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One of our goals in scouting is to provide scouts and scouters with opportunities for life changing adventures. Both Troop 71 and Crew 71 have successfully applied for slots at Philmont Scout Ranch in the summer of 2016. These slots are hard to get and must be confirmed 18 months before the actual event. Troop 71 has an arrival date of 10 June 2016 and Crew 71 has an arrival date of 8 June 2016. Each trip will take 15 to 18 days to include travel time. Each unit has been granted reservations for two crews consisting of up to 8 Youth and 4 Adults for 12 days of backpacking from 7000 to 12000 feet up in the New Mexico mountains. We must confirm the crews that we want for 2016 by sending \$150 per participant to Philmont by 30 Jan 2015. A Philmont Trek is often considered the highlight of a scouting career and is often a life changing event. We can reserve any to all of the 4 crews but we must have a minimum commitment of 7 participants (2 adults and 5 youth) per crew. The cost of the trip will be around \$1500 per participant which will include food and lodging at Philmont and transportation to and from plus crew gear and travel shirts. Youth must be 14 or 13 and out of 8th grade as of the trek dates. Youth ladies are encouraged to attend using the Crew 71 slots. Adult females may participate in either Troop 71 or Crew 71 treks. We will have several opportunities for scouts to earn their way and for first timers we have the Breslawn fund to match the scouts earnings for their scout accounts within a year of the trip up to half the cost of the trip. There will be several practice hikes during the next 18 months to get folks prepared for the trip. I highly recommend that all scouts and scouters seriously consider this life changing opportunity and let myself for Troop 71 or Irv Martin for Crew 71 know of your interest and your deposit of \$150 ASAP. The money will be collected by the Troop 71 treasurer Stan Leszczuk. Come 1 Jan 2015 we will open these slots to other Troops and Crews to fill out any remaining positions. Feel free to forward this opportunity to anyone that you feel may be interested. Thanks

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Troop 71 Committee Chairman