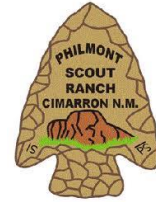




Philmont 2016



October 06, 2015

Morganville Service Center

Minutes

Drew opened the meeting, asking for updates on the following:

| Topic | Comment |
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| Crew Roles | Mostly assigned for shakedown – Permanent assignments pending |
| Read Philmont notes | Few have read |
| Financial Collections | All but Crew 3 are current |
| Fundraising | A few, but not many, have started fundraising |

94 Participants in Shakedown Hike out of 102.

Comments: Shakedown 1:

Each group covered their experiences. Most did well. A few struggled. A few themes emerged

- Backpacks
 - Knowing how to properly fit a backpack is critical
 - Suggest the scouts and leaders go to a store for a 'lesson'.
 - The instructions you receive will make more sense now that you've completed a long hike
- First Aid Kits – Consider medicines as well as bandages, etc.
- Food
 - Canned chicken – Good
 - Mac and Cheese – Not so good (unless substituting BBQ Sauce for Cheese Powder)
- Cooking gear – Many pots and stoves vs. fewer pots and stoves.
 - Recommendation is fewer pots and stoves.
- Canopy and Dining Fly

- Experienced leaders should review the purpose and tips for working in the rain and dark with advisors and/or lead scouts
- Be on time – Running late for bus departure, advisor meetings, etc only frustrates others as time is wasted and activities are delayed.

Important Dates – May 14th – Conservation Day at Quail Hill

For Next Month – Remind scouts to order extra pathes

Announcements – Crew 9 lost tent poles.

Suggestions made as each crew presented:

- Possible organization sites – all are free
 - Jooners.com
 - Facebook (Private groups)
 - Google Docs
 - Shutterfly
- Roles
 - Quartermaster
 - Have laminated tags listing who has what
 - Responsible for weight distribution
 - Ensure all items are represented appropriately (not too many or too few)
 - Chaplains Aide – Stress that this role is to keep the group together when times get tough
 - Tent Assignments – Get agreement before the next shakedown
 - Define various roles, and laminate. Bear Bag Hangers, Canopy, site selection, etc.
 - Historian: More important than the Scouts may appreciate now. Ask them what was special about their first trip. This may reinforce the need to take pics and share narratives about special sights or events for the day.
 - Color Code bear bag personal bags
 - Makes it easier to separate in the morning
 - Helpful to separate food into individual bags to make re-portioning food faster in the morning
 - Weigh the crew before and after loading the pack to determine how much food each can carry
 - 5 and 20 minute breaks are important
 - Have a scout monitor time length
 - Time starts when the last scout arrives
 - Place the slowest guys towards the front to prevent spreading
 - Soft taco shells for bread bowls
 - Increases energy (calories)
 - Decreases washing and water consumption

Spring contingent shakedown:

Logistics John O. ?

- Forestburg from April 15 – 17 – reserved
- The format is a mini-Philmont with each crew spending 30 to 45 minutes per station.
- The crew will lead themselves as crew advisors will be switched to different crews to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.
- We will use the same travel as the Fall shakedown.
- **Need volunteer to order food from Philmont. Two breakfasts, one lunch and one dinner will need to be ordered. John Guaragano**

Adult certifications: Start sending training records to Chris Brown

- Each advisor must be certified in Youth Protection which is offered online. This should be taken within one year of returning from Philmont (after July 10, 2016).
- Wilderness First Aid & CPR
- Trek Safely, Weather and Safety Afloat
- Each crew must also review the Youth Protection CD. **Ron will provide to each crew prior to the full contingent meeting.**

Scrounge List

- Bear bags
- Tyvek
- First Aid supplies
- ????

Upcoming Meetings

11/3/2015 Advisor Contingency Meeting

12/1/2015 Advisor Contingency Meeting

1/5/2016 Advisor Contingency Meeting

2/2/2016 Advisor Contingency Meeting

3/1/2016 Advisor Contingency Meeting

4/15 – 4/17 2016 Philmont Spring Shakedown Hike Pending confirmation

4/5/2016 Advisor Contingency Meeting

5/3/2016 Advisor Contingency Meeting

6/7/2016 Advisor Contingency Meeting

6/26/2016 Departure for Colorado

6/28/2016 Arrival Philmont Scout Reservation

7/10/2016 Depart Philmont Scout Reservation return NJ