

Agenda - October Advisor Briefing

Administrative (Crew) - with Contingent Executive and Contingent Administrator

- Review online [Crew Roster](#). Ensure it is up to date
 - Full crew of 9 Scouts and 3 Advisors, or 8 Scouts and 4 Advisors
- Review financial status of all crew members
- Confirm Lead (contact) Advisor and e-mail addresses
- Receive copies of [Advisor Guide](#) for each Advisor in the crew

Opening ceremony and remarks

The Watchu Experience

- Introduction - Crew Advisors: Unit, Town, Position, Prior Philmont Experience
- 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 5 to 7, 2023 (SAT issue).
- Encourage Scouts pay to their own way: [Adventureships](#), [Scout Accounts](#), and Crew/Individual fund raising (car wash, bag groceries, snow shovel, dinners, etc.)

Administrative (General)

- [Expedition numbers and crew number](#)
- [Philmont Gateway](#)
- [Payment Schedule](#)
- [Program and Training Refund Policy](#)
- [Travel Policy](#)
- Travel Insurance

Funds and Adventureships

- [Adventureship applications](#)
 - Due November 1.
 - Waite Phillips adventureship applications - one per crew
 - [Council adventureship application online \(https://ppcbasa.org](https://ppcbasa.org) -> More -> Forms -> Adventureship Request Form)
- Making High Adventure Affordable - crew and individual fund raising

The Watchu Budget

- Developed 20 months before departure
- Watchu budget cost breakdown
 - Philmont
 - Colorado Tour
 - Airline
 - Watchu & Patriots' Path
- Cost increases
- Impact of 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

Introduce the Lead Advisors

- 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 and remainder of time in Philmont 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 Network
 - Email_Chief Watchu - chiefwatchu@watchu.org
 - [Watchu Grams](#),
 - Watchu Alerts and
 - Watchu general messages
- [The Watchu Web Site](#)
- [Watchu Training Videos](#)

The Advisor Guide - highlights

- [Watchu Passport](#)
 1. Crew Roster
 2. All fees paid in full
 3. BSA registration
 4. Crew completely uniformed
 5. Watchu Wilderness Pledge
 6. Youth Protection
 7. CPR
 8. Wilderness First Aid
 9. Weather Hazard Training
 10. Swim Test
 11. Safe Swim Defense
 12. Safety Afloat
 13. Airline Ticketing Info Form
 14. Photo ID for all crew members
 15. BSA Health & Medical Records
 16. Rafting Permission / Release
 17. Colorado Tour Operator Release
 18. Health Code of Conduct forms
- [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 - Online training for adults and youth
 - Adults - <https://my.scouting.org/tools/my-training/ypt-training>
 - Scouts BSA - <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/>
 - Venture - <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/venturing/>

- [Wilderness First Aid](#) (WFA), CPR & Standard First Aid
 - 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](#) for your Philmont adventure.
 - Drawn from three sources
 - Personal
 - Crew gear (Provided by crew)
 - Crew gear (Issued by Philmont)
 - Also see FAQ for [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](#) (chiefwatchu@watchu.org)

Trek Planning

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

Homework

- If you've not done so, review [Philmont Promo Video](#) with your crew and crew parents.
- Complete first round of Trek selections
- Review Watchu Web site pages through Administration
- Familiarize yourself with Watchu Passport
- 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

- On Line Trek selection process
- Crew Development
- Personal and Crew Equipment
- Contingent Tour Advisor selection

Questions, comments, suggestions, and concerns

Benediction

Service Project - break down / clean-up room