

What We Expect from Philmont Participants

NCAC HAC Training Session I

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Who Participates?

- ◆ Scouts
- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Crew
- ◆ NCAC-HAC (Council)



Expectations - Scouts

- ◆ Have FUN!
- ◆ Adventure of a Life Time
- ◆ Possibly the 'Ultimate Scouting Experience'
- ◆ Source of bragging rights for years to come

Know what is expected to ensure these rewards!



Expectations - Parents

- ◆ Scout will be challenged and have fun – lots of fun
- ◆ They will be safe, but injuries can happen
- ◆ Scout Leaders will be competent and will ensure Crew is prepared
- ◆ Philmont staff is well-trained and committed to a great experience



Expectations - Parents

- Reinforce training and preparation
- Be sure they have essential gear
 - Doesn't need to be top of the line!
- Do not pack for your scout
- Do not hide medical conditions from adult advisor!
 - NO medication holiday!
- Do not helicopter!



Expectations - Parents

Remember...

Your Scout's trek is your two week vacation!



Expectations - Adult Advisors

- Make this a Scout-led adventure
- Train your crew leader – let them train the crew
- Plan sufficient shakedown – this is critical
- Facilitate team building, don't manufacture it
- **Get in shape and take care of your health**
- CPR and WFA training – good team building
- Enlist a paperwork assistant
- Listen to other adults who've been there



Expectations - Crew

- ◆ Take ownership – this is your trek
- ◆ Mutual commitment to train and prepare
- ◆ Select a trek that everyone accepts and can handle
- ◆ Each crewmember carries their load/does their work
- ◆ Crew works as a unit, shows pride and motivation



Specifics

- Good Logistics = Successful Trek
 - Gear Shakedowns = MUST ATTEND
 - Prep Hikes = MUST ATTEND
 - Other Crew Activities = Good for Teambuilding
 - Medical Forms = to Advisors in March
 - Stay current on payments
 - LOTS of paperwork... please do it!



Pre-Trip Preparations

Planning Meetings

- Team building

- Develop Schedule

Preparatory Hikes

- Plan for three to six hikes/outings

- Physical Fitness-Gear-Team Building

* Advisor Hikes on 3/10 and 3/17, 2018



Expectations - NCAC HAC

- ◆ Crews will be prepared and follow established guidelines. You represent NCAC & BSA
- ◆ We travel in official scout uniform
- ◆ Misconduct can result in being sent home
- ◆ Advisors - oversee and guide crew to be prepared for the trip
- ◆ All participants want to be part of the Crew
 - ◆ Not a good idea to send a scout who really doesn't want to attend



Expectations - NCAC HAC

We expect you will have
The Time of Your Life...

We will do everything we can to
ensure it is!

