

Philmont Parent's Rally

A SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR EARLY FALL

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- To acquaint parents and youth with Philmont and the risk advisory (included in this booklet).
- To share with them the calendar of events leading up to departure for Philmont.
- To inform them of procedures regarding payment of fees, Philmont medical forms, equipment needs, travel itinerary to and from Philmont, age requirement.
- Introduce Expedition Leadership.

Opening

Philmont maps posted on wall with photos of previous trips.

Table with snapshots, souvenirs, mementos from Philmont, etc.

Display personal equipment needed and have a backpacking demonstration.

Meeting

Welcome and introductions

What is Philmont?

A talk by a youth or advisor who has been to Philmont and slides of previous expeditions, Philmont's VCR presentation, "Philmont-The Right Stuff" or VCR Presentation "Introduction to the National High Adventure Bases" (available from council office or Philmont's Tooth of Time Traders). Keep this fast-paced and limited to 30 minutes.

Read and distribute copies of risk advisory to parents. (Page 17)

Administrative details

Explain budget and items within budget (use flip chart or hand-outs).

Reminder of fee payments - emphasize deadline dates.

Travel plans - instructions

Uniform.

Pack - for those items needed at Philmont. Mention rental opportunity of a pack and frame at Philmont for those who do not want to invest in equipment.

Small carrying bag - for items essential while traveling.

Boots for hiking, comfortable and well broken in.

Guide for spending money - how much?

Review organization of crews.

Review plans for shakedown hike and camp.

Physical Preparation

Philmont medical forms

Weight Guidelines

Review plan for team building and smooth communication

Distribute application forms if needed and collect fees

Question and answer period.

Closing

Philmont Hymn suggested.

NOTE: Additional organization meetings may be necessary.

Suggestions for Subsequent Meetings:

Plan a cookout using dehydrated and freeze-dried menus and invite parents.