

## **Local Boy Scouts from San Pedro (Troop #210) completed 55-mile trek through New Mexico Wilderness:**



A crew of young Boy Scouts (From Troop #210, San Pedro) and their leaders went on a life changing 10-day summer trek through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico at the Philmont Scout Ranch. Philmont covers 214 square miles of vast wilderness of which Boy Scout Troop #210 covered over 55 miles in 8 days. They also successfully summited the highest peak on New Mexico - Baldy Mountain @ 12,445.'

The group of 9 scouts and 3 adult leaders carried everything they needed to survive during the trek on their backs while hiking from camp to camp. The scouts participated in backcountry activities at different camps including rock climbing, rifle shooting, challenge-events, mountain-man activities and trail conservation work. The conservation work included instruction on the upkeep of Philmont's unique mountain ecosystem. Along the trek, Scouts endured tough challenges including being in bear and mountain lion territory, steep climbs, and often-inclement weather.

"They may meet only one other group of Scouts on the trail in an entire day of hiking," according to Backpacker Magazine. "Even in the most crowded camps, each Scout group camps in isolation, out of sight and sound of all other groups."

The crew made what amounts to a Scouting pilgrimage with the trip to Philmont. Philmont Scout Ranch continues to be the Boy Scouts of America's premier high adventure camp and largest youth camp in the world serving 22,000 participants every summer.