

# Agenda - October Advisor Briefing

## Administrative (Crew) - with Contingent Executive and Contingent Administrator (at back of room before or after briefing)

- Review [Crew Roster](#), make any necessary changes and collect two copies, give one to Contingent *Guia* - full crew of 9 Scouts and 3 advisors?
- Review financial status of all crew members
- Confirm Lead (contact) Advisor and e-mail addresses
- Receive copies of [Advisor Guide](#) for each adult member of crew

## Opening ceremony and remarks

### The Watchu Experience

- Self introduction - Crew Advisors: Unit, Town, Position, Prior Philmont Experience
- Self introduction - Watchu Staff: Same
- Contingent requirements: Attendance, Full uniform, Scout Oath and Law
- [Watchu Mission Statement](#)
- The [Five Phases of Watchu](#)
- "[An Introduction to Philmont](#)"
- [Watchu Events](#) (discuss handout)
  - Four briefings for ALL advisors - October, January, March & June
  - [Watchu Mountain Adventure](#) - first weekend in May (1-3) (SAT issue).
- Physical condition - [blood pressure](#) and [weight chart](#)
- Encourage Scouts pay to their own way: [Adventureships](#), [Scout Accounts](#), and [Crew/Individual fund raising](#)

### Administrative (General)

- [Expedition numbers and crew number](#)
- [Philmont Gateway](#)
- [Payment Schedule](#)
- [Program and Training Refund Policy](#)
- [Travel Policy](#)
- Travel Insurance
- [Adventureship applications](#) due Nov 1. On-line Application council website under "More" then "Forms" then "Warren Wheeler Adventureship"
- [Making High Adventure Affordable](#) - crew and individual fund raising
- Watchu budget - full crews
- Review incomplete crews

### The [Watchu Mountain Outfitters](#)

- Provide quality gear to contingent participants - [Order Form](#)
- Turn in T-shirt sizes at January Advisor Briefing
- Deadline for Hikers Dozen discount is January Advisor Briefing

### Celebrate the Lead Advisor Corps

- Watchu Staff introduces Lead Advisors by contingent and presents hang tag

### **Dress Code - [BSA Uniform](#), advisors with Watchu name plate**

- "Official" (class A) for all council briefings and training events
- "Official" (class A) for travel to and from Philmont, and evening events at Base Camp
- "Official" (class B) for the Garden of Gods hike and remainder of time at Philmont in Base Camp
- Three T-shirts / quick change between class A and B uniforms

### **The Crew Member Guide - highlights**

- [Your Watchu Experience](#)
- [The Four Expensive Essentials](#)
- [The Watchu Web Site](#)
- [The Watchu Network](#), [Watchu Grams](#), alerts and reminders
- [Watchu Training Videos](#)

### **The Advisor Guide - highlights**

- [Watchu Passport](#)
  1. Crew Roster
  2. All fees paid in full
  3. BSA registration
  4. Crew completely uniformed
  5. Watchu Wilderness Pledge
  6. Youth Protection
  7. CPR
  8. Wilderness First Aid
  9. Weather Hazard Training
  10. Swim Test
  11. Safe Swim Defense
  12. Safety Afloat
  13. Airline Ticketing Info Form
  14. Photo ID for all crew members
  15. BSA Health & Medical Records
  16. Rafting Permission / Release
  17. Colorado Tour Operator Release
- [Crew Preparation Checklist-Calendar](#)
- Leader Positions in a Crew
- Useful Contacts

### **Advisor Responsibilities - Health, Safety, and Fitness for the Trail**

- Philmont is a physically demanding backcountry experience
- Health and Safety - [blood pressure](#), [weight](#), individual and crew fitness plan
- [BSA Annual Health and Medical Record](#)
- Full crew of twelve
- Learn and know crew members' [Outdoor History](#)
- Family involvement
- Youth Protection training - cards for adults, youth view DVD
- [Wilderness First Aid](#) (WFA), Standard First Aid and CPR

- Two crew members both WFA and CPR - Philmont requirement
- Three crew members WFA and CPR - PPC recommendation
- Other crew members standard First Aid and CPR Certified - PPC recommendation.
- Proper equipment, both crew and individual

### Resources

- The [Crew Member and Parent Guide](#)
- The [Advisor Guide](#)
  - [Crew Preparation Checklist](#)
  - Printed Philmont [Preparation Resources](#)
- [The Watchu Network](#), [Watchu Grams](#) and Alerts
- Your [crew family network](#) - all crew members connected via e-mail
- [The Watchu Experience Web site](#) ([www.watchu.org](http://www.watchu.org))
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) - answers to years of advisor/family questions
- Your opportunity to ask questions - e-mail [Chief Watchu](mailto:chiefwatchu@watchu.org) ([chiefwatchu@watchu.org](mailto:chiefwatchu@watchu.org))

### Trail Planning, Part 1

- "[Selecting a Great Trek!](#)"

### Homework

- Review Watchu Web site pages through Administration
- Review the online [Council and Unit Planning Guide](#)
- Think about which (non-Lead) advisor in your contingent would be a good Tour Advisor

### January Briefing preview

- Crew Development
- Personal and Crew Equipment
- Each contingent selects their contingent Tour Advisor
- On Line Trek selection process

### Questions, comments, suggestions, and concerns

### Benediction

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