

Philmont Scout and Parent Orientation Meeting

January 9, 2005

Handouts

- ❖ 2005 Expedition Planner Binder
 - Planning Calendar
 - 2004 Trek Guide
 - Philmont High Points of Interest
 - Sample Menu
 - Other Ranch Information

Agenda

- ❖ **Overview of 2005 Expedition**
 - What is Philmont
 - 137,500 acres (215 sq miles)
 - Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) Range of the Rocky Mountains
 - Elevation ranges from Base Camp at 6,500 ft. to several summits over 12,000 ft
 - 33 staffed camps, 50 un-staffed camps
 - High adventure activities
 - Long-distance sustained backpacking – 10 consecutive days
 - Two weeks total duration - Depart on 7/6/05 @ 3:00 pm, Return 7/20/05 @ 1:35 pm
 - What's different about Philmont from our other camping experiences
 - Older scouts
 - Two crews of 8 instead of whole troop – crews operate independently of each other
 - Amtrak Train to and from New Mexico
 - Backpacking (high level of autonomy and self-sufficiency)
 - Each crew will select all elements of the trip including, degree of difficulty, mileage and activities
 - Requires high level of physical fitness for even the easiest of trips
 - Our Approach to Planning and the Trip
 - Formal (required) physical training events and optional training outings
 - Having fun while we train (1-3 night outings in locations we have not been to – no repeats)
 - Scouts will form crews based upon guidelines

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- Crews will elect their crew leader (one leader for entire duration of trip)
- Crews will select their itinerary from the 35 itineraries offered
- Crew members will work together to find the best consensus on itineraries to ensure every crew member gets some, but not all, of their top picks. Crew members must learn to compromise on reaching the final crew goals for the trek.
- Crews are not competitive – this is not a race or contest

❖ Planning Calendar

- Review of monthly objectives
 - High-level objectives between today and the trip departure date of July 6, 2005
- Overview of key milestones by month
 - Planning meetings
 - Training and Equipment Events
 - Financial Commitments
- Adjusting the calendar for possible conflicts with school/sporting events

❖ Orientation to the “2004 Trek Guide”

- How we’re going to prepare using last year’s guide
 - Walk through major sections of the guide – do not read it
- Parental requirements
 - Questions on information mailed to home before this meeting?
 - Review entire 2004 Trek Guide
 - Secure scout physical in January
 - Ensure scout’s availability for required pre-trip outings
- Scout requirements
 - Review entire 2004 Trek Guide
 - Pick the program activities you want to do and **prioritize them from most important to least important. Bring your typed, prioritized list of activities to your crew planning meeting**
 - **Determine your preferred “degree of difficulty” for the trek.**
 - **Determine your “must see” way points or features of the ranch**
 - **Commit to your crew planning meeting date – to be determined today**

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❖ Forming Your Crew

➤ Crew selection Guidelines

- There's no such thing as a perfect crew - What makes a great crew?
- What's going to happen to the crew over the two week period?
- Adult crew assignments
- Changing crew members prior to the trip
- Crew Leader election process
- Setting the next crew planning meeting date

❖ Close

➤ Q&A