

All Crews Must Have 12 Members

There are individual openings in the 2022 contingents and more can be expected due to dropouts. These openings **MUST** be filled. Consider the following suggestions:

- Recruit friends and relatives of crew members
 - In your troop or venturing crew
 - In other local troops or venturing crews
 - In other troops or venturing crews in the tri-state area
 - Who are not members of the BSA but are interested in the outdoors and joining up for a Philmont adventure
- Advertise your openings
 - To other troops and venturing crews in your town or nearby
 - At roundtable gatherings and district events

There are many important reasons for recruiting a full crew of twelve. The most important has to do with the need to deliver Philmont's mountaintop experience to as many Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters as possible. In addition, Philmont's procedures have been built around a full crew of 12. It is unacceptable to leave any of our allotment unfilled.

There are plenty of teenagers out there just waiting to be asked to go. And because of our benefactor, Warren Wheeler*, Patriots' Path Council can close the financial gap for any youngster in need. There are very few BSA councils, if any, able to make that claim. So the barriers are removed and it is up to us to "Deliver the Promise". We guarantee a full crew of twelve will result in a best-in-class experience at the lowest cost. Encourage all members of your crew to get to work recruiting some lucky youngsters to fill these openings. They are waiting for your invitation. The rewards will be many.

An ideal crew has 9 youth and 3 adults. While 2 adults meets both Philmont's minimum and Scouting's 2-deep requirements, every crew should have 3 adults. A crew with only 2 adults runs the risk that a physical problem or personal situation that forces one adult to drop out at the last minute will jeopardize the entire crew's trek, wasting both months of preparation and the financial commitment. Don't take that chance - if your crew only has 2 adults, recruit a third.

Reminder: A Philmont crew can have no more than four adults aged 21-years or older.

Full Crew Recognition: Philmont has instituted the *La Docena Adventurado* (The Adventurous Dozen) Award for all crews of 12. We expect all our crews to qualify for this recognition. If you don't have 12 members in your crew, set the entire crew into recruiting mode.

Scouts Pay Their Way: We hope all will take advantage of the falling leaves and the upcoming winter snows. A few evenings out raking leaves or working with snow shovels can put a big dent in the Philmont fee.

Phil Fact: Guadalupe Miranda was a merchant and trader in Santa Fe and Taos, though surprisingly few records exist of his business activities. He and Canadian Charles (Carlos) Beaubien were granted ownership of the Beaubien-Miranda Mexican Land Grant in 1841. He returned to his hometown of Juarez after the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican American War, became alcade (mayor), and eventually sold his interest in the Land Grant to Beaubien's son-in-law, Lucien Maxwell.

Miranda Camp in Philmont's North country offers a spectacular view of Baldy Mountain looking up Miranda meadow. Programs there include Black Powder Rifle, Mountain Man Rendezvous (tomahawk throwing!), a cabin tour, and either picking up or dropping off burros for Burro Packing.



The skies are starlit above the meadow at Miranda camp,

Guadalupe Miranda

Santa Fe, Mexico

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