the camp. The first week is spent providing service to the camp and surrounding wilderness, and the second is spend executing a custom itinerary, experiencing the best each camp has to offer.

OA Trail Crew (Philmont), **OA Ocean Adventure** (Sea Base), **OA Canadian Odyssey & OA Wilderness Voyage** (Northern Tier), and **OA Summit Experience** (Summit Bechtel Reserve) all provide OA members with a unique, life changing experience. Participants must be youth members of the Order of the Arrow, be at least 16 (14 for OASE), and arrange their own transportation. The treks themselves costs only \$200 - \$400.

For more information, visit Adventure.ou-bsa.org.

Florida Sea Base

Locations:

Sea Base is located in five different areas: Islamorada, Florida; on Summerland Key; in the Florida Keys; in the Bahamas; and on the island of Saint Thomas.

Age Requirement:

All participants in Florida Sea Base programs must be at least 13 years old and have graduated from eighth grade. Some programs have their own special age requirements.

Programs:

1) Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure-Explore the Sea of Abaco and learn the workings of sailing and sea traveling.

2) Bahamas Adventure-Snorkel, swim, fish, and sail in the beautiful islands of the Bahamas.

3) Out Island Adventure-Camp out on Big Munson Island in the Bahamas. Participants will snorkel, fish, kayak, and explore around this island only accessible by them.

4) Sea Exploring-Explore the Keys aboard a classic sailing ship. Participants will have chances to snorkel, fish, and learn how to sail.

5) Coral Reef Sailing-A sailing expedition on a yacht where the participants design their own float plan. The captain will instruct participants in sailing, navigation, and fishing. The participants will have a chance to snorkel and fish.

6) Eco-Adventure-Explore the four major marine habitats of the Florida Keys. This program will provide participants with opportunities to snorkel, kayak, fish, and view nature through a glass-bottomed boat.

7) Florida Fishing-Spend a week fishing in the beautiful Florida Keys.

8) SCUBA Certification-Learn how to SCUBA dive and become SCUBA certified in the Florida Keys.

9) SCUBA Adventure-Participants must be SCUBA certified to participate in this program. Dive the coral reefs and wrecks of the Florida Keys. This program will provide participants with a chance to take eleven dives.

10) SCUBA Live Aboard-Participants must be SCUBA certified to participate in this program. Participants will be SCUBA diving and sailing around the Florida Keys over the course of this unique program. Participants will have a chance to take fifteen dives during this program.

11) Florida Keys Adventure-This a very flexible program in which participants decide how they want to spend their time. This program is a great sampling of most of the programs that Florida Sea Base has to offer.

12) Sea Base St. Thomas-Participants will travel to the tropical Virgin Islands. This program will consist of snorkeling and sailing.

13) Divemaster Training Academy-Participants must be at least 18 years old. This program gets the participants the training required to become certified PADI divemasters.

14) OA Ocean Adventure-Participants must be at least 16 years old and a registered member of an OA lodge. The first portion of the program provides an array of service opportunities including developing trails, removing invasive species, and preserving the flora and fauna of the Florida Keys. Participants will camp on both Big Munson Island and Crane Point during the service portion of the program. Afterwards, participants will move aboard a yacht for four days at sea. Participants will have a chance to sail, snorkel, fish, and swim in the Florida Keys.

Northern Tier

Location:

Northern Tier has three different locations: Ely, Minnesota; Ontario, Canada; and Manitoba, Canada.

Age Requirement:

All participants in Northern Tier programs must be at least 13 years old and have graduated from eighth grade.

Programs:

Summer Adventures:

- 1) Charles L Sommers Canoe Base-Participants will be able to canoe in the wilderness of Minnesota.
- 2) Donald Rogert Canoe Base-Participants will be able to canoe in the wilderness of Canada.
- 3) Northern Expeditions Canoe Base-This program is considered the most extreme Northern Tier adventure and should only be undertaken by crews with previous high adventure experience. Participants will be flown into the wilderness and then canoe the most rugged and remote region paddled by crews at Northern Tier.

Individual Programs:

- 1) OA Wilderness Voyage-Participants must be at least 16 years old and registered members of an OA lodge. The first week of this program has participants restoring portage trails throughout the Border Lakes region. The second week of this program allows participants to plan their own canoeing journey through the Boundary Lakes Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota.

2) OA Canadian Odyssey-Participants must be at least 16 years old and registered members of an OA lodge. The first week of this program has participants restoring portage trails throughout the Border Lakes region. The second week of this program allows participants to plan their own canoeing journey through Quetico Provincial Park in Canada.

3) Forest Corps-This program is an outdoor leadership training course. Participants in the program will design their own itinerary for canoeing, camping, and learning in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Participants will learn Leave No Trace principles, conservation, wilderness first aid, advanced camping skills, field science, outdoor education, and leadership.

4) Lone Voyageur-This program allows Scouts or Venturers that are at least 14 years old to attend the Northern Tier program at Charles L Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base with a provisional crew.

Special Programs:

1) Fishing Expeditions-This program operates from Donald Rogert Canoe Base. This program has a special emphasis on fishing. Participants will canoe and fish throughout the waters of Northwestern Ontario.

2) Kayak Treks-This program operates from Donald Rogert Canoe Base. This program allows participants to plan an itinerary for kayaking and camping throughout the waters of Canada.

Autumn Adventures:

1) Autumn Canoe Trips-Participants will canoe throughout the Canoe Country of the Boundary Waters in Minnesota.

2) Backpacking Trips-Participants can take backpacking treks through the wilderness of Minnesota's Boundary Waters. There are three very popularly hiked trails: the 8 to 10 mile Ennis Lake Trail, which is perfect for inexperienced backpackers, the 15 to 20 mile Anglemorm Trail, which is perfect for a 2 or 3 night trip, and the 25 to 30 mile Snowbank Trail, which is a rugged trail designed for more experienced backpackers.

3) Fishing Trips-Participants can design their own itineraries for fishing throughout the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Winter Adventures:

camping. The participants stay in heated cabins each night, but explore the wilderness during the day. Participants may learn how to cross-country ski, snowshoe, and ice fish.

2) OKPIK Weekend Samplers-This program teaches participants the basics of winter camping. Participants pack their gear onto sleds and travel into the wilderness for 1 or 2 nights. Participants will learn how to set up a winter campsite, build snow shelters, and cook meals at low temperatures. Participants will also be able to try out a variety of winter activities.

3) OKPIK Treks-This program allows participants to test their camping skills in a winter wilderness. Participants travel by ski, snowshoe, or on foot into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness for at least two nights. Crews will travel between 5 and 15 miles during their trek through a remote winter wilderness.

4) Dogsled Trips-Participants will learn the basics of running and caring for sledding dogs. There are two types of trips: Musher camps, in which participants stay in a heated cabin on base, then take the dogs out for half-day and day-long runs, and dogsled treks, in which participants head into the wilderness and camp with the dogs out on the ice.

Philmont Scout Ranch

Location:

Philmont is located in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Age Requirement:

Participants must be at least 13 years old and have graduated from the eighth grade.

Programs:

Trek Itineraries:

Challenging Itineraries:

Itinerary #2: 56 miles, Destinations: Visto Grande, Harlan, Aspen Springs, Cyphers Mine, Clear Creek, Crooked Creek, Beaubien, Crater Lake, Zastrow

Itinerary #1: 57 miles, Destinations: Cathedral Rock, Cimarroncito, Cyphers Mine, Mt. Phillips, Comanche Creek, Apache Springs, Fish Camp, Abreu, Stockade Ridge

Itinerary #3: 57 miles, Destinations: Vaca, Deer Lake Mesa, Cimarroncito, Shaefers Pass, Black Mountain, Beaubien, Bear Caves, Abreu

Itinerary #5: 58 miles, Destinations: Olympia, Abreu, Fish Camp, Bear Canyon, Porcupine, Clear Creek, Cyphers Mine, Hunting Lodge, Deer Lake, Cimarron River

Itinerary #12: 59 miles, Destinations: Ute Springs, Webster Parks, Sawmill, Mt. Phillips, Porcupine, Beaubien, Abreu, Urraca, Stockade Ridge

Itinerary #11: 61 miles, Destinations: Vaca, Deer Lake Mesa, Cimarroncito, Sawmill, Comanche Peak, Comanche Creek, Beaubien, Carson Meadows, Zastrow

Itinerary #7: 63 miles, Destinations: Toothache Springs, Carson Meadows, Fish Camp, Apache Springs, Wild Horse, Mt. Phillips, Lamberts Mine, Cimarroncito, Ponderosa Park

Itinerary #9: 63 miles, Destinations: Olympia, Craggs, Apache Springs, Porcupine, Clear Creek, Red Hills, Beaubien, Crater Lake, Shaefers Pass

Itinerary #15: 63 miles, Destinations: Sioux, Pueblano Ruins, Baldy Town, Upper Dean Cow, Dean Cow, Vaca, Devils Wash Basin, Cimarroncito

Itinerary #6: 65 miles, Destinations: Lovers Leap, Urraca, Abreu, Beaubien, Red Hills, Sawmill, Ute Springs, Harlan, Dean Cow

Itinerary #8: 65 miles, Destinations: Lovers Leap, Urraca, Carson Meadows, Agua Fria, Crooked Creek, Mt. Phillips, Sawmill, Ute Springs, Clarks Fork, Tooth Ridge

Itinerary #13: 65 miles, Destinations: Lovers Leap, Crater Lake, Black Mountain, Buck Creek, Wild Horse, Mt. Phillips, Lamberts Mine, Cimarroncito, Tooth Ridge

Itinerary #10: 67 miles, Destinations: Bent, Dan Beard, Seally Canyon, Whiteman Vega, Iris Park, Upper Greenwood, Baldy Town, Baldy Skyline, Ponil

Itinerary #14: 69 miles, Destinations: House Canyon, Indian Writings, Ponil, Dean Cow, Vaca, Ute Springs, Sawmill, Comanche Peak, Hunting Lodge, Tooth Ridge

Itinerary #4: 71 miles, Destinations: Old Abreu, Craggs, Beaubien, Red Hills, Black Mountain, Cyphers Mine, Cimarroncito, Upper Clarks Fork

Rugged Itineraries:

Itinerary #21: 64 miles, Destinations: Lovers Leap, Shaefers Pass, Clarks Fork, Lower Sawmill, Thunder Ridge, Clear Creek, Crooked Creek, Apache Springs, Lookout Meadow, Zastrow

Itinerary #17: 70 miles, Destinations: Campos Heck, Dean Cow, Head of Dean, Ewells Park, Upper Greenwood, Iris Park, Ring Place, Cook Canyon, Ponil

Itinerary #16: 71 miles, Destinations: Vaca, Deer Lake, Upper Sawmill, Comanche Peak, Crooked Creek, Lost Cabin, Beaubien, Crater Lake, North Fork Urraca

Itinerary 19: 72 miles, Destinations: Dean Cutoff, Pueblano Ruins, Baldy Town, Head of Dean, Visto Grande, Hunting Lodge, Miners Park, Urraca, Stockade Ridge

Itinerary #23: 74 miles, Destinations: Anasazi, Cook Canyon, Rich Cabins, Pueblano Ruins, Copper Park, Santa Claus, Cimarron River, Cimarroncito, Tooth Ridge

Itinerary #20: 76 miles, Destinations: Anasazi, Old Camp, Seally Canyon, Whiteman Vega, Dan Beard, Ponil, Pueblano, Miranda, Santa Claus

Itinerary #18: 77 miles, Destinations: Cathedral Rock, Webster Parks, Upper Bench, Upper Dean Cow, Miranda, Pueblano, Dan Beard, Cottonwood, Ponil

Itinerary #24: 77 miles, Destinations: Rayado River, Aguila, Miners Park, Clarks Fork, Aspen Springs, Visto Grande, Head of Dean, Ute Meadows, Flume Canyon

Itinerary #22: 81 miles, Destinations: Bent, Baldy Skyline, Black Horse, Head of Dean, Visto Grande, Clarks Fork, Miners Park, Aguila, Zastrow

Strenuous Itineraries:

Itinerary #25: 75 miles, Destinations: Dean Heck, Slate Hill Heck, Harlan, Lost Gap, Cimarroncito, Cyphers Mine, Clear Creek, Agua Fria, Carson Meadows, Lovers Leap

Itinerary #26: 78 miles, Destinations: Turkey Creek, New Dean, Ponil, Rich Cabins, Middle Ponil, McCrystal Creek, Ring Place, Beatty Lakes, Indian Writings

Itinerary #28: 81 miles, Destinations: Backache Springs, Bear Caves, Shaefers Pass, Hunting Lodge, Visto Grande, Head of Dean, Miranda, Pueblano, Indian Writings

Itinerary #29: 82 miles, Destinations: Anasazi, Cottonwood, Ring Place, Whiteman Vega, Greenwood Canyon, Copper Park, Pueblano, Ponil, Dean Cow

Itinerary #27: 87 miles, Destinations: Anasazi, Old Camp, Sioux, Pueblano, Maxwell, Black Jacks, Harlan, Cimarroncito, Upper Clarks Fork

Itinerary #30: 89 miles, Destinations: Lovers Leap, Lower Bonito, Crooked Creek, Comanche Peak, Ute Springs, Santa Claus, Miranda, Rich Cabins, Old Camp

Super Strenuous Itineraries:

Itinerary #31: 85 miles, Destinations: Flume Canyon, Rich Cabins, Upper Greenwood, Copper Park, Baldy Skyline, Elkhorn, Dean Cow, Harlan, Aspen Springs, Clarks Fork

Itinerary #32: 87 miles, Destinations: Rimrock Park, Urraca, Miners Park, Clarks Fork, Upper Bench, Santa Claus, Ewells Park, Elkhorn, Dean Cow

Itinerary #33: 94 miles, Destinations: Sioux, Pueblano, Ute Meadows, Ute Meadows, Santa Claus, Martinez Springs, Lower Sawmill, Comanche Peak, Black Mountain, Tooth Ridge

Itinerary #34: 95 miles, Destinations: Old Abreu, Fish Camp, Wild Horse, Cyphers Mine, Deer Lake Mesa, Head of Dean, Copper Park, Rich Cabins, Indian Writings

Itinerary #35: 104 miles, Destinations: House Canyon, Cottonwood, Seally Canyon, Whiteman Vega, Greenwood Canyon, Ewells Park, Santa Claus, Deer Lake Mesa, Clarks Fork

Valle Vidal Itineraries:

1) Some of the itineraries allow participants to backpack through the Valle Vidal, which has camps at Whiteman Vega, Ring Place, and Seally Canyon. Rich Cabins is private land where participants can camp as well.

Cavalcades:

1) Philmont Cavalcades follow the same itineraries as the backpacking treks, but crews ride horses instead of hiking.

STEM Treks:

1) STEM-Discovering The Possibilities For Your District and Council-Participants learn how to integrate STEM programs and activities into their current programming.

2) STEM Outdoor Explorations-Down and Dirty, Nitty-Gritty, and Sky High-Participants will explore the science of Philmont.

3) STEM-Backcountry Style-Participants will explore the Philmont backcountry in a whole new way.

Individual Treks:

1) Trail Crew Treks-Participants will prepare participants to earn the William T. Hornaday Silver Award. Participants must be at least 16 years old.

2) Rayado-Participants will learn advanced outdoor skills and outdoor leadership. Participants must be at least 15 years old.

3) Roving Outdoor Conservation School-Participants will participate in activities in forestry, fire ecology, fisheries management, wildlife management, geology, watershed management, and range management. Participants must be at least 16 years old.

4) OA Trail Crew-Participants will spend the first part of the trek building trails at Philmont. The second part of the trek will be spent trekking throughout Philmont, following an itinerary designed by the crew. Participants must be at least 16 years old and registered members of an OA lodge.

5) Ranch Hands-Participants will expand their skills in horsemanship and horse care. Then, participants will embark on a Cavalcade under the leadership of a horseman. Participants must be at least 16 years old.

6) National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience-This is the ultimate training experience for youth leaders. Participants must be at least 14 years old.

Fall/Winter Programs:

1) Autumn Adventure-Participants will plan their own itinerary. Activities include trout fishing, mountain climbing, and photography.

2) Winter Adventure-Participants will learn how to comfortably camp in cold weather. Treks can include ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, and use of winter tools and equipment.

3) Leave No Trace Master Educator-This course is designed for people who teach outdoor skills or provide recreation information to the public.

Summit Bechtel Reserve

Location:

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is located near Mount Hope, West Virginia.

Age Requirement:

Participants must be at least 13 years old.

Programs:

1) The Summit Experience-Participants will get to try out every activity that the Summit has to offer. Activities include a canopy tour, challenge course, skating, archery, mountain biking, kayaking, climbing, BMX, shooting, the Big Zip, and a service project.

2) Wheels-Participants will develop their skills in mountain biking, skateboarding, BMX, and mountain boarding. Activities include mountain biking, BMX, skating, the Big Zip, and a service project.

3) Adventure Photography-Participants will advance their photography skills and document their outdoor adventures. Participants will also get to ride the Big Zip and do a service project.

4) Helmets and Harnesses-Participants will develop their skills in climbing, challenge courses, and canopy skills. Activities include climbing, challenge course, canopy tour, the Big Zip, and a service project.

5) Marksman-Participants will develop their skills in rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery. Activities include pistol shooting, trap shooting, sporting arrows, rifle shooting, 3d archery, long distance archery, the Big Zip, and a service project.

6) River-Participants will develop their skills in kayaking and whitewater rafting. Activities include kayaking on the Upper New River, whitewater rafting on the Lower New River, the Big Zip, and a service project.

7) OA Summit Experience-Participants must be registered members of an OA lodge. The first part of the program will involve building or maintaining trails around the New River Gorge National River Area. The second part of the program will include white water kayaking, white water rafting, mountain biking, climbing, and other activities at the Summit. This program is a great introduction to high adventure for younger Arrowmen.