



Philmont Leadership Challenge

Personal Equipment List

To help you plan and prepare your personal gear for the Philmont Leadership Challenge, please note the following:

1. You will spend four nights at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp (RMSC) and two nights at a backcountry campsite.
2. At RMSC, you will sleep in a two-person wall tent. The tents are on platforms and have cots with mattresses. At the backcountry site, you will sleep on the ground in two-person backpacking tents. Philmont will supply tents. If you would like to bring a two-person backpacking tent for use in the backcountry, you may do so; however, please note that you will share your tent with another person.
3. You will be transported from the Philmont Training Center to RMSC by bus. You will not have access to your personal vehicle until the final day.
4. When you arrive at RMSC, you will walk from the road to your campsite. The distance will vary, but it could be as much as 200 yards. You will need to carry all of your gear in one trip. Please note that due to the rocky terrain, rolling duffel bags are not suitable. A backpack may be borrowed during check-in.
5. Your PLC experience involves a two-night backpacking trip. The hike will involve approximately three miles one way and 375 feet elevation gain. On this trip you will carry your personal gear plus your share of group gear.
6. Rain is always a possibility and evening can be very cool, especially at the September course.
7. Philmont is bear country, and precautions must be taken to avoid attracting bears to the campsites. All items that have an odor (smellables) are stored in a building at RMSC and in bear bags when in the backcountry. You will need to bring a stuff sack or large Ziploc bag in which to store these items. A thorough briefing on bear safety and smellables will be provided on the first day of the course.
8. You will wear either an official BSA field uniform for your program area or a BSA activity uniform at all times during the course (except when in the backcountry). A **field uniform** includes the official BSA Scout shirt with shoulder loops and insignia; BSA shorts or long pants; BSA socks; and BSA leather or web belt. An **activity uniform** is the same as your field uniform except you will wear the PLC T-shirt instead of your uniform shirt.
9. In the backcountry, suitable outdoor clothing may be worn. Non-cotton items are strongly recommended, and all items should be Scout-appropriate.
10. Your course fee includes 2 PLC T-shirts and a PLC cap. Additional T-shirts will be available for purchase. You will also have an opportunity to purchase a PLC belt buckle and fleece jacket.
11. There will not be an opportunity for you to do laundry during the course.
12. You may bring your cell phone to RMSC for use during free time; however, please note that there is no place to charge your phone's battery.

Personal Gear

- Large internal or external frame backpack (can borrow from Philmont for the backcountry experience if needed)
- Rain cover for backpack (can be a large heavy-duty trash bag)
- Duffle bag (if needed)
- Sleeping bag rated to at least 30 degrees, with stuff sack
- Sleeping pad
- Flashlight w/ extra batteries
- Hiking boots (broken-in)
- Camp shoes (Crocs or tennis shoes – no open-toed shoes)
- BSA field uniform shirts (2 minimum)
- BSA shorts or long pants (2 minimum)
- BSA uniform socks (3 pair minimum)
- BSA belt
- Camping pants or shorts (no jeans!) – pants with zip-off legs are ideal
- Camping shirts (2)
- Hiking socks (2 pair minimum)
- Sweatshirt, sweater, or fleece jacket
- Underwear
- Stocking cap and gloves
- Rain jacket and rain pants (no ponchos)
- Sleep clothes (worn only for sleeping)
- Toothbrush/toothpaste*
- Soap (in a container)*
- Shampoo*
- Comb or brush
- Deodorant*
- Towel and washcloth*
- Sunscreen*
- Chapstick*
- Prescription/OTC medications*
- Personal first aid kit*
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)*
- Cup, bowl, and spoon (plastic or metal)
- Mesh dunk bag
- Pens and small notebook
- Nylon stuff sack or large Ziploc bag (for storing smellables – see below)
- 2 water bottles (1 quart each)
- Watch
- Work gloves
- Bandana
- Extra 1 gallon Ziploc bags and trash bags

**Indicates smellable items that must be stored in a building at RMSC or in a bear bag in the backcountry. Pack these items together in a separate bag (stuff sack or large Ziploc bag).*

Optional Items

- Trekking or hiking poles
- Small day pack
- Small pillow
- Small camp chair, stool, or Crazy Creek type chair
- Pocketknife or multi-tool
- Sunglasses
- Compass
- Camera
- Musical instrument
- Money (cash or checks) to purchase extra T-shirts, belt buckle, etc. at RMSC

Philmont Provides

- Wall tents, cots, and mattresses at RMSC; backpacking tents for backcountry experience
- Dining flies
- Stoves and fuel for cooking
- Cooking gear
- Meal ingredients (do not bring any food)
- Water purification tablets for use in the backcountry
- Bear bags and ropes
- Other group gear needed for the backcountry experience
- Toilet Paper
- Sanitation Supplies
- Large Water Container