

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) (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