

Philmont 2008 Contingent Committee

Minutes for the June 25, 2007 meeting
Morganville Service Center

Attendance

The following were in attendance:

Karen Bentivenga, Dennis Coffey, Patrick Dwyer, Richard Edgar, Kenneth Eng, John Erickson, Frank Fishedick, Dale Harman, Allen Jones, Bruce Kaplan, Timothy Makin, Allison Mitsching, Tim Neher, John Ostovich, Don Schaffner, Brian Wilson, Maurice Zaghera, Andrew Pinto, Thomas Magg

Opening:

Maurice Zaghera opened the meeting and introductions took place. Handout of meeting agenda was distributed. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed.

Old Business:

Philmont 2008 Committee list is to be reviewed and updated for any necessary corrections. It was noted that all future meetings will be held on Monday or Thursday evenings at the Monmouth Council Service Center unless otherwise notified. Meeting dates are Monday 7/16, Thursday 8/23, Thurs, 9/20, Thurs 10/18, Monday 11/26 and Thursday 12/20. All committee members were reminded to make sure they were registered with the BSA.

New Business:

Assignment for Conservation Days was discussed. All Philmont participants must perform 7 hours of service to Monmouth Council in order to make the trip. There will be two opportunities to fulfill this Monmouth Council Requirement: May 10, 2008 at Quail Hill and May 17, 2008 at Forestburg. Assignments for these locations may be allotted via a lottery system. Volunteers were solicited to head up these venues. Pat Dwyer volunteered to organize the Forestburg Conservation Day and Bruce Kaplan volunteered to head up the Quail Hill Conservation Day.

Conditioning for Philmont was discussed. All were reminded that the Philmont trip is only 1 year away. All participants were urged to begin a regular exercise program.

Several certifications are necessary in order to make the trip to Philmont. Youth Protection course is offered on Monmouth Council's website. All participants were asked to make sure they had their Youth Protection certification. Website course has printable form upon completion. This form must be presented to Maurice Zaghera in order to satisfy the requirement. First Aid certification and CPR certification are also necessary for Philmont. Questions about how long the various certifications are valid were unresolved. Answers will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

A discussion about a Wilderness Survival Training class occurred. This class was offered in 2004 and was received favorably. Presently, the course would be offered by SOLO at a cost of \$97 per person. The course could be given at Quail Hill. It was recommended that as a contingent, the course should be offered. It was also noted that this course does not certify for CPR. This would have to be done separately. The course would also be given for adults only. Kenneth Eng will check in to available dates to offer the course. All agreed to pursue this course for the contingent.

Frank Fishedick discussed the Adult Shakedown Hike. The date for this hike is June 30, 2007. It is a one day hike to be offered at Stokes State Forest. A signup sheet was distributed for this hike. There was also a handout that listed physical requirements, knowledge, tools and directions. Frank explained that there are at least two trails available, each about 8-10 miles in

length. Frank also stated that the purpose of the hike was to get a feel for the conditioning that is required for Philmont as well as checking the trails for the Fall Contingent Hike. All attendees were asked to bring a compass and a backpack weighing approximately 25-30 pounds. It was announced that an Adult Backpacking course given by Jim Brown will be offered Sept. 20, 27 and Oct 13-14 at Quail Hill. Maurice mentioned that the course was well run and had lots of valuable information for all.

The Philmont Kick-off Meeting was discussed in detail. See attached minutes of that portion of the meeting.

Requirements for the Philmont trip were discussed. It was stated that all participants must attend certain dates. These dates will be emailed and will also be on the website. Other items of importance covered the following requirements:

- Crew meetings are mandatory. Crews need to work together as a team.
- Crews knowing each other also need to learn the strengths and weaknesses of each individual.
- All participants must make commitment to show up to attend meetings. It will make a difference.
- Each crew will set up its own parameters.
- Eagle projects cannot be used toward conservation hours.

The September Open House is still without a definite date. Brian Wilson volunteered to head up this venue. Maurice stated that this will be the first opportunity for crews to meet each other. Parents will also get a chance to discuss the details of Philmont. Everyone will get together for the first time. It will be a question and answer format. Maurice also mentioned that this and the Fall shakedown will be the only times the group will meet as a full contingent until the spring of 2008. Open House requires 10 copies of Philmont notes, which Maurice is currently updating.

The Fall Contingent Hike will be headed up by Dale and Frank. It will be held on Oct 19-21, 2007 at Stokes State Forest. Mike will be handling the food. Bruce Kaplan will check on bus. Two are needed for the contingent. Help will also be needed on the trail to assist scouts when they are crossing roads and in case of physical need. Anyone who has any bus information should contact Maurice or Dale via email. It was noted that in order to drive the bus, you must have a CDL.

Current participation levels were discussed. At time of this meeting, 35 scouts and 14 adults were registered for the Philmont trip. It was questioned as to whether or not venture crews received the Philmont mailer. Maurice explained that one person from each family received the mailing. The Venturing mailing list was included.

Volunteers were solicited for the advertising campaign. There is a flyer handout prepared for this purpose. During summer camp at Forestburg there will a pitch for Philmont set up for one night during each week. Weekly volunteers are as follows:

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| Week 1 | John Ostovich |
| Week 2 | Pat Dwyer |
| Week 3 | TBD |
| Week 4 | Bruce Kaplan |
| Week 5 | Frank Fishedick |

Maurice stated that the contingent must be 120-125 people in total to allow for drops in order to make the trip of 112 scouts/adults. He mentioned that we need to address our advertising in areas other than Forestburg. Committee is looking for an Advertising Coordinator to perform this function.

Pat Dwyer is coordinating the Philmont 2008 Hat/Shirt/Patch design. He emailed looking for design ideas. Pat showed several submissions to the committee and stated that he is still looking for more design ideas. The patch is needed for September. Pat suggested that it be a simple

design, something that is easy to read. The Philmont brand on a horse was used as an example. Pat asked that more design ideas be brought to the 7/16 meeting.

The subject of fundraising was discussed. It was stated that fundraising will be done on a crew level. Campership scholarships are available for Philmont. More information will be made available on this once crews have been established.

There was no other new business and the meeting was closed by Maurice Zaghera.
The next Contingent Committee Meeting will be held on July 16, 2008 at Morganville Service Center.

Minutes prepared by Allison Mitsching

Philmont 2008
Kickoff Meeting/Open House
Notes from June 25 meeting

August 23, 2007 – Morganville Service Center – Starting 7:00 PM

Coordinator (1-2) Frank Fishedick Maurice Zagha

Burning CD's – CD's for handout (3-4) Mike R, John O, Brian W., Don S
Philmont notes _____
Lighting Safety _____
Kick off Notes _____

Copying Resources – 2008 Expedition Registration Form
100 Copies Don Schaffner

Set up chairs, tables for notaries, registration, & form completion (2)
Joanne Herman Allen Jones

Sign-In (2) Dennis Coffey Tim Maiken

Presentations:

- Introductions and Philmont Video (pp 1-3) Maurice Zagha
- Itinerary Planning and Dates (pp 4-7) Jay Edgar
- Philmont Program & Equipment (8-10) Frank Fishedick
- Risk Advisory (pp 11-14) Tom Magg
- Health & Fitness (pp 15-16 Medical 21-22) Rich Standt
- Finances (pp 17-19) John Erickson
- Q&A – All (What happens next) All

Registration:

- Notary Public (4) MaryAnn Erickson, two from council – need one
- Note book Computers (4-6) Frank Fishedick, Tom Magg, Rich Standt
Jay Edgar, Maurice Zagha, John Ostovich

Sound System (1) Tim Maiken

Demonstrations: (4-5 youth) Carlson Fishedick, Tyler Neher, Evan Zagha,
Zach Schaffner, Allison Edgar

- Packs and Packing
- Footwear
- Maps, and Photos, Album – Maurice, Frank
- Tents
- Stoves
- Bear Bags
- Water Filter
- Dining Fly

Philmont Summer Class A Uniform for Committee Members (Shorts)

Arrange responsibility for:

- Microphone and Speaker (1) Tim Maiken
 - VCR (1) check with Council John Kilduff and Council Office
 - Philmont map & Sample Itinerary Maurice & Frank
 - Receipt Book – Council John Kilduff
 - MCBSA & US Flag – Council Office
 - Sharpies, Pens & Pencils – Council Office
 - Staples & Paper Clips – Council Office
 - Duct Tape & Electrical Extension Cords for audio and visual setup Bruce Kaplan
 - Name Tags for Philmont committee members and helpers Jay Edgar
- He will need a list of Adults and helpers
- Complete set of Philmont notes for Reference Frank Fishedick
 - Projection System – Service Center - Jay Edgar
 - Philmont CD – Tape Maurice & John Kilduff
 - Outdoor Code – Post on wall 10 copies Jay Edgar

Maurice to Bring:

- CD or USB Storage device – Load Registration Spreadsheet
- Registration Forms (100)
- Signs
 - Notary →
 - Registration →
 - Sign In →
- Maurice Notes- Mandatory items:
 - Contingent Meeting (Date & Location) _____
 - Shakedown Hikes
 - October 12-14 Stokes SF
 - April 11-13, 2008 FBSR
 - Crew Meetings
 - Crew Outings
 - Conservation Project (dates)
 - May 10, 2008 Quail Hill
 - May 17, 2008 Forestburg
 - Will qualify for 50 Miler Award