Agenda - October Advisor Briefing

Administrative (Crew) - with Contingent Executive and Contingent Administrator (at back of room before or after briefing)
- Review Crew Roster, make any necessary changes and collect two copies, give one to Contingent Guia - full crew of 9 Scouts and 3 advisors?
- Review financial status of all crew members
- Confirm Lead (contact) Advisor and e-mail addresses
- Receive copies of Advisor Guide for each adult member of crew

Opening ceremony and remarks

The Watchu Experience
- Self introduction - Crew Advisors: Unit, Town, Position, Prior Philmont Experience
- Self introduction - Watchu Staff: Same
- Contingent requirements: Attendance, Full uniform, Scout Oath and Law
- Watchu Mission Statement
- The Five Phases of Watchu
- "An Introduction to Philmont"
- Watchu Events (discuss handout)
  - Four briefings for ALL advisors - October, January, March & June
  - Watchu Mountain Adventure - first weekend in May (1-3) (SAT issue).
- Physical condition - blood pressure and weight chart
- Encourage Scouts pay to their own way: Adventureships, Scout Accounts, and Crew/Individual fund raising

Administrative (General)
- Expedition numbers and crew number
- Philmont Gateway
- Payment Schedule
- Refund Policy and Travel Policy
- Travel Insurance
- Adventureship applications due Nov 1. On-line Application council website under "More" then "Forms" then "Warren Wheeler Adventureship"
- Making High Adventure Affordable - crew and individual fund raising
- Watchu budget - full crews
- Review incomplete crews

The Watchu Mountain Outfitters
- Provide quality gear to contingent participants - Order Form
- Turn in T-shirt sizes at January Advisor Briefing
- Deadline for Hikers Dozen discount is January Advisor Briefing

Celebrate the Lead Advisor Corps
- Watchu Staff introduces Lead Advisors by contingent and presents hang tag
Dress Code - **BSA Uniform**, advisors with Watchu name plate

- "Official" (class A) for all council briefings and training events
- "Official" (class A) for travel to and from Philmont, and evening events at Base Camp
- "Official" (class B) for the Garden of Gods hike, whitewater rafting, and remainder of time at Philmont in Base Camp
- Three T-shirts / quick change between class A and B uniforms

**The Crew Member Guide** - highlights

- Your Watchu Experience
- The Four Expensive Essentials
- The Watchu Web Site
- The Watchu Network, Watchu Grams, alerts and reminders
- Watchu Training Videos

**The Advisor Guide** - highlights

- **Watchu Passport**
  - Complete online crew roster (bring printout)
  - All fees paid in full
  - BSA registration
  - Crew completely uniformed
  - Watchu Wilderness Pledge
  - Wilderness First Aid/CPR
  - BSA Swim Test (Lead Advisor certify)
  - Youth Protection (for all crew members 18 years and older)
  - Weather Hazard Training (Advisors)
  - Safe Swim/Safety Afloat (Advisors)
  - Airline Ticketing Information form
  - Rafting Permission / Release [Echo Canyon (Blue Sky) online]
  - Colorado Tour (Blue Sky Only) Release
  - Photo ID for all crew members
  - BSA Annual Health and Medical Record

- Crew Preparation Checklist-Calendar
- Leader Positions in a Crew
- Useful Contacts
Advisor Responsibilities - Health, Safety, and Fitness for the Trail

- Philmont is a physically demanding backcountry experience
- Health and Safety - **blood pressure, weight**, individual and crew fitness plan
- BSA Annual Health and Medical Record
- Full crew of twelve
- Learn and know crew members’ Outdoor History
- Family involvement
- Youth Protection training - cards for adults, youth view DVD
- **Wilderness First Aid** (WFA), Standard First Aid and CPR
  - Two crew members **both** WFA and CPR - Philmont requirement
  - Three crew members WFA and CPR - PPC recommendation
  - Other crew members standard First Aid and CPR Certified - PPC recommendation.
- Proper equipment, both crew and individual

Resources

- The [Crew Member and Parent Guide](#)
- The [Advisor Guide](#)
  - [Crew Preparation Checklist](#)
  - Printed Philmont Preparation Resources
- [The Watchu Network](#), [Watchu Grams](#) and Alerts
- Your crew family network - all crew members connected via e-mail
- [The Watchu Experience Web site](#) (www.watchu.org)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) - answers to years of advisor/family questions
- Your opportunity to ask questions - e-mail [Chief Watchu](mailto:chiefwatchu@watchu.org)

Trail Planning, Part 1

- "[Selecting a Great Trek!](#)"

Homework

- Review Watchu Web site pages through Administration
- Review the online [Council and Unit Planning Guide](#)
- Think about which (non-Lead) advisor in your contingent would be a good Tour Advisor

January Briefing preview

- Crew Development
- Personal and Crew Equipment
- Each contingent selects their contingent Tour Advisor
- On Line Trek selection process

Questions, comments, suggestions, and concerns

Benediction

Service Project – break down / clean-up room