

2009 University of Scouting

Course 505 – Philmont

Introductions:

How many have been? Who's going this year, next year, etc.

Course Outline:

- I. Getting an Expedition
 - A. Council Contingent – OVC going in July/August 2009, but it's full. Stay tuned for 2011.
 - B. Unit Expedition
 1. Online application, The "Philmont Lottery", waiting list, etc.
 2. Earliest you can now get a spot for will be 2011, apply in Oct/Nov 2009
- II. Preparation and Planning – primary job of an advisor!
 - A. Planning Meetings
 1. Initial meeting
 2. Prep hike planning
 3. Itinerary selection meeting
 4. Crew Leader election
 - B. Choosing Your Crew
 1. Philmont limits – crew size, A:Y ratio, etc.
 2. Youth
 3. Adult
 - C. Prep Hikes

Also gives you a chance to bone up on some needed Scout Skills: map & compass, knots (clove hitch, two half hitches, lark's head, taut-line hitch), hiking as a crew, and more.

 1. How many
 2. How far
 3. Places to go
 - D. Medical Stuff
 1. Forms
 2. First Aid training – CPR, Wilderness First Aid
 3. Weight limits
 - E. Travel Planning
 1. Air
 2. AmTrack
 3. Bus
 4. Private vehicle
 5. Where to stay
 6. Places to see
 7. Costs
 8. National Tour Permit
 - F. Gearing Up
 1. Personal gear
 2. Crew gear
- III. Physical Abilities / Challenges
 - A. Most itineraries are physically within reach of most Scouts, barring "Tubby Timmy" or a "backpack with legs" wanting to go. The same cannot be said for most adults.
 - B. Leg Strength
 - C. Cardio
 - D. Carrying 50-60 lbs.
 - E. The real challenge is mental. Some Scouts just aren't mentally ready or mature enough.

IV. What to Expect

A. Arrival at Philmont

Boy led, Boy led, Boy led! Let your Crew Leader do his job!

1. Welcome Center
2. Meet Ranger
3. Tent assignment

B. Base Camp Tasks

1. Registration
2. Crew photo
3. Gear and food checkout
4. Personal gear shakedown
5. Med recheck
6. Logistics
7. Crew locker
8. Meals
9. Religious services
10. Opening Campfire
11. Leave Base Camp for the trail

C. On the Trail!

1. Ranger training
2. Staffed camps vs. non-staffed camps vs. dry camps
 - a) A typical campsite
 - b) fire ring
 - c) sump
 - d) bear cable
 - e) latrine – P to B, Red Roof Inn
3. A typical day
4. Some of the programs you may do
5. Conservation projects
6. Layover days

D. Back in Base Camp

1. Over the Tooth or by bus
2. Check in at Welcome Center, tent assignment
3. Crew gear return, mail check, etc. (checklist)
4. SHOWERS!!
5. Laundry
6. Tour Villa or museums
7. Go into Cimarron
 - a) Old Mill Museum
 - b) Simple Simons Pizza
 - c) Ice Cream
 - d) Saint James Hotel
8. Meals
9. Religious services
10. Closing Campfire
11. Leave for home

E. Ranger Tad's Philmont Rules

V. Summary of Troop 53 2008 Expedition

VI. You know you've been at Philmont too long when ...