



# Blue Sky Adventures

"The Experts in Philmont Travel!"

## HIGH ADVENTURE New Mexico

### Day 1

- Arrive in Albuquerque by 12:00 PM and rendezvous with your Blue Sky Adventures tour guide at the Albuquerque International Airport. We will be waiting for you and will get you underway as soon as possible. With your Blue Sky Adventures water bottle in hand, it's time to get acclimated!
- Your tour guide will be with you all day to make sure everything is fun and happens as it is supposed to and will bring New Mexico "alive" with stories of local legends, history and culture. Your tour guide is the difference maker on a Blue Sky tour compared to anything you can do yourself!
- Lunch at the world-famous Frontier Restaurant just across from the University of New Mexico. Try the green chile cheeseburger or the Frontier Burrito. Be sure to add a Sweet Roll to share with your fellow Scouts. They are delicious!!
- A visit to the National Atomic Museum. Learn about the Manhattan Project and see replicas of the bombs that ended World War II. See the plane that dropped the bomb and climb into the control tower of the first nuclear submarine. This is a cool place for sure!!



- Trip to the top of Sandia Peak; a breath-taking ride on the world's longest aerial cable car to the 11,000-foot mountain peak.
- At the summit of Sandia Peak, we will hike about a mile along the mountain ridge to the "Stone Hut" built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. This is a fantastic hike with unparalleled vistas of the Rio Grande Valley and it provides a great way to quickly acclimate to the effects of higher elevations. What a great way to help get ready for the rigors of your Philmont trek!
- Check in at the hotel where there's lots to do (pool, gift shop, computer center, fitness center, ping pong, and basketball).
- Spend the afternoon poolside or play board games, ping-pong or basketball with your crew and other Scouts from all over the country-- this is some Scout trip!
- Dinner is good food and lots of it! An "all you can eat" buffet.
- Pick up any last-minute items you need for the trail. Lots of options within a 10-minute walk of the hotel.



## **Day 2**

- Hot, all you can eat breakfast buffet at hotel-waffles, eggs, sausage, bacon, Danish, juice, cereal, fresh fruit and more!
- Early morning rendezvous with your Blue Sky Adventures tour guide at the hotel. Your tour guide will be with you all day to make sure everything is fun and happens as it is supposed to and will bring New Mexico "alive" with stories of local legends, history and culture. Your tour guide is the difference maker on a Blue Sky tour compared to anything you can do yourself!
- Walking tour of Santa Fe, the second oldest city in the US. See the historic State Capitol, Santa Fe Plaza and the Santa Fe Trail Journeys End memorial.
- Experience Native American culture first hand as you climb up the ancient trails of Puye Cliffs and visit the 900 year old ruins at the top of the mesa. Led by a Native American guide this is a truly unique and hands on experience! ★★
- Box lunch at scenic Puye on the porch of the historic Harvey House.
- Hold on tight for whitewater rafting on the "Racecourse" section of the Rio Grande River! Conditions permitting, scouts will raft in one and two-man rubber "fun yaks"!
- After rafting it's time for snacks and cold drinks for all!
- Dinner! A Scout is Hungry!



- Return to hotel in Albuquerque where the fun doesn't stop!
- Spend the evening poolside or play board games, ping-pong or basketball with your crew and other Scouts from all over the country--this is some Scout trip!



### Day 3

- Hot, delicious, all you can eat breakfast buffet at hotel-waffles, eggs, sausage, bacon, Danish, cereal, juice, fresh fruit and more!
- Review your homebound departure day pick up procedures and get your Blue Sky Adventures "give-a-ways and tips" to make your trek even better.
- All aboard the Blue Sky Express! You will be at Philmont by 10:00 AM.

### Departure Day

- Depart Philmont on the 7:30 AM Blue Sky Express. Exact departure time may change based on our transportation schedule. We will confirm exact time once your flight is finalized.
- Arrive Albuquerque International by 11:30 AM. **Departure flight must leave after 1 PM.**

★★ Based on availability which may be impacted by weather conditions, road closure, group visitation limits and other reasons. Substitute venues to be determined by Blue Sky Adventures.

Note—the full day one itinerary is based on arrival in Albuquerque by 12:00 PM. The itinerary will be adjusted for later arrivals as follows

- Arrivals between 12 PM and 1 PM - Lunch and then Sandia Tram. Must skip Atomic Museum.
- Arrivals between 1 PM and 2:30 PM - Straight to Sandia Tram. Must skip lunch and Atomic.
- Arrivals after 2:30 PM - Straight to hotel. Enjoy the pool!

