



October Advisor Briefing

Opening

- Welcome
- Lead Advisors from 626, please lead us in:
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Scout Oath
 - Scout Law

The Watchu Experience

- Lead Advisors
 - Please give your Unit, Town, Prior Philmont Experience, Open positions
 - 626, 701, 702, 715, 716, 717, 724
- Staff - Unit, Town, Prior Philmont Experience
- Expectations:
 - Full attendance (all advisors)
 - Full Uniform
 - Follow the Scout Oath and Law

Watchu Mission

It is the mission of the Watchu Team to assist all of our Philmont advisors in their responsibility to prepare, train, and develop the team skills required to achieve a successful, exciting, healthy, and fun adventure.

We are dedicated to the proposition that PPC crews will gain the reputation of best in class. Best prepared physically and mentally. Best equipped to cope with the extreme environment encountered on the trail. Best in personal conduct while traveling, on the Colorado Tour, and while at Philmont.

And most of all, best in the application of manners in concert with the Scout Oath and Law.

Five Phases of Watchu

- I. Starting the Adventure
- II. Getting It All Together - Now
- III. Are You Ready? - WMA to tour
- IV. Travel and Touring
- V. Your Philmont Trek



An Introduction To Philmont

October Advisor Briefing

Where is Philmont?





Philmont

Base Camp

Philmont

- 219 square miles (140,177 acres) of rugged mountain wilderness with 315 miles of trails
- Owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America
- Mountains and valleys ranging from approximately 6,000 to 12,400 feet

Features of the Ranch

- Working ranch
- Horses, cattle, and buffalo
- Two of New Mexico's highest mountains
- Streams/Forests
- High Desert
- Mines

History of Philmont

- Originally home to the Jicarilla Apache, Ute and Comanche Indians
- Charles Beaubien and Guadalupe Miranda obtained a Mexican Land Grant in 1841 - 1.7 million acres
- Lucien Maxell married Luz Beaubien and eventually acquired the entire Beaubien-Miranda land grant

History of Philmont

- Maxwell sold to an English company in 1871
- The owners and squatters fought the 1876 Colfax County War over the land
- The land grant was broken up and sold in tracts for ranches and commercial development

History of Philmont

- The ranch supported the timber industry, railroads, and mining in the late 1800s and early 1900s
- Waite Phillips purchased 350,000 acres in the 1920s and closed the land to commercial development other than ranching



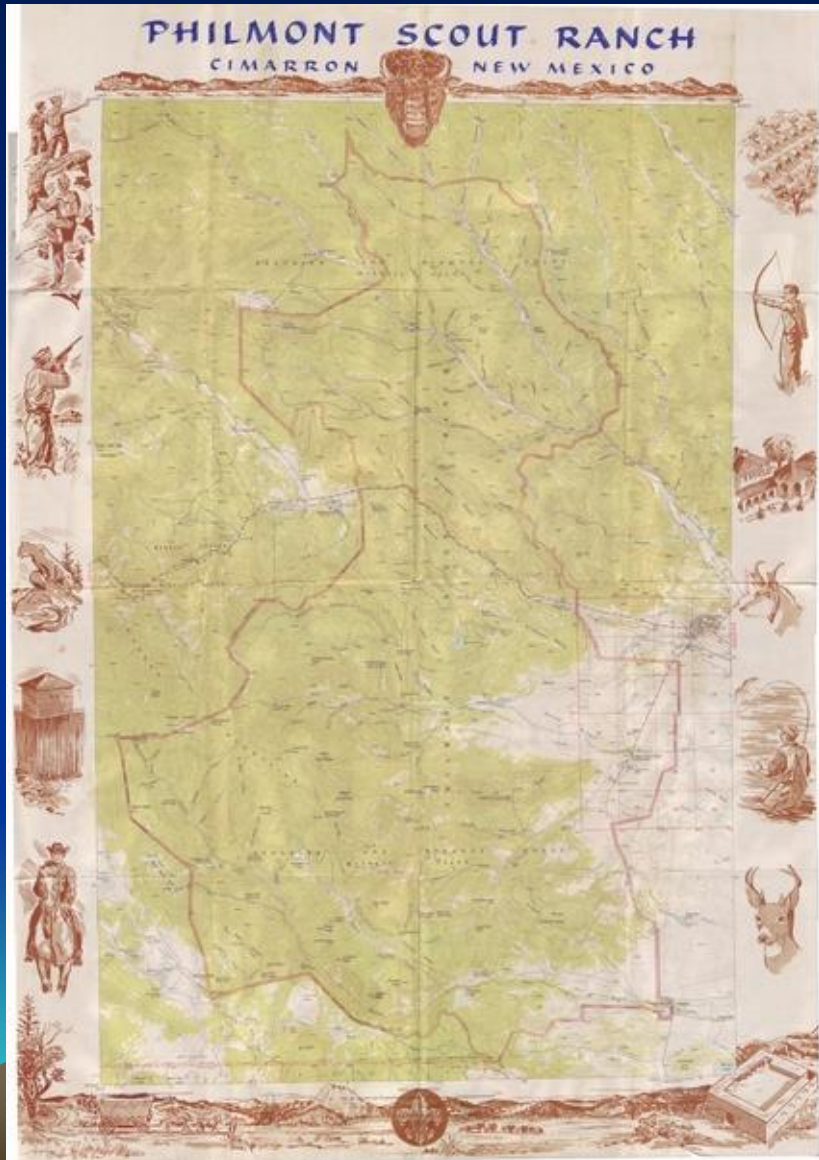
History of Philmont

- The ranch was the Phillips' summer home, where they entertained family and guests
- In 1938 Waite Phillips donated 35,857 acres to the Boy Scouts
- The camp was originally called Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp.

History of Philmont

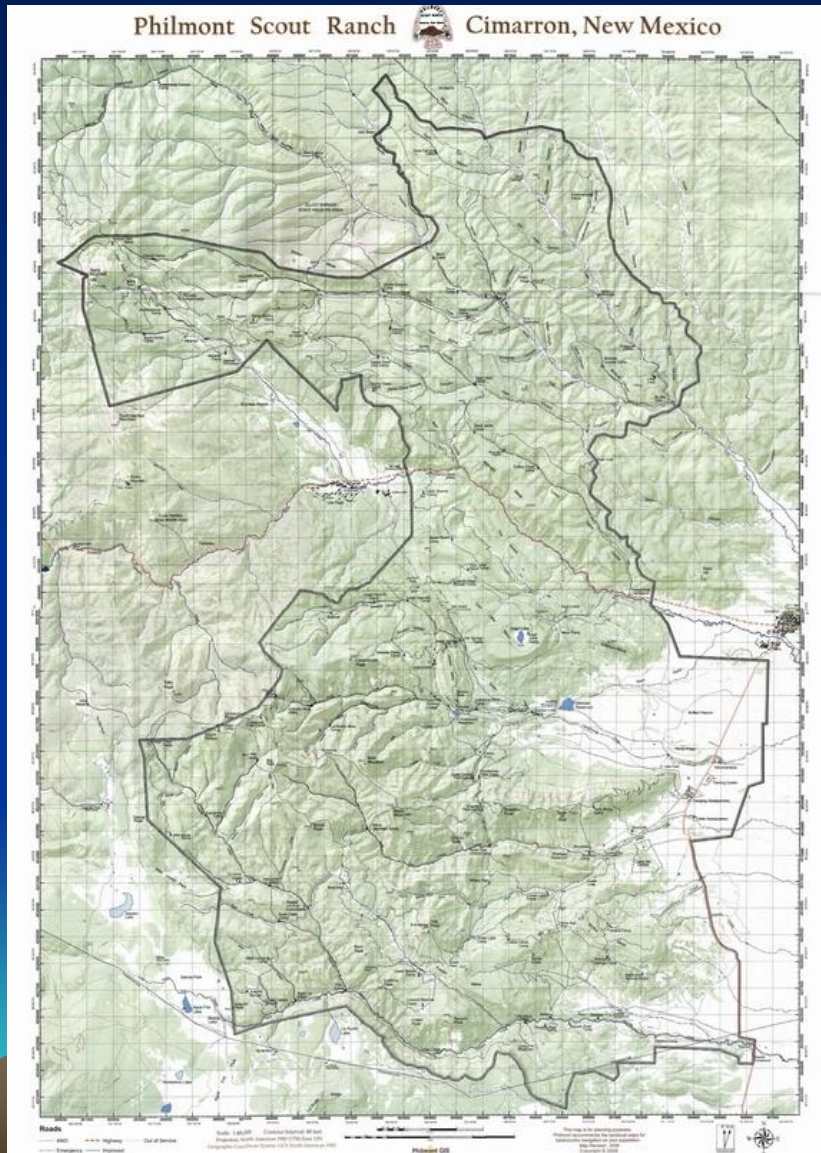
- Impressed with the stewardship of the Boy Scouts, Phillips donated an additional 91,000 acres in 1941
- He also donated the Philtower office building in Tulsa, Oklahoma for income to maintain the ranch

History of Philmont



Now 127,395 acres, the camp was renamed Philmont Scout Ranch

History of Philmont



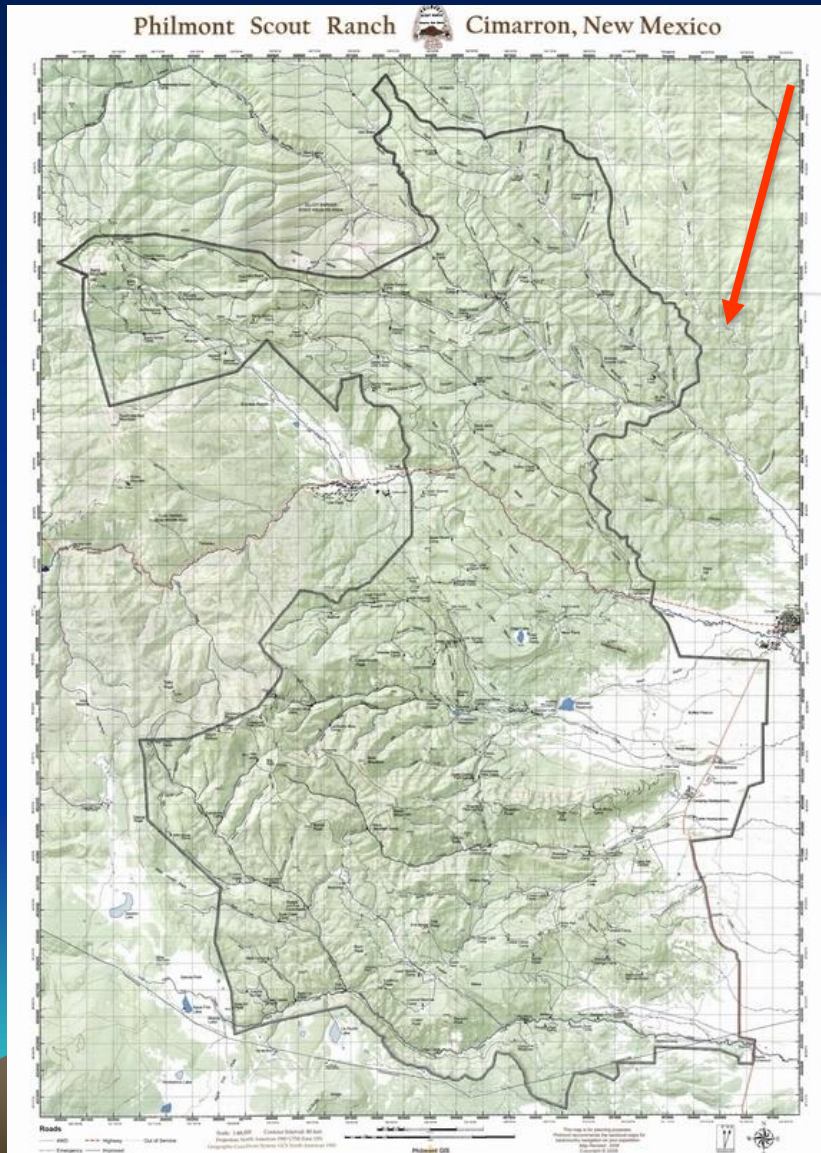
In 1963, 10,098 acres around Baldy Mountain was donated.

History of Philmont

- Philmont also operates on adjoining land, including
 - Valle Vidal (Valley of Life) in the Carson National Forest
 - Ted Turner's Vermejo Park Ranch

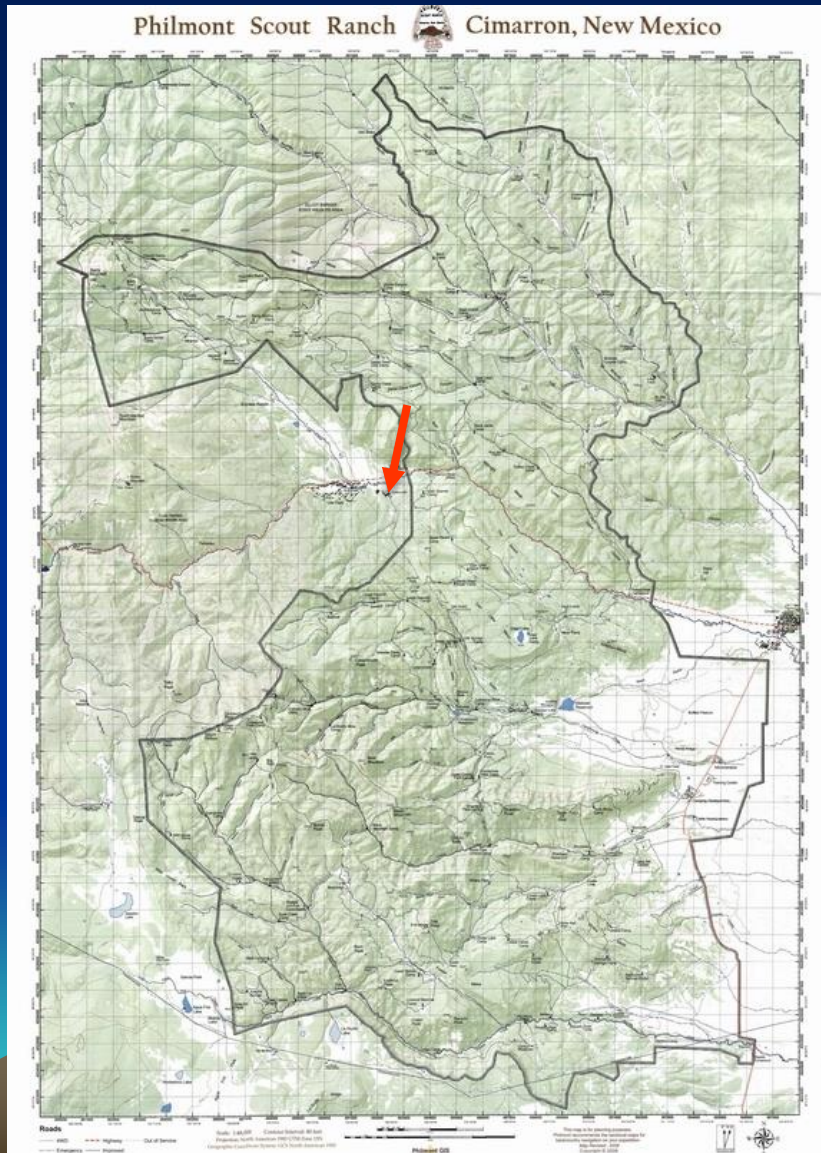


History of Philmont



In October 2013 Philmont signed a lease agreement with the Chase Ranch Foundation. This property to the East of Philmont added 11,000 acres.

History of Philmont



The latest addition was in 2015 with the purchase of the 2,684 acres Cimmaroncita Ranch.

Philmont Today

- 12-day backpacking treks are the primary programs during the summer
- Philmont Training Center
- Other programs include:
 - 7 and 9 day backpacking treks
 - Cavalcades (horseback treks)
 - Autumn Adventure (fall treks)
 - Kanik (winter camping)

Philmont Summer Treks

- Crews choose from 35 pre-planned itineraries
- About 30-40 crews arrive each day (and about 30 crews depart for home)
- About 3,500 trekkers plus staff are in the backcountry any given day

Questions?



Only nine more months and you will be as
happy as these guys





Watchu Calendar

- Briefing are for all Advisors
- Briefing - October 13, 2020 (Tuesday) 7:30 to 9:55pm
- Briefing - January 13, 2021 (Wednesday) 7:30 to 9:55pm
- Briefing - March 9, 2021 (Tuesday)
- Watchu Mountain Adventure - April 30, 2021 (Friday) 5:00pm to May 2, 2021 (Sunday) 1:00pm
- Briefing - June 9, 2021 (Wednesday) - Bring your youth Crew Chief to the final briefing in June.
- All in person briefings are held at [Patriot's Path Council Service Center, 1 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, NJ](#)

Watchu Experience

- Philmont is Physically Hard
 - Be prepared with your Physical condition
 - Meet the Blood Pressure limits
 - Meet the Height and weight chart
- Encourage Scouts to pay their own way
 - Adventureships, Scout accounts, Crew and Individual fund raising (\$4.40/ day)

Admin – Crew Number

- Philmont (and Watchu) identify you by your Crew number and Letter, and not Troop/Town, please ensure your crew members and parents all know the Crew Number

Admin - Payments

Payment	Due Date	Amount Due
Deposit	At Time of application	\$400.00
1	June 15, 2020	\$500.00
2	August 15, 2020	\$500.00
3	October 15, 2020	\$500.00
4	February 15, 2021	\$500.00
5	April 15, 2021	*
TOTAL		\$2400.00*

Admin – Refund and Travel

- Watchu follows the Council Program and Training Refund Policy, [available online](#)
- Travel Policy
 - Everyone is expected to travel with the group
- Travel Insurance
 - Watchu does not provide for the travel Insurance for the contingents
 - If desired, Individuals should seek out on their own and are likely to get the best rate

Admin – Contd.

- 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 counts on FULL (12 members) crews, NO incomplete crews

Watchu Mountain Outfitters

- Our shop to provide quality gear to contingent participants
- Hikers dozen discount till January Advisor briefing
- Turn in T-shirt sizes at January briefing



WATCHU MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS

ORDER FORM

Send orders to:
 Lisa Arcaro
 Patriots' Path Council, BSA
 1 Saddle Road
 Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

Name: _____
 Crew #: _____
 Phone No: _____

QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL*
CLOTHING			
	Patriots' Path 2021 Expedition T-Shirt, specify size(s): ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL	\$15.00	
	WMO Backcountry / Rafting Shirt, specify size(s): ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL	\$20.00	
OTHER GEAR			
	Patriots' Path BSA Expedition Patch - 2021	\$5.00	
	Historic Expedition Patches - 2020 (as available)	\$5.00	
	Historic Expedition Patches - 2019 (as available)	\$5.00	
	Historic Expedition Patches - 2017 (as available)	\$5.00	
	Historic Expedition Patches - 2016 (as available)	\$5.00	
	Historic Expedition Patches - 2015 (as available)	\$5.00	
	<i>Return to the Summit of Scouting</i>	\$15.00	
	<i>Philmanac</i>	\$20.00	
<i>initials</i>	ORDER TOTAL		
	TOTAL ENCLOSED <small>Make checks payable to "Patriots' Path Council, BSA"</small>		

***HIKERS' DOZEN DISCOUNT**
 Order 12 of any item prior to the January Advisor Briefing, enter total for 11 and get 1 FREE!

Every purchase of merchandise 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.



Dress Code – Class A

“Official” (class A) uniform will be worn

- During all Advisor Briefings
- May’s Watchu Mountain Adventure
- On the day of departure, during the flight
- Throughout the entire Colorado tour
- Most of the first and last days at Philmont
- For dinners, religious services, and both the Opening and Closing Campfires at Base Camp
- And the entire return trip

Class A – What is it?

- Official BSA – no “look-alikes” or exceptions.
- BSA shirt with Patriots’ Path Council expedition patch
- BSA belt
- BSA pants; short, long, or switchback ... your choice
- BSA socks; short or long ... your choice
- Boots ... the boots you intend to hike in
- Neckerchief ... not required, but crew design, unit, or Watchu is appropriate
 - Entire crew must wear it
- Watchu name plate (required for advisors only)

Dress Code – Class B

- Class B uniform can be worn
 - for the Garden of Gods hike
 - whitewater rafting
 - remainder of time at Philmont in Base Camp
- Class B consists of
 - Council T-shirts, crew T-shirts, Philmont T-shirts, scout T-shirts,
 - scout pants
 - and crew hats

Dress Code

- Pack three T-shirts for quick change between class A and B uniforms
- On the Trail: Your dress will be trail clothing.

Boy Scout/Varsity Uniform Inspection Sheet

- 5 pts **Merit Badge Sash**
- If worn, merit badges are attached to front (and back, if needed) of sash.
 - Venture/Varsity letter is attached at bottom front corner.
 - Temporary insignia may be worn on back.
- Notes _____

- 5 pts **Shoulder Epaulets**
- Green shoulder loops identify Boy Scouting (all members of a troop).
 - Blaze (orange) loops identify Varsity Scouting.
- Notes _____

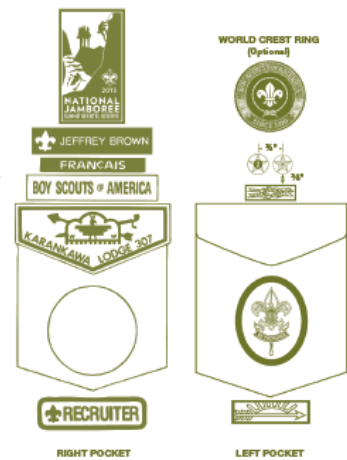
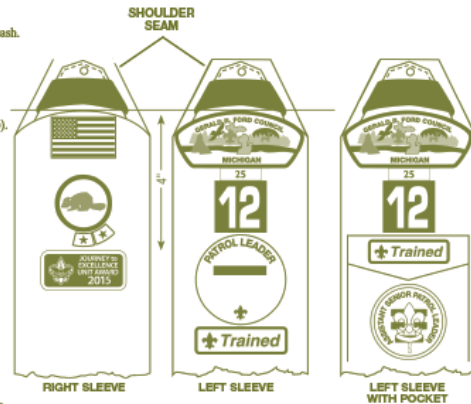
- 5 pts **Right Sleeve**
- U.S. flag emblem centered directly below shoulder seam.
 - Only the most recently earned Journey to Excellence Award may be worn below patrol emblem or below the National Honor Patrol star.
- Notes _____

- 5 pts **Left Sleeve**
- Council shoulder emblem, unit numeral, and veteran unit bar are worn as shown and touching each other.
 - On the official shirt, the badge of office is centered on the pocket, as shown. On the official uniform shirt, the badge of office is centered and touching the unit numeral, or centered 4 inches below the shoulder seam.
 - On the shirt, the Trained Leader emblem is centered as shown at the top of the pocket flap. On the official uniform shirt the veteran unit bar (25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, or 80 years) is positioned above, touching troop numeral and below touching the council emblem. For shirts without sleeve pockets, the Trained strip is worn just below the badge of office.
 - Den chief cord is worn over the left shoulder, under epaulet.
- Notes _____

- 5 pts **Right Pocket**
- Jamboree insignia (only one) is worn above BSA or interpreter strip.
 - Order of the Arrow lodge insignia is worn on pocket flap.
 - Temporary insignia is worn centered on the pocket or hung from the button.
 - The Varsity or Venture strip is worn above the BSA strip or above the interpreter strip.
 - Nameplate, if worn, is centered above the BSA strip, interpreter strip, and Venture or Varsity strip. If no Order of the Arrow lodge emblem is worn, the name plate is centered on the pocket flap.
- Notes _____

- 5 pts **Left Pocket**
- Service stars are centered above the pocket, 3/4 inch from top point to top point and 3/4 inch from either the pocket or embroidered knots.
 - Embroidered square knots are worn centered above the pocket in rows of three.
 - No more than five medals may be worn, pinned centered immediately above the pocket (extending over knots if both are worn).
 - The wearing sequence for knots or medals is at the wearer's discretion and lead color is to the wearer's right.
 - Badges of rank are worn centered on the pocket above the Arrow of Light Award, as shown.
 - The World Crest emblem and World Crest Ring are worn centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.
- Notes _____

30 pts **Total Insignia Score (transfer to other side)**



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Crew Member Guide – highlights

- **Most of what we are going over today**
- **Your Watchu Experience**
- **Payment schedule and payment coupons**
- **Travel and Refund Policies**
- **Emergency Contact Information**
- **What Each Crew Member receives**
- **The Four Expensive Essentials**
- **The Watchu Web Site**
- **Uniform fact sheet**
- **Tips for a Great Trek**
- **Philmont Hymn and Grace**

Each crew member receives

- One Patriots' Path expedition [Crew Member Guide](#)
- One Philmont *Guidebook to Adventure*
- Two Patriots' Path Council expedition patches
- One Patriots' Path expedition Base Camp T-shirt
- One Patriots' Path expedition tour (carry-on) bag
- One Ultra-light Daypack
- One nylon bag and two luggage tags for transporting backpacks

The Four Expensive Essentials

- **Backpacking Boots** - a good pair of lightweight backpacking boots that fit well
- **Sleeping Bag and Mat** - a good synthetic sleeping bag rated for at least 25 degrees and weighing 3 pounds or less, with a mat.
- **Rain Suit with Jacket and Pants** - a sturdy, lightweight rain suit, both jacket and pants, with plenty of ventilation.
- **Backpack** - a rugged backpack with plenty of capacity for carrying your personal gear as well as water and your share of crew gear and food.

The Watchu Web Site

- All information relating to the Watchu Experience is posted on the Internet at <https://www.watchu.org>.
- Copies of all Patriots' Path forms and documents
- Quick Links: Fast access to the most frequently visited items on the Watchu Experience Website.
- Quick Start: General information about Watchu and Philmont for those new to the Watchu Experience.
- Calendar: The schedule of Watchu and Philmont events, including Advisor Briefings and travel dates.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs),
- Watchu Network, Watchu Grams - Alerts and reminders
- Watchu Training Videos

The Watchu Network

Chief Watchu communicates with advisors of Patriots' Path contingent crews by e-mail.

There are three types of messages

- Watchu Alerts include reminders for upcoming Watchu events as well as "up-to-the-minute" notification of changes to Philmont or Watchu information
- Watchu Grams summarize the information provided on this Web site keyed to the calendar and the things crews should be doing
- General messages contain information that may be of interest to advisors and crew members though not necessarily related to Philmont.



Advisor Guide

Watchu Passport

- All the documents needed to make your trip to Philmont a success
- Complete 12 by WMA
- Start your trainings now
- Pgs 7-8

Watchu Passport			
Expedition and Crew Number _____			
Requirement	Advisor	Staff	Date
1. Crew Roster (give copy)	_____	_____	_____
2. All fees paid in full (status)	_____	_____	_____
3. BSA registration (status)	_____	_____	_____
4. Crew completely uniformed (status)	_____	_____	_____
5. Watchu Wilderness Pledge (turn in)	_____	_____	_____
6. Youth Protection (show adult cards)	_____	_____	_____
7. CPR (show cards)	_____	_____	_____
8. Wilderness First Aid (show cards)	_____	_____	_____
9. Weather Hazard Training (show cards)	_____	_____	_____
10. Swim Test (status)	_____	_____	_____
11. Safe Swim Defense (show adult cards)	_____	_____	_____
12. Safety Afloat (show adult cards)	_____	_____	_____
13. Airline Ticketing Info Form (turn in)	_____	_____	_____
14. Photo ID for all crew members (status)	_____	_____	_____
15. BSA Health & Medical Records (status)	_____	_____	_____
16. Rafting Permission / Release	_____	_____	_____
17. Colorado Tour Operator Release (show)	_____	_____	_____
All 17 Requirements Completed: _____			
			(Date)
(Contingent Registrar Signature)			
Instructions:			
1. See "Watchu Passport Requirements" for additional information about the requirements.			
2. Upon completion of a requirement - Lead Advisor initials.			
3. At Briefings - Contingent Registrar (or Watchu staff member) confirms, initials, and dates.			
4. When all requirements are completed, Contingent Registrar signs.			
Watchu Mountain "Fast Pass" Requirements			
Crew Roster (#1), all fees paid (#2), Airline Ticket Information Form (#13) and nine (9) other items (twelve (12) total) completed and certified prior to deadline.			
Watchu Mountain "Fast Pass" Certified: _____			
			(Date)
(Watchu Staff Signature)			

Advisor Guide - contd

- Briefings mentioned earlier
- Monthly Crew Preparation checklist, pgs 10-14
- Leader positions in a crew, pg 17
- Useful contacts, pg 18



Advisor Responsibilities

Philmont is a physically demanding backcountry experience

- Health and Safety and crew fitness
- Full crew of twelve
- Learn and know crew members' Outdoor History
- Family involvement
- Youth Protection training and other online training
- Wilderness First Aid and CPR
- Proper equipment for both crew and individuals

Health and Safety

- Establish a crew and individual fitness plan
- Special dietary needs, contact Philmont directly
- BSA Annual Health and Medical Record
 - Philmont version has risk advisory that should be read
- Blood pressure and weight
 - Individuals with a blood pressure consistently greater than 160/95 at Philmont may be kept off the trail.

Health and Safety

The weight limit for any individual participating in a horseback riding program is 200 pounds. This is enforced for the safety of both the rider and the horse. Additionally, Cavalcade participants must be able to mount from the ground without assistance. Final discretion on all horseback riders rests with the Philmont staff.

Maximum weight for height:

Height (inches)	Max. Weight	Height (inches)	Max. Weight
60	166	70	226
61	172	71	233
62	178	72	239
63	183	73	246
64	189	74	252
65	195	75	260
66	201	76	267
67	207	77	274
68	214	78	281
69	220	79 and over	295

Wilderness 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.



Trail Planning

Selecting A Great Trek

- Phase I – Research, Use previous Itinerary guides
- Phase II - In January - the online selection process begins
- Phase III - May's Watchu Mountain Adventure - a Trail Planner will help your crew optimize your trek



Trek Information

- 35 pre-planned treks.
- Treks range from 50 to over 100 miles
- Each offers a variety of program opportunities.
- Treks also vary in the physical challenge they present



Treks & Camps

Classification of treks is largely based on

Total miles, elevation changes

Long Hikes between camps, Dry Camps

Staffed camps and Trail Camps





Treks are classified by number 1-35 as:

- Challenging (56-62 miles)

- Rugged (62-72 miles)

- Strenuous, (76-84 miles)

- Super Strenuous (89-103 miles.)

Lower numbers are Challenging;

highest numbers are Super Strenuous.

Trek Information

- The higher numbered (more challenging) treks = less time for program
- Lower numbered treks, while still challenging, allow more time for programs
- Your crew must decide what is more important to them



Trek Information

- Higher numbered treks may be better suited to crews with older youth and very fit adults
- Lower numbered treks may be better suited to crews with younger youth
- Each crew must evaluate their capabilities – shakedown!



Trek Information

Programs are available:

- Where you are spending the night at a staff camp
- When you are passing through a staff camp on your way elsewhere, or
- With a side hike to a staff camp.



Trek Information

- Except for horse rides and burros, crews can participate in any program they are willing to hike to.



Caution - crews scheduled for a program always get priority but this is usually not a problem

Gather your Trek Information Tools

- Start with the materials that are online:
Philmontscoutranch.org and Watchu.org
- On the Trek Selection tab of the Trek Preparation

The Watchu Experience
Patriots' Path Council's Trail to Philmont

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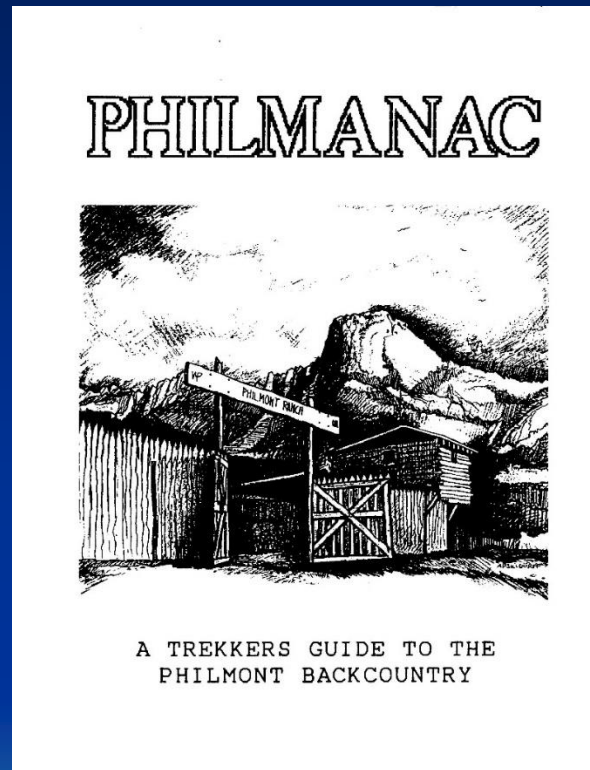
Trek Preparation | Getting Started | Medical | Equipment | Tr

Document Archive

- Advisor Briefing presentations:
 - [An Introduction to Philmont \(November\)](#) -
 - [Selection a Great Trek \(January\)](#) - a sug
- Getting Started - early start before the M
- Medical - [Selection Process \(March\)](#) -
- Equipment - or the Philmont mailing ar
- **Trek Selection** - May Watchu Mountain Ad
- At Philmont - assigned trek to help op
- Document Archives - ence
- Trek Selection tools:
 - [Outdoor Adventure History](#) - survey you

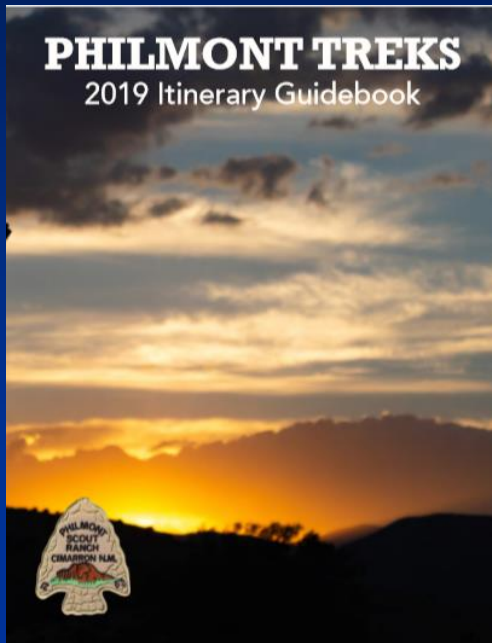
- Trek Selection tools:
 - [Outdoor Adventure History](#) - survey your crew for outdoor experience
 - [Guidebook to Adventure](#) - includes descriptions of the programs offered at the staffed camps
 - [TREKS Itinerary Guide](#) - includes specific details for each available itinerary
 - Overall Philmont Map, [North](#) and [South](#) segments - determine where camps are located and the trails that connect them. Caution! large files
 - Treks Comparison Guide (in [PDF](#) or [Excel](#)) - detailed breakdown of last year's treks
 - [PhilSearch](#) - an online trek comparison tool, maps, photos and much more
 - [Philmont News Group](#) - join in the online discussions devoted to Philmont
 - [Trek Selection Ballot](#) - use this sample form to vote for your favorite programs
 - [Itinerary Selection Worksheet](#) - complete before starting the on-line registration process
 - [Sample post card](#) from the *TREKS Itinerary Guide*, used to confirm your arrival schedule (submitting online rather than mailing recommended).
 - [Philmont Tooth Of Time Traders](#) - Philmont's trading post for ordering Philmont maps online or by calling 575-276-2281

Trek Information Tools



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2019 Trek Information Tools



TREKS Itinerary Guide



Guidebook to Adventure

Trek Information Tools

The *Guidebook To Adventure* includes a description of each program offered

Crater Lake. They will share their skills of spartree "pole" climbing and the use of wood tools and instruments. Competition in exciting logging events such as log toss, cross-cut sawing, and log tongs races, will challenge your crew.

Demonstration Forest

Between **Hunting Lodge** and **Clarks Fork**, near Cito Reservoir, a Demonstration Forest has been developed with the support of the American Tree Farm Organization. Be sure your crew takes time to learn about the forests and various forest practices taking place at Philmont. A visiting Forester will be available to visit with crews.

Environmental Awareness

Become acquainted with some of the western birds, wildflowers, mammals, lizards, snakes, and insects in this natural outdoor wonderland. Discover what wildlife passed through camp by observing tracks and other signs—view how plant and animal species change as you climb higher into the mountains, and learn why these changes occur—walk past the timberline and observe the life that survives the rigors of this high-altitude environment.

Across the Ranch, Backcountry Staff will offer a program of environmental awareness. The program is called BEEP=Backcountry Environmental Education Program. It will help you know and understand Philmont's flora, fauna, geology, and life zones; and how you can be a part of maintaining the natural order of things so others that follow may enjoy them too.

A Philmont Field Guide is available at the Tooth of Time Traders. It will enhance your environmental awareness during your trek.

Fly Tying and Fishing

The Rayado and Agua Fria streams in the south offer excellent trout fishing. Though not large, these trout are wary and exciting to catch as a part of Philmont's catch and release fishing programs. Fly rods may be checked out at **Hunting Lodge** and **Fish Camp**.

At **Fish Camp** a program counselor with material and equipment will show you how to tie your own trout flies. The thrill of catching a trout on a fly you have tied is hard to beat. Near **Fish Camp**, **Phillips Junction** and **Abreu** a catch and release program is in effect. If you don't know how to remove the hook from your fish, a program counselor will demonstrate the correct method. A tour of Waite Phillips' fishing lodge, including a narrative of area history, is also offered. All fishermen are required to have a current New Mexico state fishing license (see page 17).

Geocaching

Geocaching combines map reading and GPS use to find specific points where you can record your visit. Geocaching will take place at **Zastrow** and at a Low Impact Camp, Slate Hill Heck, located near **Dean Cow**. Instruction for the trail camp will be provided by your Ranger.

Also at historic **Zastrow** your crew will learn the latest techniques of land navigation using map, compass and GPS. Discover how a knowledge of UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) and latitude/longitude will improve your navigation skills on your trek. The evening

program features a Dutch oven dessert and a rededication to the Values of Scouting Ceremony.

Geology

Philmont and private sector geologists have teamed up to provide an exciting and educational program of geology and mining technology at the sites where history comes alive - **Cyphers Mine**, **Baldy Town**, and **French Henry**.

Gold Mining and Panning

Gold is still found in almost all streams on Philmont, which was once the scene of lucrative gold-mining operations. Mine shafts, sluice boxes, and placer mines dot the mountainsides and valleys. If your itinerary takes you to **Cyphers Mine** or **French Henry** you will tour a real gold mine. Not working now, the mines are carefully shored so you can tour the mine tunnel. Bring your jacket and flashlight for the tour. Learn about adventures that were experienced during the fascinating and colorful past as determined miners sought their fortunes in these historic mountains. When you find some "color," ask one of the staff miners for some cellophane tape so you can take your discovery home to show others your success. Gold pans are available for you to use at **Cyphers Mine**, and **French Henry**.

Homesteading

At **Crooked Creek**, **Rich Cabins** and **Abreu** your crew will visit a working homestead. The staff will help you learn early day skills such as railsplitting, shingle making, primitive farming, log structure construction and care of farmyard animals. In keeping with the southwestern spirit of the program, you will be instructed in preparing a special Mexican meal at **Abreu**.

Horse Rides

Philmont owns and maintains a remuda of 300 western horses with strings located at **Beaubien**, **Clarks Fork**, and **Ponil**. All three camps offer exhilarating mountain horse rides at times noted on crew itinerary. Be prompt for your scheduled ride. Reservations are made at Logistics on a first-come, first-served basis upon arrival at Philmont. (Confirm times at Logistics.) Philmont wranglers are courteous but strict. They make certain everyone stays in line and maintains the pace to avoid endangering members of your crew. Even skilled riders cannot be permitted to ride at a different pace or away from the group. Please cooperate with the wranglers by following instructions for a safe and enjoyable ride. For your personal safety you will wear a helmet, which will be provided. Ponchos and maps should not be taken since they may frighten the horses. Wear long trousers on your horse ride to protect your legs. Closed toe shoes are required to protect your feet. Persons weighing over 200 pounds will not be permitted to ride.

Jicarilla Apache Life

Apache Springs offers a unique program featuring the lifestyle of the Jicarilla Apache. You will see how the Jicarillas worked and played. A replica Jicarilla village has been erected for this program. Tepees are furnished with realistic fireplaces, back rests, robes, hides, and baskets for you to see.

Trek Information Tools

Guidebook Summary Of Programs

CAMPS AND PROGRAM FEATURES

A list of staffed camps with program features listed for each camp follows. The letter "S" denotes starting camps.

<u>CAMPS - North Country</u>	<u>PROGRAM FEATURES</u>
Anasazi (S)	Ranger Training
Baldy Town	Food pickup, trading post, museum, geology, gold assaying
Bent (S)	Ranger training
Black Horse, Copper Park, Ewells Park, Ute Meadows	Side hike Baldy Mountain
Campos Heck (S)	Ranger Training
Cimarron River (S)	Ranger Training
Dan Beard	Challenge course, low impact camping
Dean Cow	Rock climbing, rappelling
Dean Cutoff (S)	Ranger Training
Dean Heck (S)	Ranger Training
Flume Canyon (S)	Ranger Training
French Henry	Mine tour, blacksmithing, gold panning, geology
Head of Dean	Challenge course
Hells Fire Camp (S)	Ranger Training
House Canyon (S)	Ranger Training
Indian Writings (S)	Archaeology, petroglyph tour, atlatl, Ranger Training
Metcalf Station	Railroad building, handcar, blacksmithing, telegraph, campfire
Miranda	Muzzle loading rifle, burro packing, mountain man rendezvous, tomahawks
Ponil	Horse rides, burro packing, cantina

Trek Selection Tools

The *TREKS* *Itinerary* *Guide*

contains maps
of each trek
giving a
general idea
of the route

Itinerary 22

Rugged

68 miles

Camping & Hiking Highlights

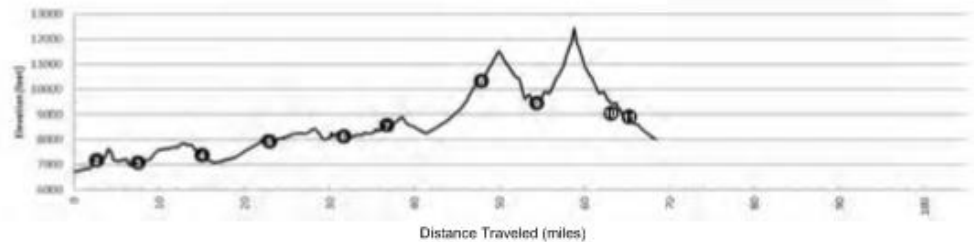
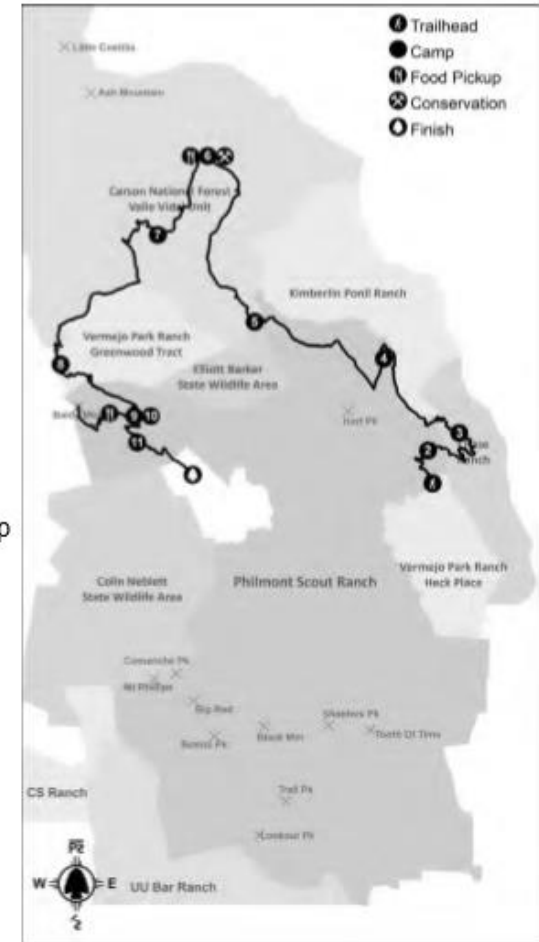
- Baldy Mountain - 12,441 ft.
- Valle Vidal
- Chase Canyon
- Greenwood Canyon

Program Highlights

- Chase Cow - NEW Climbing Camp
- Challenge Course Events
- Mountain Man Rendezvous
- Blacksmithing

Conservation

- Day 7 - Ring Place
- Stream Restoration



Trek Information Tools

Opposite each map is a day by day breakdown

2019 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY

Itinerary 22 **Rugged (good mix of program and hiking) - 68 miles**

This adventure packed itinerary provides a variety of opportunities for mileage, adventure, and traversing breathtaking vistas. Enjoy a variety of side hikes, participate in unique program opportunities and try your skills with Leave No Trace camping opportunities in the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest. The trip will begin with a bus drop off at Six-mile Trailhead and a hike to the first confirmed T-rex footprint in the world, and a quick hike to House Canyon Camp where your Ranger will continue your training. Day 2 will take you up and over the ridge to Philmont newest rock climbing camp at Chase Cow Camp. Enjoy the views as you make your way out of Chase Canyon and hike the ridgeline above the North Ponil before dropping down to Cottonwood Canyon Camp. Get up the next morning ready to join the railroaders of the Cimarron & Northwestern in building a new line up the canyon and see what life was like at a railroad camp. Work quickly, as you still have to climb up and over to Dan Beard, where the Challenge Course and initiative games will help to build teamwork that your crew will utilize the rest of your trek. Leave Philmont Property and enter the beautiful Valle Vidal on your way to Ring Place camp to learn about weather and astronomy, surrounded by a blanket of stars in their open meadows. Head on over to Iris Park for more Leave No Trace camping, then drop down into the middle Ponil canyon to reach Upper Greenwood Canyon Camp to begin your approach to the high point of your trek. A layover at Ewells Park will give you plenty of time to summit Philmont's highest peak, Baldy mountain, and visit the historic mining towns of Baldy town and French Henry where our crew can tour the Aztec mine, pan for gold, and make a souvenir at the blacksmith shop. Your next adventure is at the mountain man rendezvous at Miranda where you can compete in your crew at tomahawk throwing and muzzle loading rifle shooting. Alas, your journey is coming to an end as you make your way to the Express Trailhead and load your bus for the ride back to base camp.

Day	Note	Camp	Program Features	Food Pickup
1		Camping Headquarters	Opening Campfire	
2	d	House Canyon	T-Rex Track; Ranger Training; Trail Camp	Camping Headquarters
3		CHASE COW	Rock Climbing & Rappelling	
4		Cottonwood	Trail Camp	
5		DAN BEARD	Railroading @ Metcalf Station	
6		RING PLACE	Challenge Course Events; Folk Weather Forecasting, Astronomy	Ring Place
7		Iris Park	Conservation @ Ring Place, Trail Camp	
8		Upper Greenwood	Low Impact Camping; Trail Camp	
9		Ewells Park	Blacksmithing, Mine Tour @ French Henry; Trail Camp	
10		Ewells Park	Climb Baldy Mtn.; Mining History, Assaying @ Baldy Town	Baldy Town
11		MIRANDA	Mountain Man Rendezvous, Muzzle Loading Rifle, Tomahawks	
12		Camping Headquarters	Hike to Express Trailhead; Awards Campfire	

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Six Mile Gate to go to House Canyon Camp
Returns to Camping Headquarters on Day 12 from Express Trailhead

Campsite Elevations: 7,078' Minimum, 10,263' Maximum **Camps:** 4 Staffed, 5 Trail, 1 Layover, 1 Dry Camp
Conservation: Ring Place **Sectional Maps:** North

Your days at Philmont.

Scheduled programs

Scheduled food pickups

Camps where you spend the night

Camp information and trek start point

Trek Information Tools

✓ Trek Summaries

Programs Included in Itineraries

ITINERARY NUMBER \$:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
Hiking Difficulty	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Distance (approximately)	53	54	54	55	56	57	54	56	58	57	60	61	61	58	59	62	61	63	62	66	67	68	68	69	70	71	71	74	73	73	75	78	81	84	85	
Trail Camps	4	4	6	5	6	4	5	4	6	6	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	5	5	6	5	5	3	5	5	5	7	4	7	6	5	6	6	
Dry Camps	1			1	2	2	1	2	1	2				2	1		1	1	1	1	1	1				2	2		1	2						
Archaeology		X									X	X		X					X	X	X					X	X								X	
Archery - 3 Dimensional				X			X		X	X							X	X	X	X						X				X						
Astronomy																						X	X						X		X		X	X	X	
Atlatl (Dart-Throwing)			X								X	X		X						X				X			X	X							X	
ATV Rider Course	X																																			
Baldy Mountain Hike		X	X								X	X		X							X	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	

Philmont Programs/Itineraries/Camps

Programs	Offered on Itineraries	At These Camps
Archaeology	2, 12, 13, 16, 21, 23, 24, 28, 29, 35	Indian Writings
Archery - 3 Dimensional	4, 7, 8, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 26, 30	Apache Springs
Astronomy	22, 23, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35	Ring Place
Atlatl (Dart-Throwing)	3, 12, 13, 16, 21, 24, 28, 29, 35	Indian Writings
ATV Rider Course	1	Zastrow
Baldy Mountain Hike	2, 3, 12, 13, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35	
Blacksmithing	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35	Black Mountain, Cyphers Mine, French Henry, Metcalf Station
Burro Packing	3, 21, 23, 25	Miranda, Ponil
Campfire (evening)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35	Beaubien, Clarks Fork, Crater Lake, Cyphers Mine, Metcalf Station, Ponil, Pueblano, Rich Cabins, Urraca, Zastrow
Cantina	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25,	Abreu, Ponil

Trek Information Tools

✓ Trek Summaries

Itineraries at a Glance

21 - 67 Mi. - R

Little Twin
House Canyon
Ponil
Elkhorn
Ute Meadows
Ute Meadows
Pueblano
Rich Cabins
Dan Beard
Indian Writings

22 - 68 Mi. - R

House Canyon
Chase Cow
Cottonwood
Dan Beard
Ring Place
Iris Park
Upper Greenwood
Ewells Park
Ewells Park
Miranda

23 - 68 Mi. - R

Anasazi
Cook Canyon
Seally Canyon
Whiteman Vega
Iris Park
Upper Greenwood
Copper Park
Miranda
Pueblano
Ponil

24 - 69 Mi. - R

Maxwell
Head of Dean
Rich Cabins
Middle Ponil
Middle Ponil
McCrystal Creek
Seally Canyon
Cook Canyon
Indian Writings
Ponil

25 - 70 Mi. - R

Bent
Dan Beard
Seally Canyon
Whiteman Vega
Metcalf Station
Ponil
Baldy Skyline
Miranda
Miranda
Elkhorn

The Process

The trek selection process has crew phases.

- Phase I – (June- Sept)
 - Learning the outdoor experience of your crew
 - Survey your participants ([Outdoor Adventure History](#))
 - Scheduled hikes or backpacks to understand capabilities (1-2miles/hr?, 1000 feet climb?)
 - Rotate assignment of crew roles

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Phase II – The Process

Nov-Dec: Provide an introduction to Philmont, its history and programs available

Dec-Jan: Define process to choose a trek that satisfies the desires of your crew:

1. Choose Programs
2. Choose Trek



The Process - Select the Top Programs

1. Discuss (in face to face meeting) programs offered and desires to climb mountains at Philmont - Listen to reasons desired
2. Using the Sample ballot found at Watchu.org, individually rank the program desired
3. Announce the total results of the crew's ballot
4. Crew Homework - Find 6 treks that meet the desires of the Tally from the group

Sample Philmont Trek Ballot

	.30-06 Rifle Shooting / Reloading
	12 Gauge Shotgun Shooting / Reloading
	Archaeology
	Astronomy
	Black Powder Rifle
	Blacksmithing
	Burro Packing
	Burro Racing
	Cantina
	Cimarron and Northwestern Railroad (new in 2009)
	Conservation
	Continental Tie and Lumber Company

TALLY- group

black powder rifle - III	3
Mines - I	1
blacksmithing - IIII	6 -
Cantina - III	3
Continental - II	2
astronomy - II	2
ropes - IIII	5 -
Western love - I	1
horses - II	2
rock climbing - II	2
mtn bike - I	1
gold mining - IIII	3
jicar apache - I	1
nw rr - II	2

The Process - Itinerary Selection

- REMEMBER – It's their trek, they decide – *Advisors – Caution: Do not be responsible for picking a trek* - - later when it's “too hard” or “too easy” and they need to own it, not you.
- There is a lot of information, so start early.
- Avoid the common mistake of trying to see everything on a trek.

Itinerary Selection

- For Crew Homework – Provide links for the *Guidebook To Adventure* and Trek Itineraries to review details. Give time (1 week?) for reading and exploring all the options.
- Crew members come prepared to select their trek
 - Pick 6 choices for selection in online in January

Itinerary Selection

- At crew meeting review each top choices with all - Use the *Philmanac* and overall map or on-line tools to review the treks in the Itinerary Guidebook as a group. Focus on desired programs and/or an area of the ranch.
- Remember... there are no bad TREKS! The best one may be in minority of choices.

Itinerary Selection

- After review is completed ...
- The youth members rank the six potential treks. Take a 5 minute poll of choices individually and then summarize the tally
- Likely will not capture every single program activity they want

Phase III – On Line Trek Selection

- Prepare Philmont Gateway roster in advance in order to be ready when the package arrives.
- Without some advance help with planning, your selection process can be delayed or difficult.
- To be continued.... in Phase III Presentation “On Line Trek Selection”

Questions?





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

Closing

- Questions
- Benediction, a Manitou Prayer

Oh! Great Manitou,
Keeper of the forest,
Watcher of the wild,
Guide of youth,
Grant us a keen eye and unerring step,
To trod Life's ever rising trail,
Till the sunset draws us home. Amen!

Thank you

Lets prepare for a Great Trek!