

Essay

Hello Flyin Ryan Hawks Foundation! My name is Ben Fette, a 12 year old and second class scout. To be a second class scout, you must have participated in 4 hours of service and know the scouting essentials. I am planning on attending Philmont Scout Ranch, one of four national High Adventure Scout Camps, in the summer of 2025. This particular camp offers a multi day backpacking trek through the wilderness of New Mexico, lined with opportunities to display leadership, to learn about the outdoors and culture as a troop, and fun programs such as (horseback riding, service projects, fishing, climbing, etc. Whatever is on your itinerary). Additionally, attending would help me to further live out my core values and the values I've learned in the Scouts, which closely align with my own values.

Living in Arizona has provided me with so many wonderful outdoor opportunities. Mount Lemmon offers a plethora of rock climbing routes, and hiking trails for every season of the year. On our annual family vacation to Colorado, I enjoy fishing. I am convinced that I caught the world's smallest fish this year! Year-round, I exercise by going on jogs and biking through the neighborhoods and trails near my house. An adventure at Philmont would give me even more opportunities to further my skills as well as trying new things, such as backpacking.

Being an outdoor-loving kid as well as a scout, I would love to further my leadership abilities to guide my troop on adventures. As assistant patrol leader, it's my duty to safely lead others while still having fun. Going on such a big adventure as a crew would allow me to watch how other leaders handle high-stress scenarios and give me the opportunity to use what I learn. I will also get to apply for positions not offered in regular scout activities. Leadership skills can be scarce among my age group, but I believe that they are the most important factor to creating positive change. Acting according to the moral codes we set for ourselves and our organizations is crucially important, but to create a healthy, happy, and just environment, we need to be able to encourage others to do the same.

Ryan Hawks had many core values which I follow every day. He "Lived every day, all day", I do this by playing with my siblings, enjoying the natural beauty of the world, and doing what I love to do (theater, basketball, hiking, running...). "Never stop exploring", I always take the chance to adventure. "Never lose my adversive attitude", I always want to advent and if I don't I will end up on a couch watching tv and wish I was outside, so I will keep doing what I love. "Be the best friend I can be", I always try to be kind and helpful, and loving to any person. "Be the best brother, son, and Uncle I can be", I'm not an Uncle but I try to play, hug, and do nice things to my brother and do the same with my Dad, and do what he tells me. "Look out for others", One of the parts of the scouts oath is to help other people at all times, even before that I wanted to and do make sure all people can be taken care of and can get what they do want, if any person is in trouble I will be sure to help, see if they seem to end and help if they are. "Look out for myself", even while looking out for others I must look out for me and make sure I'm safe. "Look out for my surrounding", I must look out for my environment, we live here and must keep it clean and safe. . . "Play like I'm 13", I must remember even when I grow up that I'm a kid at heart like to have fun. "Be your self sufficient", I can do things for my self I am responsible. "Don't be afraid to ask for help", I don't know every thing and

am not perfect so I ask for help if I need it. "Work hard", I always do my best on my work or I will be disappointed in myself. "Live easy", not all things must be hard. "Live simply", live on my own terms and not with a complicated schedule.

My core values are very similar to Ryan Hawk's values. They consist of, always work hard, to prove I can do things. Ask for help, I need some times and that's ok. Be true to yourself, no one can tell me who to be, I know what's right. Try new things, you never know what you like to you try it. Look out for others, be willing to help. Look out for myself, I need to be safe all the time. Be open minded, open your mind to others thoughts and see the world in their eyes. Be the best me I can be, I want to be a great person. Be true to God, I need to remember God brought me here and I need to live for Him and others. Have fun, I need to enjoy life I only get one. Love everyone, everyone deserves a chance to be loved and talk to someone. Keep yourself high, treat everyone with respect and don't lower to their level. Do what you love, do what makes you happy forever, if it brings joy to you will do the same for others.

Plimont is one of the 4 high adventure camps of the Boy (that part will soon be gone) Scouts of America. This Scholarship will help me afford the price of going and allow me to exercise my sports knowledge and learn of more sports, get more experience in leadership scenarios, and use my core values. I'm actually very lucky to get to go on this trip, because I am under, the normal Philmont age but my troop leaders thought I was ready and Philmont accepted me I am so grateful because it means I get to go with my father and sister. I am so excited to go and can't wait to learn more.