

Jaime Rodriguez

One of the most visible members of the Venturing team at Philmont's Training Center is Eagle Scout Jaime Rodriguez, who is rarely seen without a big smile and trusty camera. This summer he is donating his time to produce a Philmont Training Center DVD, brochure and web site.

Born and raised in Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas, Jaime's Texan roots run deep. It's no wonder he would eventually grow to be an opinionated but kind soul who thought people should hear what he had to say.

As a boy, Jaime was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Explorer, Arrowman, and eventually a brother of Alpha Phi Omega. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the OA. As a youth, his lifelong love of the outdoors and of adventure traveling (which he now does about nine months out of the year) was solidified by treks to Philmont, Northern Tier, Jamboree, and NOAC and by his families' love of travel.



Because of his grade school through collegiate involvement with student council, Jaime was asked to be a reporter on the local television station announcing a daily youth report when he was a senior in high school. Each evening he was given two minutes of air time to fill with the daily youth report.

As a youth, Jaime was class president multiple times and eventually served as one of the four state student council officers for the state of Texas. It was in this capacity that he created an award for schools in Texas who promoted pride and patriotism both personally and externally.

Jaime never forgot his roots as he moved to Washington, DC to attend the Catholic University of America. Like many collegians in DC Jaime eventually spent time working on Capitol Hill. From there he went on to start, with the help of his family, a successful video production company working with contacts he made in DC. All the time he volunteered with the Scouts whenever he could.

Today, Jaime works with his district as a marketing person and as the membership chair. He also spends his Sunday afternoons volunteering with the DC youth correctional facility, where he teaches art classes. In Alpha Phi Omega he serves as the district service chair helping to coordinate service projects between six colleges in the DC area.

His latest venture is a new magazine called High Adventure Magazine, which will focus on youth in the outdoors. It will include how-to articles about everything from backpacking to whitewater rafting and will also showcase different adventures and camps for youth. Adults will love trip planning advice and the fact that the magazine will not discuss topics like the best video game consoles. It will be the first true outdoor adventure magazine for kids and adults of all ages.

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