

Philmont 2006 Contingent Committee Meeting Notes
October 18, 2007
Lawrence Lodge, Quail Hill

Attendees: T. Banyacski, K. Bentivenga, D. Coffey, P. Dwyer, K. Eng, J. Ericson, F. Fishedick, D. Harman, J. Herman, A. Jones, B. Kaplan, T. Makin, J. Motley, J. Ostovich, J. Passaro, M. Rauchwerk, R. Smith, S. Spano, R. Standt, M. Wills, B. Wilson, M. Zagha

Contingent Leader Comments

- Communication will be by e-mail. Responses are appreciated on a timely manner to avoid follow up requests. If necessary acknowledge e-mail and indicated response forthcoming.
- How strong crew advisors are with participation expectations will affect participation levels. Set expectation guidelines and importance of crew development.

Kickoff Meeting

- If anyone comes up with any remarks they can e-mail Maurice
- Maurice apologized for having to cancel the September meeting due to his busy season

Committee

- Updated list was posted for sign in and review
- All scouts and adults must be registered

Crew Reports

- One-First meeting last week. Prior Philmont trekkers came to help. Scouts are ready for shakedown. One drop, one add. November they will be working on orienteering skills and going to Tatum Park for field exercises. Mum and peanut brittle sales were done as a fundraiser. All attending shakedown.
- Two-There was a meeting Sunday and most showed. Packs were inspected. Some of the crew members are experienced. The practiced lighting a light weight stove, hanging a bear bag, setting up a tarp and went over crew gear. Seven will be attending shakedown. There is one new scout and three taking the PSAT.
- Three- Had two meetings. There is a variety of skill levels and interesting gear. Two people are outfitting the crew. Discussed what Philmont is all about. No fundraisers yet. One early drop. One scout taking PSAT. Andrew driving to shakedown. Did a pack inspection.
- Four- Had an initial meeting. Quartermaster working to organize gear for shakedown. Everyone experienced and going on shakedown. It was determined there was no need to meet due to experience level and the fact that the crew is spread apart. One scout may leave early. It was suggested by another crew advisor that crew four consider using a conference bridge to conduct meetings.

- Five- Met one week ago. Spent part of the time organizing crew gear. All scouts have done backpacking therefore opted out of pack check. Will be going to Quail Hill in a couple of weeks to do set up and break down team building. Two scouts not attending shake down, one due to PSAT, one injury.
- Six- Have had two meetings, one this week one two weeks ago. Did a backpack test to find items on check list. Followed up pack check and weighing. Almost perfect attendance. Three not attending shakedown. One driving up late.
- Seven- Had a meeting last week. Did pack checks and discussed what boys wanted to accomplish at subsequent meetings. Also discussed shakedown at length. Seven boys, two adults and one car coming up to shakedown.
- Eight- Had a meeting last week. Pack demo was not brought to discuss internal verses external frames. One experienced scout. Crew not taking things serious. Crew 71 is holding an orienteering event 11/4 at Quail Hill and has invited Philmont crew members. Next meeting scheduled. Quartermaster assigned gear. Full crew expected at shakedown. Sarah may meet crew there. Frank may also be running late.
- Nine- Met twice. First meeting brought packs and it was interesting. Set preliminary positions. One scout not attending shakedown. One scout not attending. Pat driving because he has to leave early with four scouts. Gear is good-3 jet boils, 1 msr, 4 water purifiers, rain fly? Bringing only two multi tools and two knives.
- Ten-Met Monday, brought packs and crew gear. Have dining fly. All attending shakedown. One adult driving. Three going home by car.

Crew Development

- Crew Positions- A copy of these was sent out. You should think about and discuss these as you hike so crew members can see what positions they might like. Crew will decide who fills what positions. Advisors have no say and no vote.
- Philmont Notes-Give copies to youth. Repeat #1 Scout Manners and discuss at every meeting. Remember we are 112 strong. A leader should be assigned to discuss notes at crew meetings.
- Youth Protection Training- The video has been newly revised. It must be shown and viewed by everyone. It is a good idea to invite parents to viewing. Crews nine and two took DVDs. Pat will make copies for the remaining crews.
- Conditioning- body, mind, attitude, Crew
- Uniform- Travel is in full uniform. Venture crews must choose one uniform for all members. Advisors should require uniforms at crew meetings. It shows that the crew is a team.
- Participation-

Important Dates

- SOLO Wilderness First Aid- January 26 & 27 Approximately \$100 if we have 30 people plus \$35 for CPR. Ken will follow up on payments. Balance due in

2-3 weeks. Includes things like what to look for before dehydration. One option to this course is Red Cross with wilderness component. Course will be open to others if room. Be sure to submit copies of training certification including YPT.

- Fall Contingent Hike-(Dale) Meet 5:30 at Service Center. Once crew is together and packs are in a line check in, load packs on truck and board bus. Make sure packs are waterproof. Once at Stokes Crew Leader should check in with John who will then assign a camp site. Crews should then set up campsites just like they will at Philmont. Smellables should be out of packs and up. Packs can go back in truck. Saturday morning check in with Dale, break camp, pack up, form pack line. Crew Leader should check in, get food and map. Hikes are 8-9 miles in length and crews will spend all day on the trail. Crews should work on hiking together not strung out but they should remain separate from other crews. There will be a few trail sweepers. Rich and Jim will be at the fire tower where crews should check in. Watch hikers' feet, boots, socks, blisters. Remember Crew Leader runs crew not advisor. Return to original sight and set up camp. Water is available at picnic area and camp area. Friday there will be a crew leader meeting. Saturday there will be an advisor meeting. When you arrive don't disembark busses until instructions are given. Sunday morning the process is reversed. Advisor check crew head count. We will be set to leave at 10 am. Be ready to board at 9:30. When hiking last person should have first person in sight. Cell phone service is sporadic. Call Dale for emergencies. If you can not reach him call Jim Brown then Park Ranger. Youth should not have any electronic equipment. Maurice will send out cell phone number list. Bring a compass and send note to crew to waterproof boots.
- Food- Thank you Mike. We will get oven bags and no more drink mix. Binder clips helpful to use on oven bags. There are 8 extra meals. There is extra food if you need. Leftovers will be brought back and distributed for day hikes.
- Medical- Class III required for backpacking and high adventure. Need class I at a minimum.

Tour Permits-

- John Kilduff will sign for contingents along with advisors. Quail Hill is available for crew use anytime. Call and check in with Spud who is available until 6pm on Sundays. Any shakedown advisors should take park rangers number in case of emergency.

Payments

- Each crew got envelopes with sheets. Payments are made once a month, \$200 first month, \$150 subsequent. There are seven envelopes with labels to John. Make two copies of checks and keep one. John collates, Advisors chase down payments not made. Keep records for discrepancies. John will send monthly updates to crew advisors. Don not delegate job to youth but can give to parent.

One check can be submitted for two people just note on memo. Make sure the youths name is on the check.

Camper ship Opportunities

- Discuss with crew the availability. Paper work will be available at future meetings.

Patch-

- Contingent patch submissions were voted on and the submission from Michael Waldron crew #4 won. Patch sales are a contingent fundraiser to be sold at approximately \$4. Contingent members can purchase additional patches at \$2 a piece.

Committees

- Shirt and Hat Committee- John and Pat will e-mail contacts.
- Activities Committee- Dennis, Frank, Mike and Brian
- Conservation Days- Quail Hill- Bruce, Forestburg-Pat
- Committees should document work done and feed back to Maurice so he can pass on info to new contingent advisor.

In response to a question regarding odorless deodorant Maurice noted that in addition to the Ranger telling you not to bring there are three reasons you should not bring. First, one ounce in the morning equals one pound by night. Secondly, scent free has not been tested on animals. Third, you will be dirty any way.