

What is Expected from Philmont Participants

NCAC HAC Training Session I

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Who Participates?

- ◆ Scouts
- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Crew
- ◆ NCAC-HAC (Council)



Expectations - Scouts

- ◆ Have FUN!
- ◆ Adventure of a Life Time
- ◆ Possibly the 'Ultimate Scouting Experience'
- ◆ Source of bragging rights for years to come

Know what is expected to ensure these rewards!



Expectations - Parents

- ◆ Scout will be challenged and have fun – lots of fun
- ◆ They will be safe, but injuries can happen
- ◆ Scout Leaders will be competent and will ensure Crew is prepared
- ◆ Philmont staff is well-trained and committed to a great experience



Expectations - Parents

- Reinforce training and preparation schedule
- Be sure they have essential gear
 - Doesn't need to be top of the line!
- Do not pack for your scout
- Discuss ALL medical conditions and medications with lead adult advisor - no medication holidays!
- Don't be one of these:



Expectations - Parents

Remember...

Your Scout's trek is your two week vacation!



Expectations - Adult Advisors

- Make this a Scout-led adventure
- Train your crew leader – let them train the crew
- Plan sufficient shakedowns – this is critical
- Facilitate team building, don't manufacture it
- **Get in shape and take care of your health**
- CPR and WFA training – good team building
- Listen to other adults who've been there



Expectations - Adult Advisors

GET TO KNOW YOUR CREW

- **Ensure physical and emotional preparation of the crew.**
- Identify any health issues of concern (physical and mental) and address them with parents now.
- Discuss all medications with parents and Scouts.
- Provisional Crews: recommendation letter from SM
- Above two also apply to other adult advisors.
- Be alert for a scout who really doesn't want to go to Philmont. Encourage a healthy decision not to attend.
- **Maintain YOUR health and fitness, delegate tasks.**



Expectations - Crew

- ◆ Take ownership – this is your trek
- ◆ Mutual commitment to train and prepare
- ◆ Select a trek that everyone accepts and can handle
- ◆ Each crewmember carries their load/does their job
- ◆ Crew works as a unit, develops pride and motivation



Crew Expectations - Specifics

- Good Logistics = Successful Trek
 - Gear Shakedowns /Prep hikes = REQUIRED
 - Crew Meetings = MUST ATTEND
 - Other Crew Activities = Good for Teambuilding
 - Medical Forms = to Advisors IMMEDIATELY
 - Stay current on payments
 - Submit paperwork when asked



Crew Preparations

Planning Meetings

- Team building

- Develop Schedule

- Select Itineraries

Preparatory Hikes

- Plan for three to six hikes/outings

- Physical Fitness-Gear-Team Building

Advisor Hikes – TBD (likely in March '21)

Catoctin Mt State Park, Thurmont MD



Expectations - NCAC HAC

- ◆ Crews will be prepared and follow established guidelines - you represent NCAC & BSA
- ◆ **Crews travel in official scout uniform**
- ◆ Misconduct can result in being sent home
- ◆ Advisors - oversee and guide crew to be prepared for the trip
- ◆ All participants want to be part of the Crew
 - ◆ Have same expectations of yourself and other members



Appearance

“Official Scouts BSA Uniform” means:

- Class “A” uniform – airline travel, first day arrival at PSR, dinner
 - Uniform pants (with belt) or shorts with Scout socks
 - Uniform shirt
 - No neckerchief, MB/OA sash, hanging patches or medals
 - Hat optional – BSA logos only
 - Wear your boots!
 - No knives in airport...!
- Class “B” uniform – bus travel, sightseeing
 - Official Contingent T-shirt replaces uniform shirt
- **NO Exceptions ...**



Conduct & Discipline

- Conduct problems are rare – well-trained scouts and crews rise to the challenge
- When problems do occur, they frequently are:
 - A scout who feels forced to attend
 - Scouts/crews who are poorly prepared
 - A scout taken off medications with no adjustment time or appreciation for how stressful high altitude backpacking can be
- Minor problems: Scout, crew leader, lead advisor, Philmont staff
- Severe problems: limits on privileges, sent home



Effects of COVID-19

- Protocols for Meetings and Shakedown Hikes
 - Unit > Chartered Org > NCAC > Local & State
- Social Distancing
 - Hikes
 - Tenting
 - Meals
 - Disinfection
- \$50 surcharge added PSR to cover increased costs
- Be vigilant – wear mask – avoid missing hikes, events !



Expectations - NCAC HAC

We expect you will have
The Time of Your Life...

We will do everything we can
to ensure it is!

