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Watchu Mountain Adventure Information

The following information about the upcoming Watchu Mountain Adventure is current at this time. The schedule continues to be worked both to accommodate a record number of crews and ever-changing COVID protocols.

- 1. Where:** Camp Wheeler at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation. To get to Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation, take Interstate Highway 80 to Exit #25. Follow the signs to Waterloo Village. Pass Waterloo Village on the left side of Waterloo Road and the entrance to Mt. Allamuchy will be on the right, about 200 yards west of Waterloo Village and just before the I-80 underpass. Follow signs to Camp Wheeler and the Watchu Training Center.
- 2. When:** Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2. Daytime only, no overnight camping.
- 3. Parking:** Lots will open at 7:50am both days.
- 4. Parking will be limited.** Please arrange for your crew to arrive in as few vehicles as possible. Crews MUST arrive together - either caravan as a group or meet up at a nearby location, such as the International Trade Center, prior to arriving at camp.
- 5. Check-in will be staggered, with half of the crews arriving at 8:00am and half at 9:00am each day, per the list below.** To check-in, you must have:
 - Your crew's [Watchu Passport](#).
 - One copy of your crew's completed **Crew Roster**, printed from the Philmont Gateway. This copy will not be returned to you.
 - **Medical Records** for all crew members. All Medical Records will be returned to you on Sunday.

GREEN Saturday 9:00am Sunday 8:00am		WHITE Saturday 8:00am Sunday 9:00am	
CREW	TREK	CREW	TREK
626-P1	12-35	701-AA4	12-31
626-P2	12-24	715-HH2	12-24
626-P3	12-24	715-HH4	12-27
626-P4	12-28	716-CC1	12-2
701-AA1	12-5	716-CC2	12-9
701-AA2	12-3	716-CC3	12-25
701-AA3	12-31	716-CC4	12-5

702-Y1	12-15	717-P1	12-30
702-Y2	12-27	717-P2	12-28
702-Y3	12-21	717-P3	12-27
702-Y4	12-13	717-P4	12-10
715-HH1	12-25	724-V2	12-3
715-HH3	12-25	724-V3	12-8
724-V1	12-2	724-V4	12-13

Please double-check the trek assignment listed for your crew. This list will be used to generate the staff assignments for your crew's trek-specific Trail Planning session.

6. **Departure time:** Just as with parking being limited and all crews arriving together, drivers and vehicles for pickup should stage at a nearby location to wait for a phone call advising the time the crew will be ready to depart. That time on Saturday will vary, depending on how fast a crew can cook and cleanup dinner, but should be no later than 6:00pm and could be 30-45 minutes earlier. On Sunday, all activities should be completed by about 4:30-5:00pm
7. **Equipment:** Bring all equipment outlined in your *Guidebook to Adventure*. Patriots' Path Council will NOT distribute ANY equipment except for the bear bags you should have already received. You **MUST** bring **ALL** "Your Personal Equipment," all "Equipment Provided by Crew," and especially all "Equipment issued at Philmont" listed in your *Guidebook*, including your crew dining tarp with poles, tents for all crew members, toilet paper, crew cooking gear including pots, dish washing material, bear bag ropes, and a plastic trash bag.
8. **Fuel:** Coleman fuel (white gas) or isobutane canisters will be provided to each crew for cooking Saturday's dinner. Do NOT transport fuel in stoves or fuel bottles. Please REPLY to ChiefWatchu@Watchu.org indicating the type of fuel your crew will be using so that we have an adequate supply of both types.

CREW STOVES FUEL TYPE			
Crew	Choice	Crew	Choice
626P1		626P3	
626P2		626P4	
701AA1		701AA3	
701AA2		701AA4	
702Y1		702Y3	
702Y2		702Y4	
715HH1	White Gas	715HH3	White Gas
715HH2		715HH4	
716CC1		716CC3	Isobutane
716CC2		716CC4	
717P1		717P3	
717P2		717P4	

724V1		724V3	White Gas
724V2		724V4	

9. **Food:** Philmont trail meals will be provided - two lunches, one dinner, and two breakfasts that you will not have time to eat during the weekend; all crews should arrive both days having eaten breakfast. These meals will be distributed Saturday morning and you will need to bring the meals for Sunday back with you. The items contained in the meals are as follows:

<p>Breakfast #7 Chocolate Hazelnut Nature Valley Peanut Butter Bar Motts Fruit Gummies Banana Nut Bread Meal Bar</p>
<p>Breakfast #9 Turkey Stick - Honey Pepper - HBF Brown Sugar Honey Oat Granola Pop Tarts - Frosted Strawberry Clif Bar caramel Toffee Sea Salt</p>
<p>Lunch #2 Justins Nut Butter - Honey H.S. Chews - Orange Jack Links Jalapeno Combo All Sport Blue Raz Ice</p>
<p>Lunch #3 Original Cheese Wheel PB Choc Chip Bite Bar Spam Singles</p>
<p>Dinner #2 B.P. Santa Fe Style Chicken Honey Mustard Bread Pieces Marshmallow Squares</p>

Philmont did not post detailed ingredient lists for the 2020 meals, but many of the items can be found in the ingredient lists for the 2019 meals posted at:

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/dining/>

That page will be where the 2021 meals and ingredients are posted in the next month or so.

10. **Water:** The Watchu Mountain well is a safe source of water and does not need to be treated. Please help save time - all crew members should arrive with full water bottles. The well is within a half mile of all camp sites, and you will need water containers to transport crew water from it to your site for Saturday's dinner.
11. **Trash:** At Philmont crews must carry trash (trail meals packaging) until passing through a staffed camp which will accept it for disposal. All trash at the Watchu

Mountain Adventure is to be carried in your packs and packed out on Sunday for disposal at home. Check out the [Trash Compacting](#) video in the [On the Trail](#) section of the [Training Videos](#) page on the [Watchu Experience Web site](#) for some pointers on how to minimize its bulk.

12. **You may use rotating or permanent (refer to WG26) crew assignments.** Before arriving on Saturday your crew should have selected all the permanent youth leadership positions - Crew Chief, Chaplain Aide, Wilderness Pledge *Guia*, and Crew Reporter(s). There will be briefings for each of these positions on Shakedown Mesa during the weekend - check the schedule for times. Also, there will be ample free time in the schedule for you and your crew to work on crew member responsibilities, crew development, trek planning, and required crew skills (cooking, etc.). This is your weekend - make the most of it.

13. **Uniforms:** Your uniform at arrival will depend on your crew's assigned arrival time each day:
 - 8:00am - trail clothes. (note that crews arriving at 8:00am on Sunday will need to change into an official BSA uniform at the end of the day)
 - 9:00am - Complete official BSA uniform for all (sometimes unofficially called Class A). Your entire crew will report to Watchu Mountain in complete official BSA uniforms. Check the [Uniform Fact Sheet](#) in your Crew Member Guide or on the Web site. If you have an OA pocket flap patch, the nameplate goes above the Boy Scouts of America designation over the right pocket.

14. **Money:** All members of your crew must be up to date with scheduled Philmont payments to Patriots' Path Council. Alert your crew members to bring cash if they intend to buy extra Patriots' Path Council Philmont patches, expedition T-shirts, expedition hats, extra Philmont food, etc. The Watchu Mountain Outfitters Trading Post will be open at posted times throughout the weekend, and is stocked with great backcountry items. Check the [Trading Post](#) on the Web site for prices and details.

15. **Weather:** Philmont training is best in the rain. Pray for rain during the Watchu Mountain Adventure! The spring weather will bring out an assortment of friendly bugs so be prepared with your bug repellent.

Watchu will be a simulated Philmont adventure. The intent is to give your crew an opportunity to evaluate the crew's "Philmont readiness" in a Philmont-like setting. The crew should "find the gaps" between where the crew is and where they need to be to guarantee a great trek. After the Watchu Mountain Adventure there will be about fifty days until the first lift-off to close the gaps. Good luck and have fun!

Watchu Mountain Adventure Fast Pass Check-in: Normally, the opportunity to complete much of the Watchu Mountain Adventure check-in process is offered the second Tuesday

in April, saving valuable time when you arrive on Watchu Mountain. The modified 2021 schedule will treat all crews as having qualified for "Fast Pass Check-in" and for check-in only your Watchu Passport, a printout of your crew roster (from the Philmont Gateway), and medical records for every crew member will be required (the medical records will be returned at Check-out on Sunday).

However, each crew will have the opportunity to review the status of all items on the Watchu Passport during a virtual Fast Pass Check-in on Tuesday, April 13. Each crew will be assigned to a "break-out" room with a Watchu staff member to go over the status of all items on the Watchu Passport and your crew's status of each item. If you have any questions about any item, this will be your opportunity to ask and get clarification. Each item must be completed prior to the June Advisor Briefing and departing for Philmont. Log-in information for Fast Pass will be provided prior to April 13th.

Top Tip coming! Shortly we will send out a Watchu Gram, titled "Hiking is a Team Sport," which has been voted the Top Tip by advisors over and over again. The Watchu Team strongly advises all crew members to read it, understand it, and internalize it. We expect you and your crew to put the tip into action at the Watchu Mountain Adventure. Be ready for a pop quiz on it, maybe with prizes.

Phil Fact: The Dolds Brother's Warehouse in Cimarron was built in 1848 by M.R. Whiteman as a freighting depot for the Andres Daws stage line, and was one of many warehouses and supply stores that were in much demand during the heyday of the Santa Fe Trail. The original adobe structure, severely damaged by fire in 1939, is mentioned in Zane Grey's book *Fighting Caravans*, written while he was staying at the St. James Hotel.

The Watchu Mountain Adventure is but a few weeks away! Can you feel the spirit?

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