



# Backpacking Shakedown Weekend

April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Zink High Adventure Base

Cost \$40 per person

- For Philmont-bound crews wanting a Shakedown trek of 15+ miles
- For Scouts wanting to develop their backpacking skills—experienced backpackers recommended. **An introductory backpacking course will be offered in Fall 2026 for skill development and merit badge work.**
- This event is intended for units planning to attend a high adventure trekking program. No merit badge material teaching will be covered (Scouts may complete the cooking and trek requirements during the weekend). This is purely a shakedown for your high adventure treks, such as Philmont, ZBASE, or long-term backcountry treks.
- All food provided. Stoves, Fuel, and Cooking gear provided, **but we recommend you bring the crew gear that you plan to take to Philmont/high adventure trek to test it out over the weekend.**
- Must be at least 13 years of age and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class rank or above (Need instructor approval for exceptions).
- Must be able to carry backpack (with padded hip belt) that has personal and crew gear entire time.
- Completed BSA Health and Medical Form with parts A & B turned in at check-in.
- Course will run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Participants need to be present for the entire time.
- Adult leadership provided. Adults wishing to participate may do so at the same cost.

**We seek to make this shakedown as realistic to Philmont as possible. You'll receive your food portions, and work through trail roles, bear bags, campsite routine, and cooking Like you will at Philmont or ZBASE. You will remain together as a crew and camp in the backcountry of ZBASE.**

**\*\*\* Advance registration is required no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026\*\*\***

Register online at [www.okscouts.org](http://www.okscouts.org) or [www.zbase.camp](http://www.zbase.camp) – for more information email, [zbase@okscouts.org](mailto:zbase@okscouts.org) or call 918-392-1228

## Backpacking/ Hiking @ ZBASE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Age & Rank \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Scouts X \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults X \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

# VENTURE ONWARD

