



# PHILMONT 2010

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## ***TRAVEL GUIDELINES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO EACH CREW MEMBER***

### **WHEN PACKING & BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME**

- ❖ Every year we have people who almost miss the flights because they don't realize how much time it takes to get to BWI during rush hour, or get delayed by unexpected accidents on I95 or the beltway. Please add in a LOT of extra time – they won't hold the plane for you, and if you miss the plane, then you miss the bus, etc. and need to find your own means to get to Philmont before the trek begins. Seriously. It becomes your problem and not mine. Seriously.
- ❖ Pack **plenty** of snacks for the plane – with the time change, you won't be having lunch until your stomach thinks it's at least 2 PM, so you'll be hungry otherwise. Remember you can't bring drinks through security, so buy after security.
- ❖ Place knives in backpack, not in carry-on bags or in pockets. If found, they will be confiscated by security.
- ❖ **NO STOVES ARE TO BE CHECKED AS BAGGAGE OR BROUGHT IN CARRY-ON.** No matches are allowed in checked bags. ONE book of safety (non-strike anywhere) matches can be in your carry-on bag. No lighters can be in carry-on bag. A lighter with no fuel can be in checked bag. That means NO DISPOSABLE LIGHTERS can go to Philmont on the plane. **BUY YOUR MATCHES AND LIGHTERS AT PHILMONT!**
- ❖ Backpacks should be covered, leaving either part of the frame open or a strap out, so that baggage tags can be attached by the airline. Duffle bags or drawstring sacks work best. Garbage bags are NOT recommended, but if you must use them, bring extra for flight home. Please put baggage tags on both your checked and carry-on luggage prior to getting to airport to save time! Everyone can bring ONE carry on – the official Contingent small duffle bag.

### **AT AIRPORT**

- ❖ Plan to arrive at the airport two (2) hours prior to your scheduled departure time. If your bag isn't checked in 45 minutes prior to the flight at BWI, they won't take it, or you, on the flight – no exceptions. When arriving at the airport for your scheduled flights, go directly to designated area for **Southwest Group Check-In.** Look for **MIMI HATCH (June 29)** or **MARK BENNETT (July 1)**. Each will be wearing a Contingent shirt and standing at the Southwest area. Southwest check-in is between Pier A & B on the departure level.
- ❖ You are flying on a paper ticket and not an electronic ticket. The acting contingent leader will give tickets to each crew advisor, who will distribute to his crew. At the check-in counter you will check your backpack, and pick up a boarding pass. Don't lose your boarding pass. Don't lose the envelope for your boarding passes because it has your luggage claim ticket, which is important if your checked backpack is lost.
- ❖ You must have a government issued photo ID, such as your driver's license, if you are 18 or over. If under 18 and you have an ID, it is wise to have it. After you check in, meet up with your Crew Advisor at the location he/she has specified. If there is any problem with the check-in process, flag down the acting contingent leader.
- ❖ You should plan to go through security at least 1 hour prior to departure time. Be prepared to be randomly selected for search and scanning at security. Plan to take off your boots or shoes going through security.
- ❖ When going through security, **KEEP YOUR BOARDING PASS IN YOUR HAND** and not in your carry-on bag that goes through x-ray. If over 18, you need to show your ID at the beginning of the security line at BWI, but you can put it back in your wallet after that – you don't need it when passing through the x-ray machine.

### **IN DENVER**

- ❖ When arriving in Denver, you will take the tram immediately to baggage claim. **DO NOT stop to eat or drink!!** Stay together with your crew. Advisors are responsible for seeing that the crews stay together and proceed immediately to baggage claim. If one crew stops, they hold up the departure of EVERYONE. **Eat, drink and use the toilets on the plane before you get to Denver.**
- ❖ Once at baggage claim, find your backpack, and gather as a crew to await the buses. The backpacks are often coming out onto the carousel by the time the crews arrive to the baggage claim area, so don't delay. Please do not block access to baggage carousels, traffic areas, or otherwise. Crew advisors are responsible for their crew's behavior.
- ❖ When the buses arrive, help load the packs under the buses and board your designated bus promptly. The sooner you get on the buses, the sooner we'll leave and get to eat lunch.