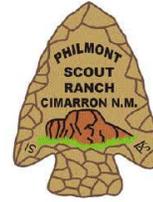




Philmont 2014



February 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened by Drew Kimberlin at 7:05 p.m.

Meeting minutes recorded by Ron Roszkowski

Comments

- Drew asked that everyone reply and/or acknowledge all e-mail communication from him to confirm receipt and understanding.
- All current leaders should have completed the online Youth Protection training. Not only is it a requirement for the contingent, it is equally important for all Troop/Venture charters.
- Drew reminded all adult advisors that in order to attend Philmont, you must be a registered BSA member of a Troop or Venture Crew.

Crew Reports

- Advisors provided brief updates on recent activities. Some boys aren't working as hard, or as committed as others in the various crews. Discussions should take place between the advisors and the crew member to ensure that there aren't any personal issues preventing them from contributing.
- After working with existing gear, some crew members are making adjustments to replace what isn't working well. If the boots to be worn in Philmont haven't been purchased yet, they should be now to ensure enough time to allow for proper break-in.
- Crew leaders are taking ownership of the crews, and most positions have been filled.
- Drew reminded everyone that the Youth Protection video must be viewed by all crew members prior to leaving for Philmont. Currently, 4 of 10 crews have watched the video.

Crew Development

- Have the crew members wear their uniforms to the meetings to ensure that all patches are properly attached.
- Drew reminded everyone that the Philmont notes should be read during the crew meetings. If they aren't being read, something important will be missed.
- The completion of a duty roster/tent assignment sheet is recommended for each crew, but it is up to the individual crew to determine if they want to use them. Two laminated copies should be made. Now is the time to instill responsibility and ownership.
- It is important for everyone to be physically fit in order to enjoy the trek in Philmont. Adults should especially have an exercise regimen in place.

Trek Selections

- It has been confirmed that the 2014 trek books will be coming out in mid March. All crews should understand the program versus hiking differences with each trek. The more strenuous the trek, the more you will be hiking, which may decrease your program time.
- Send your top 5 treks to Drew, and when the 2014 treks come out next month you'll compare them to your choices. If the treks are similar, no changes will need to be submitted. If they are different, new choices will need to be sent.

- The top 5 trek selections for each crew will be entered online on April 2nd. We will be competing with contingents across the country for trek selections, so there is no guarantee on which trek you will receive.

Travel

- Nine crews will be flying out of Philadelphia airport on Southwest Airlines to allow for direct flights. This will ensure that baggage isn't lost. The costs of each ticket ranged between \$379 and \$542. Southwest has no baggage fees for weights under 50lbs.
- Print out the itinerary confirmation e-mail you received from the airline, and ensure that you bring it to the airport. 24 hours prior to departure you can go online to select a seat.
- John has a good packing checklist that he will send out via e-mail.

Philmont Maps

- Two sets of maps will be ordered for each crew after all treks are confirmed by Philmont in April. The maps will be based on the trek selected.
- Each crew will also receive one Philmont reservation map in March: It is important to bring this map to Philmont for ranger training.
- Crews and individuals can order additional maps online at www.toothoftimetraders.com

Dietary and Religious Requirements

- Check with your crew to see if anyone has any dietary or religious food needs, and inform Drew so meals can be ordered in May. Reference Philmont statement and 2014 menus.

Campership

- There was \$7000 in requested camperships. Monmouth Council originally received \$3000, but Philmont approved the request for an additional \$4000 to cover the outstanding requests.

Scout and Crew Payment Process

- All crew payments must be given to John on time. Airline payments were covered, but the Philmont payment is due in March. Money for other reservations must also be made

Conservation Project

- The conservation project is on track. March 29th is the primary date, and March 30th will be used as a makeup or rain date. Send an e-mail with the number of scouts that plan on attending either the 29th or 30th.

Spring shakedown Hike

- The shakedown will take place in Forestberg on April 4th – 6th. This will be used as a skills review and evaluation to reinforce skills learned during the ongoing crew training. As this is an important training event, all crew members should attend which will help with physical and emotional stability. Each crew will visit 10 skill "towns", and will stay at each station for 30-45 minutes, with 30 minutes between stations.
- Upon arrival in Forestburg, each crew leader will pick a letter out of a bag to determine which trek they will take. Advisors will be assigned to different crews to provide feedback to understand strengths, and where improvements need to be made. Staff at each skill town will also evaluate each crew. Be sure to let your crew know ahead of time that you will not accompany them during this shakedown.
- Crew rosters will need to be submitted at the next committee meeting. All physicals will also need to be submitted. Adults will need to have an tetanus, and possibly pertussis within the last 10 years.
- Each crew member should pack their packs as if they were in Philmont to include all crew and personal gear.

