

Notes for Lead Advisors

Jean Yang is the lead advisor and will have the following paperwork:

- train tickets
- medical A, B & C forms
- proof of online training for the adults
- activity consent forms (a troop document, not to be given to Philmont)

Jean will also have:

- 16 copies of the trip itinerary printed on cardstock
- overall map of Philmont
- \$300 cash (tips for horseman and possibly 2 wranglers)

Jean will have the crew equipment:

- first aid kit, including foot care & insect repellent
- 3 Bulin stoves & 1 JetBoil stove
- 2 lighters, 2 piezo lighters & waterproof matches
- 3 10-liter collapsible water accordions
- locking carabiner for bear bags
- 4 pairs work gloves
- 100 ft length 1/8" nylon paracord
- trowel
- multi-tool
- duct tape
- sewing kit

At Union Station

After a group photo inside the train station, if there hasn't previously been a crew leader election, there is time to hold that election. Have the candidates make brief speeches, then the vote is by secret ballot. Once the crew leader has been elected, the crew leader appoints the crew's chaplain aide and wilderness guide.

On The Train

Pass out the trip itineraries to everyone. These are intended to be taken out on the trail, so when you get off the train in Raton, remind everyone to not leave their trip itinerary in the train.

Make sure the adults in your crew have stored in their cell phones the phone numbers of the other adults, and Philmont's 24-hour number, (575) 376-2281. It's optional whether you want to add the cell phone numbers of your scouts or their parents.

If the crew is going to eat a meal together in the dining car, the best meal to do so is tomorrow's breakfast.

Parents like to see photos of their kids. You could set up a Google Photos page, or a group text, or use the email addresses on my Cavalcade-for-the-Refrigerator email. You don't have to send out a lot of photos, just a few in the train and a few more at base camp at the beginning and end to show that their kids are still alive.

Day 1 - Base Camp

Everyone wears class A uniform.

You don't meet your horseman until 1 pm, so you've got the morning free. Breakfast is served twice, at 6:30 am for trailbound and 7 am for homebound, and since you are neither, you can probably choose which serving to attend. I would pick the 7 am serving, which allows the crew to sleep in a little longer after a rough night sleeping while sitting down. Also, you'll be going this morning to the National Scouting Museum and it doesn't open until 8 am. The Villa Philmonte opens at 8:30 am. Lunch is at 11:30, only one serving time.

When the crew meets at 1 pm with the horseman at the Welcome Center, anyone with prescription medicine should have that with them, and you should be carrying the overall Philmont map that I gave you. You'll need the map when you go into Logistics with the crew leader and horseman. There can't be any writing on your map, or you'll be sent to the store to buy a new one.

You shouldn't need to pay any fees to Philmont, as I have already paid everything. Call me if they want you to pay, (818) 952-5645.

Sometime today, you need to go to the Philmont store (save receipt) to buy:

- 1 sectional map of Philmont South
- 4 8-oz IsoPro fuel canisters for the Bulin stoves
- 1 4-oz IsoPro fuel canister for the JetBoil

Ask the horseman and wrangler for their full names and email addresses, and write it down.

Phones can be charged in the security office, a small building near the Welcome Center. That office also has fuel canisters left behind by past crews (since fuel can't go on planes or trains), so you might check if any canisters there are full or close-to-full before you buy fuel for the crew.

Day 2 - Cattle Headquarters, Training

If the crew photo is this morning after breakfast, make sure everyone wears their crew shirt for the crew photo. Have the crew photo taken as early in the morning as possible, as this is when it is the best light. Later in the morning, faces will be in shadow because the sun is to the side of or behind the crew.

During Trek

Make sure you get photos taken of the crew in a few spots along the trail with scenic backgrounds, some with the entire crew, some with only the scouts, some on horses, some next to horses, some with no horses. For newspaper purposes, these photos are best if people are neatly lined up.

Day 8 - Last Day, Gymkhana

Give the horseman and wrangler cash tips. Mathilda said she typically received \$25-50, but that seems low.

Back at base camp go to the Philmont registrar to pick up the Philmont arrowhead patches (unless they give them to you at Gymkhana).

Go to the Philmont store to buy whatever patches were earned by the crew, such as Duty to God,

Wilderness Pledge, and Trail of Courage (save receipt).

Don't give the scouts their patches. Back home, give the patches to me, to be awarded at the next court of honor.

Train Home

While waiting for the bus to take you to the train station, have everyone walk over to the Philmont sign out front, with the boots hanging over it, and get some group photos taken.

On the train, return to the scouts their medical forms.

It is possible to order a late lunch/early dinner in Albuquerque delivered to the train by Whataburger. The train remains at the Albuquerque station for at least a half hour, so when you are very close to Albuquerque call the Whataburger at 200 Menaul Blvd, 2 miles from the train station, (505) 242-3876, or order online. Don't order too early as sometimes the train stops outside Albuquerque and waits.

Back Home

Give me:

- patches
- receipts for purchases of map, fuel and patches
- crew equipment
- your horseman and wrangler's name & email address

Upload your photos to the troop's Dropbox/Flickr account (contact Heajuen Hwang if you don't already have access).

Cell Phone Numbers of Adults

- Ms. Jean Yang (Scharlotta) (408) 829-2476 c
- Mr. Sparky Gordon (805) 298-4019 c
- Dr. Michelle Kolsi (Gregorian) (949) 400-4880 c

Contact info for David Haxton (best to call, not text)

- (818) 952-5645 h
- (747) 251-7195 c