

# Tents

From the *Philmont Guidebook to Adventure*: "Philmont issues the BSA Philmont Backpacker tent. If you bring your own tent it must be a 2-person tent. Philmont will allow a single person tent in the event of an odd numbered crew. No bivy sacks." Take a look at the [Philmont Tents](#) video in the [Equipment](#) section on the [Training Videos](#) page of the [Watchu Experience](#) Web site ([www.watchu.org](http://www.watchu.org)) to see what the Philmont-issued tent looks like and how to set it up. In 2012 Philmont introduced a new free-standing style tent that is being phased in as the former tents that rely on guy-lines are retired.

The Watchu-recommended crew consists of an odd number of youth (9) and an odd number of advisors (3). In some crews there will be a need for two single person tents since youth and advisors (except for parents and their children) cannot tent together.

Approximately 3 pounds per person is the current "state of the art" target for allocated tent weight. Keeping this in mind, check out the many single-person tent possibilities at retailers such as those listed in the [Equipment](#) section on the [Favorite Links](#) page of the [Watchu Experience](#) Web site.

A less desirable solution is to use a four-person tent to sleep three. This is not recommended and only permitted for the odd advisor and/or odd Scout. This solution results in three adults in one tent and/or three youth members in another. A four-person tent weighing 9 or 10 pounds hits the weight target and allows adequate room for three crew members. Again, check the many possibilities at the links cited above.

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**Breaking news from Philmont:** Friday's *Sangre de Cristo Chronicle* reported that Philmont will be purchasing the adjoining 2,678 acre Cimarroncita Ranch Retreat and expects to use it for camping operations as soon as next summer. [Click here](#) to read the entire article.

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**Phil Fact:** George Webster owned the 70,000-acre Urraca Ranch from 1910 until selling it to Waite Phillips in 1922. He first built a cabin where the Agua Fria Creek joins the Rayado, the spot where Phillips later built his Rayado Lodge and other buildings (today's Fish Camp).

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The eagles do soar high over Webster Lake!

*George Webster*

Urraca Ranch, Rayado, New Mexico