

Sample Crew Development Calendar

Note: Your crew's schedule will vary depending on their prior High Adventure and backpacking experience:

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Weeknight evening, late November	Troop meeting site	Family orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View Philmont video Four expensive essentials (rain suit, sleeping bag, boots, and backpack), holiday gift list View youth protection video
Saturday morning January	Crew member's home	Crew meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss crew member obligations Distribute and review Medical Form Review crew training schedule Schedule CPR, first aid, COPE. swim test Develop personal physical training plans Short training day hike
Saturday afternoon, February	Troop meeting site	Crew meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review prior year itineraries and make preliminary trek choices Review crew positions, responsibilities Equipment review - boots, rain suit, etc. Team building day hike with packs
Weeknight evening, February	Local Red Cross	CPR training
Weeknight evening, March	Local YMCA	Swim night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSA Swim test Fun and fellowship
Weeknight evening, mid-March	Crew member's home	Crew meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current year itineraries and make final trek choices Collect completed Medical Forms, releases, etc.
All day Saturday thru Sunday morning, March	Allamuchy Scout Reservation	Shakedown campout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team building exercises - low COPE Five-mile hike with packs Camp setup: tents, stoves Equipment shakedown Fun, teamwork, and fellowship
Overnight Friday through Saturday, early April	Winnebago Scout Reservation	Shakedown campout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eight-mile hike with packs Camping and camp setup Physical preparedness Review crew member assignments Teamwork and leadership Review assigned Philmont trek Fun and fellowship

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All day Sunday, mid-April	Lehigh River, PA	Whitewater rafting trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class II / III experience • Fun, teamwork, and fellowship
Saturday morning, late April	Advisor's backyard	Crew meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for Watchu Mountain Adventure • Equipment shakedown - full compliment of crew and personal equipment (including items that will be provided by Philmont) needed for WMA • Review assigned Philmont trek • Fun, teamwork, and fellowship
First weekend in May	Allamuchy Scout Reservation	Watchu Mountain Adventure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine tune operations • Rugged eight-mile hike with full packs • Review crew assignments • Review Philmont trek itinerary • Crew leader selection • Crew performance evaluation - find the "gaps"
Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon late May / early June	On the Appalachian Trail	Final overnight shakedown hike <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twelve-mile total hike, full packs • Bring operations to first class status - close the "gaps" • Plan family picnic • Review details of Philmont trek itinerary • Fun and fellowship
Sunday afternoon, late June	Local park	Family picnic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review tour and trek with families • Review crew readiness with families • Discuss family communications plan
Night before departure	Local church	Crew gathering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive in full BSA uniform, wearing boots • Equipment shakedown (does everyone have everything?) • Prepare backpacks for air travel
Morning, day of departure	Local church	Depart for Newark Airport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated family members drive crew
Late night, day of return	Newark Airport	Arrive back at Newark Airport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew families greet trekkers at baggage claim
Sunday afternoon, August	Backyard, crew member's home	Crew reunion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship - share stories and memories