

The Watchu Mountain Outfitters



The Watchu Mountain Outfitters (WMO) provide quality Base Camp and backcountry/rafting gear to the members of Patriots' Path Council Philmont expeditions. Check out what is available in the [Trading Post](#) on the [Watchu Experience Web site \(www.watchu.org\)](http://www.watchu.org). Available products will also be on display at all Advisor Briefings and during the Watchu Mountain Adventure in May. Every purchase of merchandise from the Watchu Mountain Outfitters helps to contain costs for all Patriots' Path contingent crews. All profits go directly into the Watchu program; strictly for the benefit of the Watchu/Philmont participants.

In the past popular products have included the moisture wicking rafting and backcountry T-shirt, the headlamp, and the water bottle. The lightweight adjustable 'booney'-style hat has been a hit since it was introduced a couple years ago. Check them, and all the WMO products, out! Recall your Patriots' Path Philmont fee includes one Expedition Base Camp T-shirt, suitable for use both during the day in Base Camp and on the trail, two Patriots' Path Expedition Patches for your uniforms, one WMO slingback daypack and one Expedition Tour (Carry-on) Bag.

Merchandise can be ordered either as an individual or as a crew, using the [Order Form](#) on the [Trading Post](#) page of the Web site. If ordering as a crew before the deadline of the January Advisor Briefing, the Hikers' Dozen discount is available on any Watchu Mountain Outfitters item - buy 11 and get one free!

How many shirts do you need? - In addition to your official uniform shirt(s) you need three T-shirts during the Colorado Tour, which can then be used during your trek. They need to be Scout-related (suitable for a "class B" uniform). Wear one under your official uniform shirt during the tour and you can quickly switch from "class A" to "class B" as required. One is the expedition T-shirt included in your fee. A second should be moisture-wicking, either from the WMO or other (this shirt would be suitable for whitewater rafting). We suggest the third be a crew-designed shirt, and the WMO have made arrangements with a local supplier (<http://www.am-embroidery.com>) for moisture-wicking shirts at a great price!

Product Input Wanted - the Watchu Mountain Outfitters are always on the outlook for quality products that can be offered to participants in Patriots' Path Council's Philmont contingents. If you have an idea of a product that might be provided, please e-mail your suggestion to ChiefWatchu@watchu.org.

Phil Fact: Mountain man and guide Kit Carson established a trading post on the Santa Fe Trail at Rayado for his partner, Lucien Maxwell, next to the house Maxwell built there. The trading post was rebuilt by Scouts in the 1950s and is now operated as a museum. Crews on treks that start or end at Rayado have the opportunity to tour the museum, and other crews can arrange to visit it after coming off the trail - there is scheduled bus service from Base Camp.



Philmont, where the old Rayado flows,

Christopher "Kit" Carson

Rayado, New Mexico Territory