

The Watchu Mountain Outfitters



The Watchu Mountain Outfitters (WMO) provide quality Base Camp and backcountry/rafting gear to the members of Patriots' Path Council Philmont expeditions. Check out what is available in the [Trading Post](#) on the [Watchu Experience](#) Web site (www.watchu.org). Available products will also be on display at all Advisor Briefings and during the Watchu Mountain Adventure in May. Every purchase of merchandise from the Watchu Mountain Outfitters helps to contain costs for all Patriots' Path contingent crews. All profits go directly into the Watchu program; strictly for the benefit of the Watchu/Philmont participants.

In the past popular products have included the moisture wicking rafting and backcountry T-shirt (\$20.00), the "booney-style" hat (\$25.00), the headlamp (\$15.00), and the water bottle (\$10.00). Check them, and all the WMO products, out! Recall your Patriots' Path Philmont fee includes one Expedition Base Camp T-shirt, suitable for use both during the day in Base Camp and on the trail, two Patriots' Path Expedition Patches for your uniforms, one WMO slingback daypack (new for 2012!) and one Expedition Tour (Carry-on) Bag.

Merchandise can be ordered either as an individual or as a crew, using the [Order Form](#) on the [Trading Post](#) page of the Web site. If ordering as a crew before the deadline of the January Advisor Briefing, the Hikers' Dozen discount is available on any Watchu Mountain Outfitters item - buy 11 and get one free!

Inventory Reduction Sale!!! - the Watchu Mountain Outfitters has slashed the prices of certain items to reduce inventory! Until the November Briefing, the price of the following items (limited to inventory on hand) have been slashed:

- Prior year expedition patches are \$1.00 (67% off the regular price of \$3.00)
- Zipper pull thermometers are \$1.00 (50% off the regular price of \$2.00)
- All shirts are \$10.00 (33% off the regular price of \$15.00 for Base Camp T-shirts, and 60% off the \$25.00 regular price for moisture wicking backcountry shirts - quantities of those are limited!)

And yes, the Hikers' Dozen discount applies to the sale prices - buy 11 of 1 item and get 1 free! Simply note the sale price on your Order Form.

How many shirts do you need? - You need three T-shirts during the Colorado Tour, which can then be used during your trek. They need to be Scout-related (suitable for a "class B" uniform). Wear one under your official uniform shirt during the tour and

you can quickly switch from "class A" to "class B" as required. One is the Expedition T-shirt included in your fee. A second should be moisture wicking, either from the WMO or other (this shirt would be suitable for whitewater rafting). We suggest the third be a crew-designed shirt, possibly one of the WMO shirts with additional graphics.

Wilderness First Aid voucher - once you have registered for a Patriots' Path Council Wilderness First Aid course (or completed a course offered by another organization) you can use one of the three vouchers given to each crew for merchandise from the Watchu Mountain Outfitters [Trading Post](#).

Product Input Wanted - the Watchu Mountain Outfitters are always on the outlook for quality products that can be offered to participants in Patriots' Path Council's Philmont contingents. If you have an idea of a product that might be provided, please e-mail your suggestion to ChiefWatchu@watchu.org.

Tip: By now we expect all Watchu families have placed the [Watchu Experience](#) business card/ refrigerator magnet (distributed at the September Lead Advisor Conference) in a prominent place at home. It will serve as a reminder of the place to find answers to most family questions.

Phil Fact: Mountain man and guide Kit Carson established a trading post on the Santa Fe Trail at Rayado for his partner, Lucien Maxwell, next to the house Maxwell built there. The trading post was rebuilt by Scouts in the 1950s and is now operated as a museum. Crews on treks that start or end at Rayado have the opportunity to tour the museum, and other crews can arrange to visit it after coming off the trail - there is scheduled bus service from Base Camp.

Philmont, where the old Rayado flows,

Christopher "Kit" Carson

Rayado, New Mexico Territory