NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL
2011 PHILMONT CONTINGENT
PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT & STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

All youth and adult participants are selected to represent the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all youth participants & their parents or guardians, as well as all adult participants, are asked to sign the Code of Conduct & Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation, with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of established rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the Philmont Contingent before or during the trip. Ultimately, we want each participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior. A participant will only be dismissed or sent home from the trip when absolutely necessary for the good of the crew or for a serious violation of the Code of Conduct.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:

I understand that NCAC will be making financial commitments on my behalf for the Philmont fee, pre-trip expenses, and airfare. I agree to pay according to the payment schedule for the trip, and I understand that withdrawal from the Philmont Contingent will not be considered unless I and my parents communicate in a signed letter to NCAC explaining reasons; and a refund of any portion of the total fee of $1,800 (estimated) will be done according to the forfeiture schedule specified by NCAC for this trip.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

- My Contingent's adult leadership is responsible for the supervision of the Contingent's members in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and conduct. They are expected to guide the Scouts to a manageable Philmont trek for all members. Each crew will follow the guidelines of the Philmont Scout Ranch TREKS book. I will support my Contingent's adult leadership and follow their instructions.
- The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the Philmont trip.
- I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The Official Scout Uniform and Contingent identifying items are the only acceptable apparel at designated times, including during travel.)
- I will attend all scheduled programs and trainings and participate as required.
- I will work in cooperation with my other crew members and leaders.
- I understand that no one will separate from the Contingent during the trip. We will all travel together, stay together while en-route, and return together.
- The Buddy System will be used at all times.
- I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any participant whether youth or adult is prohibited.
- Serious or repetitive behavior violations including use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, dishonesty, cursing or fighting may result in expulsion from the Contingent or serious disciplinary action including loss of privileges.
- Serious violations of this Code may result in expulsion from the Philmont Contingent at the participant's own expense (no refunds will be provided).

I certify that I have read the Statement of Understanding and agree to abide by the conditions in the Code of Conduct as a participant in the crews attending the 2011 National Capital Area Council Contingent Philmont Scout Ranch Trip.

Participant name	Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian name	Signature	Date