

## Philmont 2008 Meeting Minutes 11/26/08

### Crew Reports

Crew 1 – Crew meeting 11/3 Set up tents which leaked at the shakedown hike. Sealed the seams. Viewed Youth Protection training video. Met 11/13 to review orienteering skills. Half the crew got lost on practice orienteering hike. Plan to compete in orienteering competition in Tatum Park in December. Have not had crew elections, but temporary leaders are working well and may stay.

Crew 2 Crew meeting in early Novemeber. 2 Weeks ago an 8 mile hike at Sandy Hook. No crew elections yet but plan to meet in December.

Crew 3 No crew elections yet. Plan a hike 12/8. Good on crew gear. 2 meetings so far to plan events and review orienteering skills. Plan many activities like rock climbing, bowling and roller skating. Probably plan to meet three times per month.

Crew 4 Having scheduling trouble. The troop meetings conflict. Have had “dueling” hikes. Plan to do tent setup meeting.

Crew 5 Planned a weekend at Quail Hill, but cancelled due to conflicts. Had a meeting to discuss footwear and backpacks. Crew elections done, but they were easy since the crew all knows each other. Hiking this weekend up at Allamuchy and plan to due site setup. Next crew meeting planned for 12/13

Crew 6 Really turned on by the shakedown hike. Have had few conflicts and two meetings in November. Plan a 12 mile hike at Stokes this weekend. No elections but there is a natural leader and a mature group, mostly.

Crew 7 Scheduling conflicts. Have an outing planned 12.1 to do setup at Quail Hill. The shakedown worked fantastic.

Crew 8 Have had a few meetings. Picked apart the gear with the parents present. Had some crew wearing sneakers on the shakedown hike. Had a 7 mile day hike at Hartshorne woods. No natural leader and no elections yet so the leadership is rotating.

Crew 9 Had 2 meetings going over Philmont notes and reading old treks. Still using temporary leaders. Plan a meetins for 11/28 and hiking at Stokes Sat and Sunday. Good on crew gear. Experimenting with JetBoils and Boil Bags which work very quickly.

Crew 10 Shakedown went extremely well. All leaders elected. Hand an overnight at Hartshorne woods. Good on gear.

### Crew development

- Remember to call council when planning an event at Quail Hill
- Brian Wilson has volunteered to collate a list of local parks for training hikes.

- Maurice has a list of team building activities for crew development that he will e-mail to advisors.
- Youth protection video was duplicated and distributed to all crews. Advisors need to complete online YPT training and submit cards to Maurice. The training must be completed within the year of Philmont. You will not get on the plane without submitting your Youth Protection card to Maurice.

Fall Shakedown – Worked out wonderfully for all. It was nice to have showers available. The food was very good and plentiful, although it would have been nice to have tuna or something else in the noodles.

Trek Selection – Advisors should start talking to the crew about the available activities and take a poll of crews desires. But remember there is no bad trek. No crew should plan on anything beyond a rugged trek unless everybody in the crew is strong and experienced. Stay with the typical (challenging) or rugged treks. By February plan on having a made 3 choices for trek selection. This will be collated as a council so there are no conflicts within the council and then submitted to Philmont as soon as possible so that there is the best chance of everybody getting their first choice. Choose treks with programs and campfires because they are really good. Trek information is to be e-mailed to all advisors.

Solo First Aid. There will be CPR offered in the evening and 14 people expressed interest. CPR training is good for two years. This will cost an additional \$35. The Wilderness First aid course is \$100, of which most participants have made a \$50 deposit. Total payment should be mailed to Ken Eng by January 5 Write Solo on the check and make it out to Monouth Council BSA. This course will be all day Saturday 1/26 and Sunday 1/27 and the CPR will be 3 hours Saturday night. Participants may plan on staying overnight at Quail Hill. Bruce Kaplan will ask Tom Forte to cook lunch. Dinner will be on your own before the Saturday evening CPR class.

Fund Raising Crews can do a special popcorn sale to raise money.

Camperships. Two \$500 campership scholarships were sent from Philmont. 1 has already been assigned and one is available. See Maurice for application. An intention form must be returned to Philmont by 12/10. More may become available later.

Payments – Payments were received from every crew. Please follow the instructions on submitting payments and make a cope of the form and all checks. John Erickson has already alerted the crews which are having trouble following direction. Please double check the spreadsheet that John has returned to the crews to correct any mistakes earlier rather than later. Any discrepancies should be brought up with John immediately. All youth should have paid \$500 by now and continue to pay \$150 per month until May when they will have paid up the total \$1400. Advisors will have to pay \$1150 which is expected as \$575 by January and the rest by May.

Patch, Shirts and Hats – The path is not ready yet. It was sent out today. Still need a T-shirt design. A 1 color design will help limit the cost. Wicking T-shirts drive up the cost and limit the color selection. Everybody was content with a grey or tan shirt. There is a budget of \$30 for 2 shirts hat and patch. The hat is expected to cost \$7 and the patch is \$1.18. Each participant will have the opportunity to order more. The crews will be asked to submit a form with sizes for all youth and adults and also for extra shirts. A separate collared shirt will be made for adults at an extra cost for the adults. 2 patches will be ordered for each participant and extras will be available.

Travel. Newark Airport loves Scouts. A meeting is planned with both Continental Airlines and Southwest Airlines to discuss travel and rates. Prices will still be dependent on fuel costs. A special check in and security can be setup for the contingent. Parking and transportation can be arranged from FedEx in Newark to the passenger terminal. It is possible to leave a couple of cars at FedEx. In addition the contingent could participate in a mock disaster drill in May. Tom should have the date by 11/31

Conditioning. Advisors need to take this seriously.

#### Scrounge List

- Rich Standt has seed bags for bear bags. Extras are convenient as Philmont will only give you 2, but some crews were given 6.
- Tyvek makes a great ground cloth or even a dining fly. There is some available. We could use more.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aid supplies. Ask around hospitals are usually very generous.

Next Meeting 12/20 at Laurence Lodge 7:30 PM

The itinerary committee will meet prior to this.

All future meetings after 12/20 will be at the Scout Service Center