



## Council Contingent Crew Selection Procedure

Each year the Erie Shores Council is allotted a contingent reservation at Philmont Scout Ranch. The number of crews awarded varies from one year to the next. Since nation-wide demand for crew space at Philmont has made it difficult for individual troops/crews to get a reservation, the Council High Adventure Committee will conduct a drawing to allot crew space for units in the council contingent. The drawing will be conducted in January for spaces in the following year's contingent. Prior notice provided to all troops and Venture crews.

The drawing will be conducted subject to the following understandings:

1. At least one crew will be reserved as a "provisional" crew to be made up of youth and leaders from various units throughout the council.
2. Each Troop or Crew will be allowed one entry for a crew of up to 12 persons. This entry must be submitted using the entry form provided. It may be faxed. Telephone entries will not be accepted..
3. In addition to winning units, alternates will be drawn in case a winner cannot complete their commitment.
4. Units will be required to make their \$75/person deposit within 30 days to hold their reservation. This fee is non-refundable, but transferable to an alternate unit if necessary
5. A unit awarded a crew in the council contingent will not be eligible for another council contingent crew for the following 2 years. (ie: Go with council in 2007, next eligible to go with council in 2010)
6. If a winning crew cannot fill their crew to the maximum 12 members, they must allow the Erie Shores Council to fill the remaining spaces.
7. Provisional crew spaces will not be allotted to youth/leaders from units selected for crews unless those spaces are not filled by November 30th of the year prior to the contingent year.

Individual adult leaders may apply to be selected as provisional crew advisors by filling out the adult application form and returning it to the Erie Shores Council Service Center. The High Adventure committee will select the provisional crew advisors with the approval of the Council Camping Committee.

Individual Scouts/Venturers may apply for provisional crew spaces by filling out the youth application and returning it to the Erie Shores Council Service Center. The form must be completely filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and the youth member's Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor.

Upon approval and assignment to a Philmont crew, individuals are required to become current with their fee payments.

Of course, all crews and Scouts/Venturers and adult advisors are required to meet Philmont guidelines for participation.

All crews of the Erie Shores Council, BSA Philmont Contingent **must** arrive at the Philmont Scout Ranch at the same time.

The council's staff advisor will work together with the contingent's adult advisors to develop common travel arrangements, budget and fee payment schedules and to assist with communication and training.





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### ADDENDUM

In the event that fewer units return entries prior to the drawing than spots are available, all entries meeting eligibility requirements will be awarded one crew each. Notice will be given in the council newsletter and at district roundtables that a follow-up drawing will be held to allocate the remaining crews at the March Council Camping Committee meeting. This drawing will use the same eligibility requirements. If this drawing does not fill the contingent crews, the remaining unit crew spots will be made available to any Troop or Venture Crew on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Approved by:

Date: 25-Jan-07

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High Adventure Committee

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