



Chester County Council, BSA  
High Adventure Committee



## Philmont 2009 Newsletter #2

Soon you will be on your way to Philmont. This newsletter contains important information for parents and participants that will ensure that you have a successful trip.

### **Airline Itineraries**

You will be contacted by your crew advisor in case of any last minute changes in flight information. Please arrive at the airport before the ticket counter opens at 4:30 am. Proceed directly to the check-in area and meet up with your crew. Once the entire crew is present the adult advisors can check the crew in at the ticket counter, obtain boarding passes and check luggage. Once boarding passes are obtained proceed through security to the gate as a crew. The peak time for Security in Philadelphia is 5-8 am and the process typically takes 40 minutes. Don't forget to bring a photo ID (school ID, driver's license, etc).

### **629G Crews**

Sat ,June 27: United 337 Philadelphia-Chicago Departs 6:00a Arrives 7:07a  
United 675 Chicago-Denver Departs 8:03a Arrives 9:28a  
Sat, July 11: United 270 Denver-Philadelphia Departs 7:15p Arrives 1:05a (7/12)

### **713H Crews**

Sat ,June 11: United 337 Philadelphia-Chicago Departs 6:00a Arrives 7:07a  
United 675 Chicago-Denver Departs 8:03a Arrives 9:28a  
Sat, July 25: United 270 Denver-Philadelphia Departs 7:15p Arrives 1:05a (7/26)

### **Tickets**

We are traveling on e-tickets. Crews with financial delinquents must be fully paid up before tickets will be released for that crew. Individuals and the primary Crew Advisor have already been notified.

### **Training**

All adult advisors must have completed youth protection training. If you have not visit [www.cccbsa.org](http://www.cccbsa.org); Select training; then Select Youth Protection Training On-Line. Print two copies of the certificate, one to take with you and one to submit to the council office to ensure that your records are properly updated. Every Crew has at least one Adult trained in Wilderness First Aid and CPR. Be sure to bring copies of these credentials with you as they will be required at check-in at Philmont.

## **Packing & Luggage**

Be sure your gear is in a large pack bag, duffel bag, postal bag, or heavy duty poly bag sealed with duct tape since the baggage handling system will only too quickly lose sleeping bags and other items externally attached to a pack. Mark all packs prominently with name, address, and phone number using the tag provided to your crew advisor. Knives and any sharp objects must be packed in packs, NOT CARRY ON LUGGAGE. No matches, lighters, stoves, or fuel bottles are permitted in either carry-on or checked baggage.

## **Checked Baggage Weight Limit**

We have paid for one piece of checkable luggage, 50lbs maximum. Additional pieces or overweight charges are your responsibility.

## **Mail**

When sending letters the full crew identifier must be used (i.e., 629-G1, 713-H2. Not just 713H). If unsure of your crew number, contact your crew advisor. Allow at least six days in transit for on-time delivery. The crew will not get mail while on the trail, but will before departure from base camp and upon return to base camp. Address in Guidebook to Adventure.

## **Clothing**

Class A summer uniform is required for travel to and from Philmont and at the opening Campfire. Exception: rafting on Arkansas River -- bring old clothes for that and shoes (not Crocs, your Philmont camp shoes are fine) that can get wet.

## **Stoves/Fuel Bottles and other equipment**

These must be shipped separately. Crew lead advisors should UPS them to Philmont. Be certain your full crew number is prominently marked on the package. Remember to enclose a return label and bring money to send the equipment back home the day you come off the trail. Cimarron is a remote location for UPS -- allow extra time in transit. Don't forget that you are responsible for tent pegs and groundcloths if using Philmont's tents or tarps. Finally double check your crew equipment list and be sure to bring waterbags, crew first aid kit, etc.

## **Required Reading**

Youth and parents must have read the *Philmont Guidebook to Adventure* by now.

## **Participant Status Changes**

If you withdraw from the expedition or have any questions, please contact the Jim Thompson, High Adventure Committee Chairman, immediately at [highadventure@cccbsa.org](mailto:highadventure@cccbsa.org) .