

# Agenda - Advisor Orientation

## Welcome / introductions

### Administrative

- (If necessary due to failure to submit applications and deposits) Contingent re- assignments and Waiting List adjustments
- Distribute crew packages
- Crews must make payments on time to remain in the contingents
- Four contingents - [Travel Dates](#) and [Travel Policy](#)
- Discuss contingent sizes, for example 4 & 4 or 3, 3 & 2.
- Discuss the possibility of reasons one or more contingents may be dropped
  - Crews "on the bubble" are subject to being re-assigned to another contingent or dropped
  - Dropped crews will be given priority status for 2023 Crew Selection Process

The [Watchu Experience](#) runs 18 months and has five phases

- I. Starting the Adventure (February to August)
- II. Getting It All Together (September to April)
- III. Are You Ready? (May and June)
- IV. Traveling and Touring (July)
- V. Your Philmont Trek (July)

The first phase, **Starting the Adventure** - fund raising, training, and team building

- Crew and family gatherings – create a gathering plan.
- The [Watchu Experience](#) Web site ([www.watchu.org](http://www.watchu.org))
- Payments / Philmont scout account
  - Recent Philmont program fee increase.
  - [Payment Schedule](#) and [Refund Policy](#)
  - Payment Coupons
  - Family and Friends Gift Coupons
  - [Wheeler Adventuershship Application](#)
- Fundraising
  - Crew fund raising projects
    - Create a calendar of fundraising activities.
      - ✓ Patriots' Path's Fall Popcorn Sale (as a crew or on an individual basis)
      - ✓ Car wash
      - ✓ Bag groceries (after pandemic)
      - ✓ Paper shredding
      - ✓ Fall cleanup, snow shoveling
      - ✓ Dinners & Breakfasts
      - ✓ Anything else you can think of
      - ✓ Full crew of 12
    - Rotate duties and responsibilities
    - Decide on how to share the funds

- Full crew of 12
- BSA registration
- Training
  - Youth Protection
  - Hazardous Weather Training
  - CPR
  - Wilderness First Aid
  - Safety Afloat
  - Safe Swim Defense
  - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training (Recommended)
- Physically fit - start getting in shape now
  - Weight for height and blood pressure requirements are listed in Part C of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record
- Create a detailed 18-month team-building calendar
  - 2021 Summer Events -
    - Multi-day backpacking trip (2+ nights)
    - Sabattis Trek
    - Sabattis Canoe Trek
  - Campsite Clean Up Day (Badger Day / Beaver Day)
  - COPE, Climbing
  - Monthly Team Building activities starting this summer
- Watchu Outdoor Skills Session, Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Camp Wheeler, MASR. Dress is full uniform (Class A).

The second phase, **Getting it All Together** - assemble the gear needed, learn Philmont-specific camping and hiking procedures, complete administrative items

- Discussed in detail at October Advisor Briefing and next two Advisor Briefings

The third phase, **Are You Ready?**

- Watchu Mountain Adventure, - SAT Weekend!

The fourth and fifth phases, **Traveling and Touring** and **Your Philmont Trek**

**Gear, Clothing & Equipment**

- Watchu Mountain Outfitters
- PPC Outfitters
- AM Embroidery

**Questions, comments, suggestions, concerns**

**Benediction**

**Service Project - break down / clean up room**