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Ronnie's Bed and Breakfast

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In the heart of Philmont and the edge of Infirmary Tent City, you will find two small buildings. One a warehouse of sorts utilized by participants taken off the trail for medical reasons and the other, a cabin with a flourishing garden and a sign that reads "Ronnie's Bed and Breakfast."

For the past 15 years Veronica "Ronnie" Fye, Infirmary Tent City manager, has made this space her own. She has not only transformed her life, but the lives of those who must come off the trail.

"I had lost my husband, and my kids felt I needed to get out of the house, so I came on a trek in 2000. Philmont really healed me and took me under its wing – showed me I

could live again. I came out here to work and I have loved it ever since. It is my second home," said Fye.

Fye cares for all Scout participants and adults who have to come out of the backcountry for one health-related reason or another. She has visited every camp on the ranch except for Metcalf Station, so she tries to tell the Scouts what they could be missing if they do

not go back on the trail.

"Sometimes kids don't want to try it one more time, but when you talk to them and say 'You just don't know how beautiful the view is at Inspiration Point, or you don't know how awesome the program is at all these different camps' all of a sudden you'll see the glow in their eyes and they want to go back out. If they just sat around here with no

one to talk to, 90 percent of them would choose to go home," said Fye.

"When I talk to a kid and tell them to try it again, I very seldom get those kids back. They will return from their trek and thank me for pushing them to rejoin their troop, and that is the icing on the cake."

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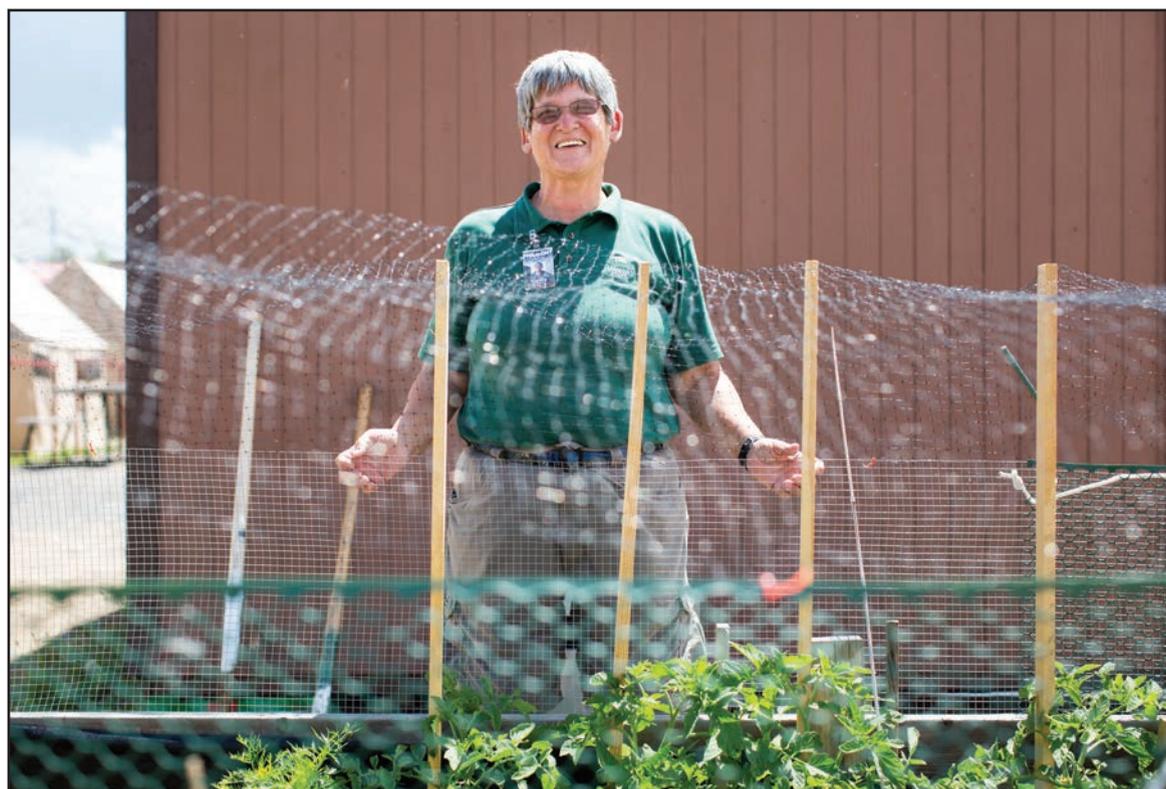
100 years of cheerful service

Kate Johnson
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Boy Scouts all over the country are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow (OA). The Order of the Arrow began as one of many camping honor societies at local Boy Scout camps.

Lodges will celebrate the 100th anniversary at this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in August at Michigan State University. For those who cannot attend NOAC this summer, Associate Director of Conservation Tim Riedl explained Arrowtour: "Not many people can go to NOAC, so they're trying to bring the

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Ronnie Fye stands beside her garden in Infirmary Tent City on Tuesday, June 16. "I grew up on a farm, and so I planted a garden out back and it just flourishes. If I have an abundance of stuff, I'll bring it in for the kids to eat and they just love it. I just love to garden and it has turned into something that I can relate with the kids. Come on out. Help water the garden. It's just like being at a homesteading camp," said Fye.

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10 Essentials: map and compass

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We all have a story of getting lost in the backcountry, and though it makes for a good laugh later on, it can be stressful in the moment. Lucky for us, rolling in at the top of the "10 Essentials for Hiking" list is a map and compass.

According to Logan Hardin, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator, there is a huge amount of effort and extensive fieldwork that goes into producing the maps all Scouts and staff use at Philmont.

There are three steps GIS staffers follow when creating a map. The first is data production and collection, the second is formatting and analysis and the third is the carto-

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Becoming family at Abreu



Ben Beatty (left) and Lee Ferrin (right) milk a goat at Abreu on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

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Take one glance at the petticoats and goats and you will find yourself at one of the three homesteading camps at Philmont: Abreu. Set in 1912, Abreu offers activities such as milking goats, adobe brickmaking, animal feeding and other homesteading activities that the Abreu family performed on a routine basis. Program counselors don suspenders,

petticoats, long skirts, overalls and other interpretive clothing to portray a rural lifestyle characterized by direct, stark connections to the land.

Crews who visit Abreu not only observe, but also personally participate in the legacy of the Abreu family, a successful Mexican-American family that operated a small homestead.

“The things that kids see and learn while they’re here is so very important to them understanding what life

is all about,” former General Manager John Clark said about connecting history with modern conveniences. “How do eggs get in the supermarket? How does hamburger meat get in the supermarket? How does the milk get in the supermarket? The programs we’ve offered up here – you can milk a cow, you can milk a goat, you can see a chicken lay an egg – tell the story about how people survived during the pioneer days.”

Program Counselor Benjamin Beatty said the staff at Abreu hopes they can encourage participants to take home and use skills such as gardening and brick making at their own homes by mimicking the everyday life of the Abreu family.

“We hope that not only they’ll learn the ways things used to be done, but that they might be interested in picking these things up as skills just because they’re also good life skills to have,” said Beatty.

Cantina Manager Dana Coley said she finds it rewarding when participants bond with each other over root beer and snacks, especially when they pay it forward to future visitors.

“Being in the Cantina is awesome because Scouts come off [the] trails and they are parched, and they are tired, and they just want to chill out. The Cantina is the perfect place for them to do that,” said Coley. “I take donations that they give us, and we’ll buy Scouts [root beer and snacks] that don’t have enough money.”

Although participants find the life of the Abreu family interesting, they should realize that their day-to-day lives within their own families are also interesting, according to Program Counselor Bridget Cuddy.

“This is the experience that we have in 1912, and maybe it’s very different from 2015, but the day-to-day life builds your story,” said Cuddy. “Everybody has a history they come from and a story to tell.

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graphic design of the final product.

“We try to work a half-lab half-field schedule,” Hardin said. “Data collection involves all of the data collected since 2001, when Philmont GIS was started. We use a GPS to record new data while we are in the field, and work crews collect data for us on the campsite features that they move or change. Camp directors and people who interact with the maps will also let us know what needs to be updated.”

“Quality is our number one priority for maps,” Hardin said. “We check over all of our collected data and make sure it is accurate when we import it into our system.”

Creation of the map, or the cartographic design, is the final step. According to Hardin, there is a standard format for the campsite maps as far as contour lines and the different campsite features. However, GIS makes many different maps for various audiences.

“We have the big overall maps, the campsite maps and special maps that we make for Rayado or special treks to map out their route. We also have the privilege of sending a map to the Esri Global conference this summer, which is awesome. We are working with historic trail maps for that, the evolution of land use at Philmont.”

GIS staffers consider what actu-

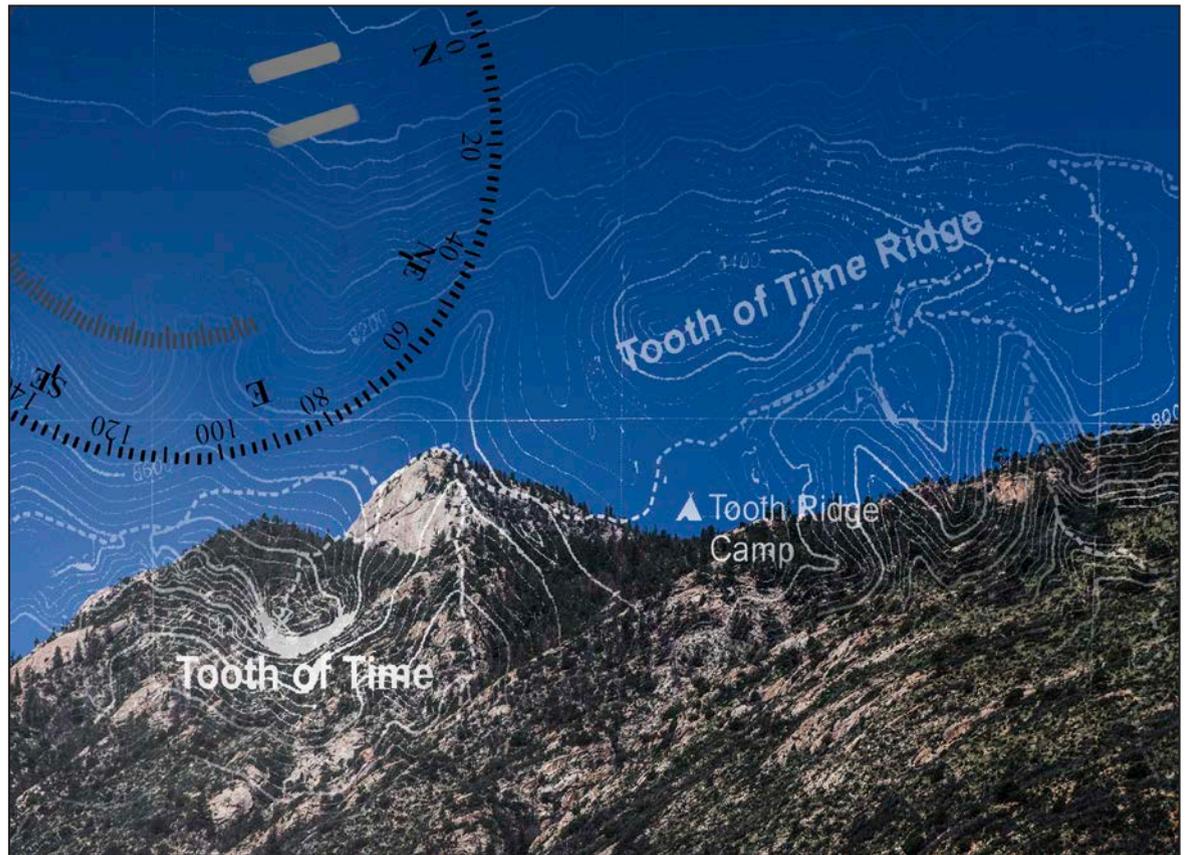
ally needs to be on the map. They must ask themselves what information is relevant and if it is conveying what it needs to for the audience it is intended for.

Being able to navigate throughout the backcountry is of the utmost importance for Scouts and Venturers. As crews arrive, one of their first stops is the Logistics office.

Doug England, who is in his first year at Logistics, said, “we meet the crew leader and adult advisor so we can walk them through their itinerary. We have them physically mark their assigned camps on the map.”

“While crews are on the trail, we encourage the Scouts to get up early and check where they are to make sure they have their navigation correct. This is especially important in the Valle Vidal with the lack of trails, but even on Philmont property, a map and compass are crucial,” England said.

The Logistics office uses colors and symbols to help crew leaders map out their itinerary. “We use triangles for trail camps, squares for staff camps, and circles for where they have food pick-ups,” England said. “We tell them what their program is, where there will be water and where there will be a lack of it, as well as where they will have



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conservation. We go through every step with them and mark it on the map.”

Crews will have their entire itinerary sketched out on their overall maps in order to encourage safety as well as leadership skills while navigating through the backcountry.

Though this map is a tool for the crew leader to show their leadership, it is also a tool for each individual of the crew to gain navigational skills.

“Each participant in the crew will have a chance to lead the navigation on the trek, so they have to work together to get to where they

need to be,” England said.

GIS Coordinator Hardin said, “working in GIS has taught me to admire how cool it is that we can have all of the information, display it, and use it. It is definitely important to have these classic tools [maps and compasses] to learn how to navigate for yourself.”

From page one: 100 years of cheerful service

100th anniversary celebration to Boy Scout camps across the country. There are groups of current and past section chiefs, people who are really involved in the OA, caravanning across each region.”

Arrowtour will offer screen-printing, branding, music, and other activities.

In 1915 at Treasure Island Scout Camp in Pennsylvania, Director E. Urner Goodman and Assistant Director Carroll Edson created the honor society, known as Wimachtendienk then, which would become Scouting’s nationwide honor society.

Although the name has changed, a few elements of this

honor society have been constant for one hundred years: the selection of Scouts by their peers (not by their adult leaders); the coveted arrow sash; and the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service.

The Order of the Arrow has a long history of service. Service on a national scale includes projects such as ArrowCorps⁵ in 2008, which consisted of five weeks of service at the Shasta-Trinity National



Order of the Arrow and National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) memorabilia donated to the Seton Museum by Marty Tscetter, an OATC Foreman, in 1995.

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Forest, the Bridger-Teton National Forest, the Manti-La Sal National Forest, the Mark Twain National Forest, and the George

Washington and Forests. This project scattered 3,600 Arrowmen all over the country and resulted in more than 280,000 service hours.

Additionally, the Order of the Arrow conducts special treks at each of the Boy Scouts of America’s national high adventure bases. Arrowmen gather yearly for cheerful service, whether they choose to attend the Summit, Northern Tier, Sea Base,

or OA Trail Crew here at Philmont Scout Ranch.

Advisor to OATC Gene Schnell noted the importance of the Order of the Arrow for boys who feel like they have run out of things to do in Boy Scouting, “the OA gave them a whole new perspective on opportunities, leadership, growth, and service to others.”

Over the years Schnell said he has seen “more opportunities for leadership development through the activities that are developed through the National Committee, and passed down through the Chiefs, all the way down to the Lodge level – a lot more opportunities for leadership and service.”

OATC

20th Anniversary



Above: Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC) works on constructing a trail from Clear Creek to the summit of Mount Phillips.

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PhilNews

This year, the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC) is hard at work building a trail from Clear Creek to Mount Phillips. The Arrowmen will spend one week trail building and the next week backpacking along a custom Philmont trek itinerary that they have chosen.

This is the 20th Anniversary year of the OATC program. So far, 2,924 Arrowmen have provided 107,608 hours of volunteer work.

“OATC changes lives and can help young men grow. It makes them more self-reliant, more self-confident; it teaches them the skills of the outdoors, in addition to trail-building, and how to interact with other Arrowmen,” said Advisor for OATC Gene Schnell.

Gene Schnell has been the Ad-

visor of OATC since the program began in 1995 led by Marty Tschetter and Michael Edwards.

By working towards common goals – the trail they are building and the backpacking trek they are completing – individuals from all across the country become brothers.

On a typical day, Arrowmen rise before dawn to grab breakfast and tools as they split into crews for the day. They are led by Foremen who guide lunchtime discussions and after-dinner dialogues around the campfire. Arrowmen learn about each other through personal introductions, and learn about themselves through reflection on their experiences.

“I feel very strongly about the program, and what it can do for the participants. It had a profound impact on my life, and it has pro-



Brant Poehner, from Cincinnati, Ohio, levels out a section of trail between Clear Creek and the summit of Mount Phillips. “Trust me,” Poehner said. “This [trail building] might not look fun but it is.”

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found impacts on other people’s lives too. People from all over the country are coming to build trail and hike and have some deep, thought-provoking discussions about what it means to be an Arrowman, a Scout and a person. It changes people,” said Associate Director of Conservation for OATC Tim Riedl.

It is not uncommon for National Order of the Arrow youth officers to participate in the program in-cognito and listen to the comments of the other Arrowmen as they dis-



Omar Gonzalez, from Carolina, Puerto Rico, swings a sledge hammer at a rock interfering with the new trail to Mount Phillips. Gonzalez decided to join OATC after seeing pictures of his friend’s trek.

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cuss their national officers. When those officers speak at the closing banquet, it can be startling for the other participants. Over two weeks, they’ve come to know that person as a brother, not just as a national officer.

OATC participant Will Smith said, “I almost expected this to be something I would just have to get through, but that’s not what it

is at all. It’s fun and I love helping make a change to the environment; it’s a great feeling. I love being with great guys who have the same vision as I do. The mountains are beautiful. There’s nothing you couldn’t want about this.”

Arrowmen learn skills that will follow them all their lives.

Smith noted, “It doesn’t just



Above: Brian King gives OATC Crew 608-I their instructions for the morning before they begin their ascent up Baldy Mountain. Sean McElligott/PhilNews



Left: Cole Durham checks the map during the climb to the Baldy Ridgeline. Sean McElligott/PhilNews



Right: Juan Rivera Jacas rests after summiting Baldy Mountain. Sean McElligott/PhilNews

Below: Adam Goldschmidt, Trevor Nichols, and Paul Dallemagne begin the descent to the Baldy Saddle, and then to Baldy Town after having lunch on the summit. Sean McElligott/PhilNews

help in Scouting. It's going to help me in the real world. I'm going to remember that you've just got to stay cheerful and you've just got to keep building that trail to success. It may not be with a shovel, or a McLeod, but it will be because of this program that I'm going to be successful."

Scouts learn the value of cheerful service through their strenuous days of trail building.

In OATC participant Joe Neely's words, "it's not about the award; it's about making the difference in not your life but somebody else's. Making someone else smile or hold their head a little higher. Even when times are tough, you just have to stick with it. No one can ask for you to do anything else but your best."

For those interested in the 20-year history of the OA Trail Crew, there is a new exhibit in the Seton Museum.

The program is challenging, but those who have done it certainly believe it is worthwhile.

"This whole program is about doing things that you were never able to do. At times that can be painful, but you've got to realize that's the point. You will grow as a person. If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you," Smith reflected.



Climbing over challenges at Crater Lake

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Seated four to five abreast on a stone floor, multiple crews gaze captivated at a makeshift stage. They are tired after a long, rainy day on the trail – all of them hiked through the mud and the rain to reach a historic cabin built by Waite Philips. Earlier in the day, one of the crews had to move their campsite – backpacks, cooking gear, tents, and all – along a trail and down a road to escape a muddy campsite.

They are at Crater Lake and before they head back to their campsites, Big Tex – known offstage as Ted Cook – delivers some parting inspirational words.

“I joke about these challenges, but some of them will be hard. That peak you don’t think you can get to the top of. That spar pole you don’t think you can climb. That mine you’re scared to go inside. Philmont is such a wonderful place to find where your limit truly lies. I’ve never been able to test myself [elsewhere] as I have out here.”

Through activities such as spar pole climbing, caber tossing, and railroad-tie making, Crater Lake offers crews the opportunity to find their limits – and then push them as far as they can. Program counselors lead challenging activities and host evening campfires to help participants grow together as a crew, said Camp Director Ted Cook.

“We want all of them to all stick together, and all of them to finish their trek,” Cook said. “Not a single one of us [today] gives our lives up as loggers. Hopefully they’ll think about that, think about the loggers when they came through -- how they never gave up, how they stuck together.”

Spar pole climbing, an activity where a climber uses spikes attached to the inside of one’s calves to climb a tree stripped of bark, challenges participants to push their limits.

“It’s a good time for crews to bond and egg each other on with positive encouragement,” Cook said. “We like to have the crews leave the spar pole yard with the sense of ‘we have each other’s backs.’ Everything is hard, and



John Cooper, from Birmingham, Alabama, watches, guides, and encourages Thomas from Troop 85 of Beaumont, Texas, as he climbs a spar pole for the first time.
Josh Galemore/PhilNews

there’s nothing better than seeing a crew encourage one guy that doesn’t want to do it, and he gets to the top, and he comes back and feels really accomplished. That makes us feel good because

it means we’ve done our job.”

Climbing spar poles is more challenging than it looks, according to Vladimir Pham-Ayers, crewmember from Troop 212.

“It looked pretty easy at first,”

Pham-Ayers said. “When you stomp down and then you have to pull yourself to the pole and then put the strap up on the pole, that makes it tiring. It was totally worth it.”

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For the kids and adults who have to come back to Base Camp, there is a set schedule of daily activities and to-dos. For Fye, the day begins around 5:30 a.m. in order to wake the kids up by 6 a.m. Breakfast is next, and then off to rounds at the Infirmary. If a participant is ready to go back out on the trail, they gather their stuff to receive a ride out and rejoin their crew. If not, they come back to the central building to clean the area. A morning activity of crafts or games takes place from 9-11 a.m., leading into lunch. After lunch until 1:30 p.m. the kids have some free time. At 1:30 p.m. the afternoon activity begins, which usually takes place somewhere outside of tent city. After the afternoon activity, the kids are allowed to watch TV, craft or play games.

“I restrict the TV during the day and just let them use it in the after-

noon or night. After the afternoon activity they go to dinner and after dinner they are encouraged to go to Chapel. From 8-10 p.m. is their free time. At 10 p.m. we tuck them all into bed. I’m very strict. I set my rules and I go by them,” said Fye.

“Philmont didn’t have a program like this when I got here. My philosophy is to provide a positive experience for something negative that has happened to them. Philmont is a very family-oriented and healing place,” said Fye. “Last year, I had a bad accident at home, and I was in a non-weight-bearing cast. This happened only three weeks before I was supposed to be here, so I called Philmont and they said ‘no Ronnie, we want you to come.’ That made me want to do my job even harder, because they had faith in me even when I couldn’t navigate.”

“When I used to go home from

Philmont, everybody said I was like the Energizer Bunny. It built me up that much. Philmont changes the lives of people and I see it here. You can see the difference and the changes in the kids, even in their attitudes. Philmont takes young boys and girls and makes them into men and women.”

Fye has always been active in Scouting, ever since her youngest son was in Cub Scouts. Each of her three children participated in Scouting growing up and she continues to be a part of her Venture Crew back in her hometown of Mill Hall, Pennsylvania.

“I’ll tell you why I do this. When my older son was small he had a learning disability. Everybody made fun of him. He joined Scouts, and they really took care of him. It took him nine months to do a three-month merit badge,” said Fye, “but he became an Eagle Scout. It gave



Ronnie Fye, the Infirmary Tent City manager, walks with her group of sick or injured participants from an afternoon at the Chase Ranch. “It changes the lives of kids. I even see it here with the kids. They’ll come down and they’ll be upset because they’re sick or hurt, and I’ll convince them to go back out on the mountain. Then they’ll come back again from their trek and say, ‘Thank you, Ronnie. I really learned a lot being out there.’ That’s just the icing on the cake. It’s why I keep coming back every year,” said Fye.
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him self-confidence. That is when I said I’ll give more back to Scouting than Scouting ever gave to my son.”

Fye thrives on her job and does everything she can to give her patients an incredible Philmont experience.

“They mean the world to me. They need care and I’ll get them back out on the mountain. That’s what it’s all about, getting them out there.”



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Refugee troop to visit Philmont Scout Ranch

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From family doctor to Scout troop leader, P.J. Parmar has created an opportunity for refugee youth in Denver, Colorado, to get involved in Scouting and the outdoors.

Troop 1532 is a group of refugee boys from Nepal, DRC/Rwanda, Somalia and Burma (Myanmar). There are typically 15-30 Scouts speaking five different languages any time the troop is together.

Parmar is the family physician for many of the boys. He owns and operates Mango House, an organization in Aurora, Colorado, which offers numerous services for former refugees.

The boys live near East Colfax in Denver, one of Colorado's most impoverished areas. The boys are all on welfare, food stamps and Medicaid and have little to no parental involvement in the Scouts.

"I grew up in Scouts and went to Philmont. I worked there [Philmont] for about a dozen full summers: ranger, infirmary, back-country and conservation. I went to med-school, opened my office and now I've started this troop," said Parmar.

Parmar will also be returning to Philmont for a week this July to be a PhilDoc.



Photo Courtesy Philmont Security

Parmar has made arrangements for Troop 1532 to come to Philmont on trek in the summer of 2016.

This year Parmar reached out to Philmont's Director of Program, Mark Anderson, asking for any gear the boys in Troop 1532 would be able to use. This request went straight into the hands of Steve

Hentzelman, assistant manager of Security, who works, largely, with the lost-and-found items that accumulate over the summer.

Hentzelman said every spring last year's unclaimed items are contributed to a rummage sale held in Cimarron.

"This year they had already

had it, so we were rounding up the bags and Mark came by with a letter from P.J. and asked if we could see what we can get for this crew. I sent them four boxes with 11 rain jackets, 17 fleeces, 27 water bottles, 15 wide brim hats, and one tent stuff sack bag," Hentzelman said.

According to Hentzelman, Bill Sassani, an author of Philmont books and a senior field instructor at Second Nature, a wilderness therapy program, contributed 30 pairs of hiking boots.

The troop formed in October of 2014 and they have since been on a number of camping trips. The trips included ice climbing at Camp Alexander, a program affiliated with the Pikes Peak Council, and a trail building project with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) at the Lower Cottonwood Trail.

"They aren't just receiving, they are sharing and learning about what trail building and Scouting is all about. When they come out here and hike a trail that is well maintained, they will already have that appreciation."

Troop 1532 continues to look for dedicated volunteers.

If you, or someone you know, resides in the Denver area and would like to get involved with this Scout troop, you can reach them through their Facebook page *Boy Scout Troop 1532*. Additionally, if you have any gear you would like to donate you can contact the troop through Facebook or give it to Steve Hentzelman in the Security office to hold for Parmar when he comes to Philmont during the week of July 12th.

Saving lives at Carson Meadows

Caleb Wong
PhilNews

Someone's lost.

Covered in blood, a victim grips his arm as the pain of a broken bone overwhelms him. The victim falls to the ground and his crew tries to find him. Eventually they find the victim, and with staff help, they survey the victim's medical condition and then load the patient on a stretcher. If the victim is located on the top of a slope, responders might use a complex system of ropes and pulleys to lower the stretcher down to the trail.

For the Program Counselors at Carson Meadows, it is just another typical day at work.

Composed of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, wilderness first aid responders and other staff members experienced in first aid, the staffers teach campers about Search

and Rescue (SAR) and Wilderness First Aid (WFA). Programs are customized to match each crew's prior first aid experience and time considerations.

Responders to wilderness emergency situations must improvise a treatment plan because they do not have all the resources urban first aid responders possess, according to Program Counselor Bryan Traxel at Carson Meadows.

"Out here, helicopters are hours away; help is hours away. You're having to deal with what you have in your first aid kit," Traxel said. "You may need two splints, but you only have one. Now you're having to make splints out of sticks."

Moulage – the art of applying mock injuries to individuals – makes the first aid scenarios more exciting at Carson Meadows, accord-

ing to Camp Director Lela Puckett. "The more we moulage and make it real, the more they think it's real," said Puckett. "We have attachments that we put Vaseline on for different open fractures or open wounds. We have fake blood that we can fill up into an IV bag that you can sit on and squirt out to make an arterial bleed."

Teamwork and communication in SAR situations teaches crews valuable wilderness first aid skills, as well as fosters a sense of camaraderie.

"In those situations, like any rescue situation, communication is really important because the patient's life is on the line," Puckett said. "It forces everyone to participate. Those scouts who are more on the quiet side, or not interested, or are not having a good time here – they get more involved and get to be a part of the whole thing."

A sign on the porch reads "The



Staff members welcome scouts to their porch at Carson Meadows on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.
Doyle Maurer/PhilNews

stoke is too high."

A motto that originated from Head of Dean, the phrase reminds staffers and participants to become, and remain, excited about the importance of saving lives.

Puckett said the vast amount of experience the staff brings to the program makes them effective counselors.

But, Puckett said, "The best program we can give is all of our energy and passion."

The all-pupose department: Activities has it all

Marie Reynolds
PhilNews

As you walk inside the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center (SSSAC), you will probably hear music coming from a doorway with a sign over it that reads "Activities Office." The welcoming faces provide a working environment conducive to the Activities Staffers' fun yet hard-working positions at the ranch.

If you have ever enjoyed a relaxing day off in the SSSAC, checked into a tent for the summer, learned a new skill at a workshop, enjoyed an event in Baldy Pavilion or have been to the opening and closing campfires, the Activities Department is responsible for providing you with that memorable experience.

Activities Manager James Gallegos said, "The action! There is always something happening here. Whether that's relaxing, workshops, or fun and games, you name it."

This year, Activities has more presence in the backcountry than ever before.

Savannah Moore, a Tent City

Manager and Special Events Coordinator, said, "Last year we started a program where we do daily hikes. We usually take requests from different staffed camps and everyday we send some of our staff into the backcountry. Their job is to advertise for Activities and give the staff things like food and different resources. Staffers are welcome to tag along on the daily hikes. We also offer hiking partners, and if we have someone available then we can give you a hiking buddy."

According to Moore, the Activities Department covers three major areas: staff tent cities (male and female), opening and closing campfires, and buildings that are under Activities control: the Fitness Center, Hardesty Casa Central, and the SSSAC.

Activities Manager Gallegos said, "We are the only department that provides program for each of the 22,000-odd participants, so we are able to see all of the Scouts come through and that is really awesome."

The Fitness Center, cleaning the Hardesty Casa Central, and

the SSSAC, are all responsibilities of the Activities Department. They must maintain and provide healthy atmospheres in each building.

Assistant Activities Manager Aimee Johansen said, "we have made the SSSAC a comfortable place for people to relax. We keep it clean and we play lots of music in our office to make it even more welcoming. If we didn't have the SSSAC I don't know where people would go to unwind, so it's cool that we can provide good ways to use downtime."

Activities Manager Gallegos said, "we kind of changed our focus this year to adding learning opportunities here at Activities. For example, we have a pizza-making workshop tonight (June 17th, 2015). Instead of giving people pizza, we will teach them how to make it. It gives you a skill when you leave here. We want to help guide staff in the direction of finding that next step, and I think it's a great focus. We want staff to be able to walk away from here with the tools to achieve their goals."



Seton museum staff member Conor Jung watches SSSAC staff member Dylan Palmer demonstrate how to begin a crochet chain during an Activities evening program on June 15, 2015. Leanora Benkato/PhilNews

A big push this year is to get staff involved in all of the different events and activities: throughout the backcountry and Base Camp.

Assistant Activities Manager Johansen said Brat Day is one of their biggest events, happening every 10th, 20th, and 30th of each month during the summer. They work through the support of the Philmont Staff Association (PSA) to serve at least 300-400 people each time. It helps

to promote the PSA while also being a way for staff to socialize and get to know each other.

Johansen said, "We are all about building relationships across the ranch. There are no barriers, everyone can be included and have a great time."

"I love helping staff. I love serving staff. I love helping people to have the best summer of their lives because I know I did."

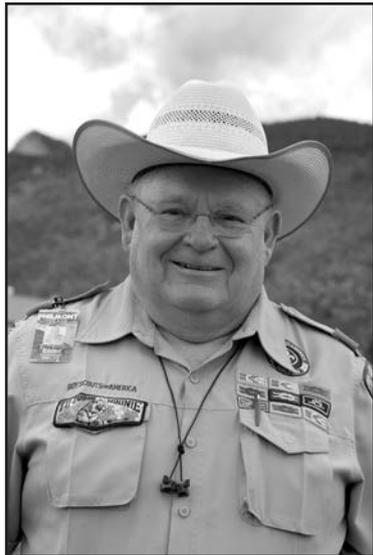
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Chaplain's Corner: virtue is a habit



LDS Chaplain Elder Paul Anderson
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My name is Elder Paul Anderson and on May 15, 2015, I began my service as a chaplain here at Philmont. It has been an exciting time to see staff arrive and go through training, be part of scatter into the backcountry camps, new green shirts from the trading post, the receiving of staff arrowhead patches, and seeing the crews begin to arrive and now return. I have witnessed many acts of service and love. I think that those acts and love are what make Philmont such a special place – truly God's Country.

There lived a man in ancient Greece whose name has come down through the centuries to us

among the few whom we consider wise. This man was Aristotle, and among his expressions we find this: "Virtue is a habit."

In this there is something extremely important to the Scout, for is not one of the Scout Laws, if practiced, a virtue?

The true Scout is he who has fixed into a habit of daily life each of the twelve laws of scouting. Habits are formed by constant repetition. Scouts are fellows who in their daily lives repeatedly do the things that are required of a Scout regardless of what others may do, not because they are forced to but because it has become a habit and a way of life.

As we spend our summer here at Philmont, let us all try our best to be:

- Trustworthy; put our trust in God and always do the right thing.
- Loyal; remain true to each other, scouting and our God.
- Helpful; always lend a helping hand.
- Friendly; everyone needs a friend, be a friend to all you meet.
- Courteous; love your brothers and have compassion for all.
- Kind; always be kind and forgiving.
- Obedient; follow the rules.
- Cheerful; a smile and a pleasant greeting can change everything.

- Thrifty; do with less, make do with what you have and maybe do without.
- Brave; have courage to always do the right.
- Clean; be careful with our thoughts and actions.
- Reverent; this is God's country respect it and enjoy its beauty.

It is my prayer that as we spend this summer together here at Philmont, we will share many beautiful experiences with each other, creating friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

NOAC 2015

Kate Johnson
PhilNews

This year, there will be a few alterations in program for Philmont's Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC) as 15,000 Arrowmen across the country prepare for Scouting's second largest event, the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting's National Honor Society. NOAC is scheduled for August 3-8, 2015, at Michigan State University. It will be the Order of the Arrow's largest conference to date.

This summer, only six sessions of OATC will be offered instead of the traditional nine. However, instead of reducing the number of participants able to do a national event in the Order of the Arrow's 100th year, three crews will be permitted for each session, instead of two, accommodating the same number of participants as in a normal season.

More than 270 lodges from across the country have been hard at work preparing for NOAC. They participate in many activities, such as creating a lodge history book, shipping a lodge rock to NOAC, and decorating the lid of a crate to represent their lodge.

Ray Capp, chairman of the National OA Committee said, "There's training so a kid can learn from the best people in the country how to pursue something that

he has an interest in, maybe how to run a lodge, how to conduct a ceremony well, and so on."

For this year's NOAC, participants will receive a special-edition reverse-colored sash that is red with a white arrow. The event will include training sessions, contests, screen-printing, outdoor adventures, world-class arena shows, and speakers such as Dr. Robert Gates, the current president of the Boy Scouts of America.

Ceremonies, inductions, and traditional Native American dances will be a few of the many competitions at NOAC, designed to help the OA members improve and bring home new skills to their lodges.

Capp said, "There will be opportunities for Lodge Chiefs from across the country to sit as a council with other Lodge Chiefs," to act as a legislature and make some decisions.

For each NOAC, Philmont's OATC staffers attend to form the Foremen Corps, along with staff from the other three high adventure bases, and to promote Philmont.

Associate Director of Conservation for OATC Tim Riedl said, "We fill a role at NOAC, every NOAC. We do a bunch of heavy lifting. We set up and take down all the major events; we'll help out with registration. In addition to serving on the Foremen Corps, we'll spend every spare moment promoting all of Philmont's individual opportunities, as well as the OA High Adventure programs. So we'll be

at NOAC, being very busy. We're very excited for that, it's going to be awesome."

Advisor to OATC Gene Schnell is looking forward to showcasing Philmont's programs in the field: "It's cool because we have the entire nation of youth in one location to promote not only OATC, but all the other special programs here at Philmont as well, and really show them what the opportunities are."

The Philmont Staff Association is also planning a reunion at NOAC.

Chairman Capp noted the participants will have an awesome time caught up in the "excitement of being part of 15,000 other guys wearing the same uniform and sash."

CORRECTIONS

In Issue One the login name for Paychex eServices was mistakenly printed. The login is the first letter of your first name followed by your last name (e.g. jdoe for John Doe).

In Issue Two a by-line was left out of the Ranger Mile column. *Stepping back in time at the Chase Ranch* was written by Ranger Trainer Taylor Cull.

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PhilStars

- The Ophiuchid Meteor Shower continues throughout much of July with up to five meteors visible per hour in a dark patch of sky, according to in-the-sky.org.
- On Sunday, June 28, the moon will be in conjunction with Saturn beginning around an hour after the sun sets. [In-the-sky.org](http://in-the-sky.org) reports the phenomenon will be visible via the naked eye and binoculars, but the two will be too far apart to be seen in the same field of a telescope.
- Venus and Jupiter will appear close enough to be seen in the same telescope field on Tuesday, June 30, just after dusk according to space.com.

Zippering around Zastrow

Caleb Wong
PhilNews

They speed around the corner. Dirt is flying. With helmets on, the riders lean forward, gripping the controls as they ride across a dirt path they helped build earlier. From start to finish, the ATV rider course winds around corners and traverses a variety of terrain, keeping the riders' feet glued to the pedal.

This is Zastrow, a camp located in Philmont's south country best known for its All-Terrain Vehicle rider course. Because ATV's are suited to uneven Philmont terrain Philmont partnered with Polaris, a vehicle manufacturer, to create a 1.37 mile long course at Zastrow.

The ATV course opened in 2014, and two crews first rode the course that summer. Now 26 crews are scheduled to ride the course during the 2015 summer season, a sharp increase in interest compared to last year. Camp Director Jimmy Fritze said the course is amazing because it offers an enduring variety of terrain.

"To put it simply, it's pretty awesome," Fritze said. "It's got all sorts of things – uphill, downhill, rocks that you have to go over, traverses – it's a trail that pretty much offers you every type of riding you could get in the high desert of New Mexico."

Fritze said he believes Zastrow is one of the most exciting camps for thrill-seekers at Philmont.

"I challenge you to come out and be the person to [say] 'I'm not having a good time.' Have you seen anyone frowning riding an ATV? I don't think so. You're going to have fun if you're on one of these machines riding. It doesn't matter if you're going one mile an hour or 10 miles an hour."

Benjamin Britten, from the Last Frontier Council's Troop 685, said he enjoyed the experience because he rode dirt bikes for a long time before coming for the first time to Philmont.

"This has always been something I've liked doing since I did it for six years [on dirt bikes]," said Britton.

After a long day of ATV riding or hiking, crews have the opportunity to reflect on their journeys by sharing meaningful experiences on the trail during *Rededication to*

Scouting, a campfire program held in the evenings.

"It's kind of a way to put into perspective the journey that they've done over the last ten days.

Crews do roses, buds, and thorns, but other than that, there's not too much pausing and reflection that they may do for their trip," said Britton. "So we try to do that with



Jakob Dutton of Troop 685 from Oklahoma rides an ATV on the Zastrow training course Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

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The life of a cub

Jordan Rosell & Marco Mascitti
Bear Researchers

As black bears emerge from the den in mid-to-late May, they begin to feed on many types of forage including berries, grasses, and nuts. However, hunger is not the only thing that influences their awakening from slumber. The instinct to pass along their genes drives them to search for a mate. Black Bears spend May through July looking for a mate. Upon successful copulation, the female bear, or sow, will delay egg implantation in the uterus. The egg will remain in this state until late fall, just before she dens for the winter and the baby cubs begin to form. Should the female fail to find sufficient nourishment, she will reabsorb the embryo, regaining valuable energy, but will forgo a litter of cubs.

While in the den the fetus grows and the female bear gives birth to a litter of one to five cubs in late December or early

January. Cubs are born blind and helpless and without the warmth from their mother they would surely die. Immediately the cubs start suckling and continue to do so throughout the winter.

At about two to three months of age the mother and cubs will emerge from the den. Now weighing about four to six pounds, the cubs will start to play and live carefree lives. Cubs are very playful and spend time wrestling with their siblings and harassing their mother. A pair of cubs has been observed catapulting one another from tree to tree in New Mexico. They enjoyed the game so much that they continued to do so for a few hours.

More developed cubs are able to immediately climb trees. As predators approach, the mother will chase her cubs up a tree for safety and will then proceed to fight off the predator. Predators of baby cubs include: male bears, wolves, coyotes, and cou-

gars.

Male bears will kill cubs that are not perceived as their own in order to increase their own gene pool. This becomes a large threat for the little cubs, as they tend to wander away from mom at times. Momma bear will leave whatever she is doing in order to find her cubs when she hears their cries.

Within the first month the cubs are able to taste solid food, but will not consume it. After the first month the curious cubs will eat their first solid foods. Throughout their first year cubs will continue to suckle and eat food as they prepare to den with their mother for the second time. Inside the den the cubs continue

to run and play with each other and their mother grows tired of the carefree nature they inhabit.

Once the cubs emerge from the den the second time the mother bear will chase away her cubs as they are now ready to live a life on their own. The male cubs will travel up to 150 miles in some cases in order to find a place of their own. The mother bear will allow female yearlings to live within her territory and will recognize them as her own possibly throughout the rest of their lives. The sow will vacate the area that she has given to her daughters and will not venture into their newfound territory.

These yearlings will have a hard first year as they get used to



Black Bear Cub Jess Byam - PhilNews File Photo

their new surroundings and life without the protection of mom. For many reasons it is difficult for yearlings to survive their first few years and therefore survival rates are low.

Trading daze at the Trading

Kate Johnson
PhilNews

Now that Philmont's summer season is underway, the Tooth of Time Traders has a few new features. Backcountry trading posts and cantinas are open for business, the sale yurt is open, the snack bar is putting on theme nights and branding is available.

Backcountry Operations Coordinator Lisa Hayek said, "A lot of people forget things, or maybe don't realize they need them. Then when they get into the backcountry they realize they do need them."

This is why there are four backcountry trading posts located at Ponil, Baldy Town, Phillips Junction and Ute Gulch.

There are also two backcountry cantinas, which mainly sell root beer and food items located at Abreu and Ponil. Mini Toblerones sell quickly in the backcountry, as crews seek a taste of chocolate to supplement their trail meals. Crews that need to buy items in the backcountry but do not have enough money with them can make a trail charge, which they will be able to pay when they arrive back in base-camp.

The sale yurt is open, filled with a selection of merchandise. T-shirts, shoes, packs, and other merchandise from last season are discounted far below their original prices.

The snack bar is also ready for business, open from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. in addition to the normal 7 a.m.-6:45



Brendan Stewart creates and ice cream tower at the ToTT Snack Bar

Leanora Benkato/PhilNews

p.m. hours.

When asked what the most popular snack is, Tooth of Time Traders Clerk Brendan Stewart stated, "Ice cream. Because I shout at them to buy ice cream. Which is not a bad thing – ice cream is delicious."

A map of the United States resides behind the ice cream station. When participants and visitors (not staff) come in with a new council patch, they can trade it for an ice cream, and the patch will be pinned on the map, to be donated to a museum at the end of the summer. There are also theme nights planned for the evening hours, with appropriate music and costumes. For example, staffers plan to wear pirate costumes and play music from *Pirates of the Caribbean* for Pirate Night.

The Tooth of Time Traders also offers the Philmont Scout Ranch cattle brand and the Boy Scouts of America brand at their branding tent, located on the snack bar patio. Those wanting the Chase Ranch brand or the Philturn brand will have to hike to Ponil. Branding Specialist Blake Lamparter has branded a few unusual items including a Reese's cup and a watermelon. Lamparter stated that many backcountry staff will buy items and have them branded to bring back to their camps.

The main store is open 7 a.m.-6:45 p.m. The snack bar is open 7 a.m.-6:45 p.m. and 8 p.m.-10 p.m. The sale yurt's hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Branding is available from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1 p.m.-6 p.m., and after opening and closing campfires.

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Ranger Mile: the valley of life

Kieran Meyer
Ranger Trainer



Baldy Mountain from Whiteman Vega
Kieran Meyer

Philmont boasts miles of beautiful trails and too many incredible vistas to count. For those of you looking for something just as beautiful and a little less impacted, look to the north.

The Valle Vidal Unit of Carson National Forest is an idyllic example of a healthy ponderosa forest. Towering pines cover the ridges and hillsides, carved out by volcanic activity millions of years ago; lush, green grasses carpet the valleys. From many places in the Valle, one can look to the west and snap a picture of Baldy Mountain or Little Costilla.

Only a fraction of Philmont's crews make it to the Valle, so there's a much higher chance of seeing wildlife (that isn't mule deer). Prairie dogs scamper across the meadows from one hole to another. In June and July, elk come down from Little Costilla after calving on its slopes. If you hear the cry of a red-tailed hawk, look around: you will probably catch a glimpse of as it takes to the skies.

If the sights aren't enough to

tempt you, Philmont also has three staffed camps throughout the Valle. Seally Canyon, just north of Beatty Lakes, provides Search and Rescue instruction to crews.

Hike to the next valley north, and you'll find Ring Place, where you can learn about the Ring family, meteorology and study the night sky with a telescope powerful enough to see the rings of Saturn.

Continue hiking north across McCrystal Creek, head northwest, and you'll see Whiteman Vega's yurt and mountain bikes. If you've never been mountain biking, their trail will provide an enjoyable challenge.

As for getting to the Valle, there are two options. The first is to hike north from Metcalf Station, Dan Beard, or Rich Cabins. Depending on where you go, it may take a ma-

majority of the day to reach your destination, but you'll get to explore the Valle quite thoroughly along the way.

The other option is to take a vehicle up the Cerrososo Road to the parking lot at Whiteman Vega or Ring Place. Look for the brown sign and turn left off of Highway 64 about five minutes north of Cimarron when driving towards Raton. From Base Camp, the drive takes about 90 minutes. This unpaved road has claimed many a flat tire from speeding drivers, so don't go any faster than 30 mph.

Regardless of how you get there, bring a map and compass or a GPS to the Valle. There are no established trails, so you'll have to brush up on your navigation skills if you want to avoid hiking on roads and explore the most beautiful parts of the Valle.

Whether you're looking for that winning shot for this year's photo contest or a quiet hike, the Valle Vidal is guaranteed to be one of the most memorable places you visit this summer.

Our character and the brand of Philmont

Mark Anderson
Director of Program

Henry Ford said, "The key to success, in any line of endeavor, lies in service. Those who seek fame and fortune by any other route are always disappointed."

During the start of the summer we had a chance to have a conversation about what Philmont stands for, what our brand is. We know that it is a special "pile of rocks", rich in history, kindled by the legacy of Waite and Genevieve Phillips, full of lifetime memories for all who visit it, and linked in a special way to the Scouting program.

The final part of our brand is each of you and the contribution you make to insure that our entire effort is interconnected and carefully balanced to focus on the "Philmont Experience." This requires that we concentrate on what each of us can contribute to sustain the experience and remain centered on satisfying every customer's needs. What happens in one area affects every other area to one degree or another. Our training and practice is never complete. Each day we can strive toward

perfection.

Crews are now coming and going from the ranch, so we are now operating at capacity with backcountry trekkers, training center conference participants and family members, and a committed staff. The feedback from those who have departed is very positive. You can be proud of your efforts!

Theodore Roosevelt said, "I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do! That is Character!"

Roosevelt used additional words to describe character like: honesty, decency, fair-dealing, common sense, courage, perseverance, self-reliance, and truthfulness.

I know that each of you has made a personal commitment to your legacy this summer. I hope that it includes a commitment to the presence of your "character" in all transactions. By doing this we have the opportunity to work together to create the experiences that support our brand.

If you wanna be a badger, then come along with me!

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Out of Eden Milestones

“My son and I...this is our first time here. I get to spend my birthday and Father’s Day with him out on the trail, so that’s perfect. You can’t get any better than that.”

Jim Rohnkohl

Troop 325

“Lovers Leap. it was my first time in the backcountry. It was really cool to finally get back out here and see what everyone else sees and talks about.”

Adrienne Cirrotti

Medical Recheck

“We went rock climbing today and that was by far our favorite activity this trip so far. I’m looking forward to horseback riding in a couple of days.”

Anika Kalar

Venture Crew 57 Crew Leader

Last night we were doing bear checks and down in campsite 25 there was a crew who had a three-person tent that had broken. They were worried that they would have to make people live underneath their rainfly for the rest of their trek. We were able to radio down to Ute Gulch to see if they had a tent and they did have one. They were just so grateful because we went up at 11 that night to tell them ‘hey, we do have another tent.’ It was definitely nice to be able to go the extra mile to be able to help somebody else when they had no idea what they could do.”

Henry Willauer

Cimarroncito Rock Foreman

“My biggest milestone I’d said occurred last night. I’ve done a few of these cabin tours but last night’s really stood out to me. The crew had come once and decided they didn’t want to take their shoes off because it was too wet, so they came later in the evening. They were really interested in the details of the tour. I had one scout come up and tell me that I made his night, so that really resonated with me.”

Bill Smylie

Hunting Lodge Program Counselor

NEWS

Deadly church shooting

A shooting in an Eastover, South Carolina, church left nine dead and at least one injured on Wednesday, June 17. A 21-year-old is in police custody after being identified as the sole suspect in the deadliest church shooting in the U.S. in 24 years, according to the Washington Post.

The shooting occurred at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, a historic black church in the birthplace of the confederacy.

High school dropout Dylann Roof is the alleged shooter. The Justice Department is investigating the shooting as a hate crime.

In the aftermath of the shooting, South Carolina’s governor, Nikki Haley (R), is calling for the removal of the Confederate flag from the state’s capitol grounds, calling it a symbol of racism in today’s age.

Brian Williams to remain at NBC in new capacity

Disgraced news anchor Brian Williams will stay at NBC but will not return to anchor NBC’s *Nightly News*.

Williams is likely to land a position reporting breaking news for MSNBC, reported the New York Times.

Lester Holt, who has been anchoring *Nightly News* in the interim, will assume the full-time position of the network anchor.

Games

Major take-aways from E3 2015

Taylor Hill

NPS Marketing Specialist

E3 has just ended and it has left many gamers very excited. E3, or the Electronic Entertainment Expo, is held in Los Angeles, California, every year in June. E3 is a time where game developers go to show off their products to journalist and industry insiders, while the general public watches the event online.

This year's lineup of games really piqued my interest in games that are going to come out in the next year.

Here is a list of the top 3 announcements that I am excited about for each console.

Xbox:

Backwards compatibility – Xbox probably dropped the biggest bombshell for E3 by announcing that you can, very soon, play all of your Xbox 360 games on your Xbox One, even the ones that you downloaded on your Xbox 360.

Halo 5 – The next installment of Halo is finally coming to the Xbox One this year. Hopefully it fares

better than the Master Chief Collection that dropped last year.

Cuphead – This game is an indie-developed game that everyone is currently looking at. All I can say about the game is that I imagine combining Mega Man inside of a Popeye cartoon.

Wii U:

Starfox Zero – After a long wait, Starfox will return to Nintendo's lineup of games. It seems like this installment focuses more on vehicular combat compared to the last few installments of the series.

Yoshi's Woolly World – This game is a very creative platformer that stars Yoshi as the main character in a world that is made entirely out of yarn.

Super Mario Maker – This game is basically a world maker for Mario. You can create worlds through several generations of Mario as well.

PS4:

Ratchet & Clank – A reboot of the acclaimed series, Ratchet and Clank bounces back with a new game for the PS4 that releases next year with a movie that will also follow it.

The Last Guardian – Fans of Ico and Shadow of the Colossus have been waiting for Team Ico to finally announce when this game would be released. It has been a long six years since we saw another glimpse of this game, and it will be finally be released next year.

Uncharted 4 – Nathan and Sam Drake are back in an all-new adventure searching for a long-lost pirate colony.

Multi-Platform:

Fallout 4 – This is the game that stole the show. Bethesda gave us quite a good show with this being the climax of their E3 lineup. They revealed almost all of the ins and outs of this game in just a short 30-minute showing.

Star Wars Battlefront 3 – When we heard news last year of this game, the entire gaming community burst with joy. This year we got to see a first time look of how the game looks and feels.

Final Fantasy 7 – The beloved game is finally getting a remake for both the PS4 and Xbox One. We got a look at how the cut scenes would look in the game, which are beautiful.

Solutions

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5	9	3	1	8	6	2	7	4
1	6	2	3	9	5	8	4	7
7	4	8	2	6	1	5	9	3
9	3	5	4	7	8	1	6	2
6	1	7	8	5	3	4	2	9
3	5	9	6	4	2	7	8	1
2	8	4	9	1	7	6	3	5

Issue Two medium solution

5	7	3	1	6	2	9	8	4
4	2	1	8	9	5	7	6	3
6	8	9	7	3	4	5	1	2
7	4	6	2	1	9	3	5	8
2	3	8	5	7	6	4	9	1
1	9	5	4	8	3	6	2	7
9	5	4	3	2	1	8	7	6
3	1	7	6	5	8	2	4	9
8	6	2	9	4	7	1	3	5

Issue Two difficult solution

Sudoku

8		7			1			5
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				5				2
	4	8				9	7	
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				2		3		
		5	6			2		4
2			1			8		7

Medium

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4	9	8				2			
	5					8	1	7	
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			5				4	9	7
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Difficult

Word search

G	E	N	J	V	Z	Q	T	Y	R
M	R	L	U	A	N	P	X	L	E
W	E	O	O	T	Y	O	Q	R	G
R	F	U	S	I	H	D	A	A	A
O	D	Z	S	B	R	A	U	T	N
B	G	P	G	L	E	O	T	S	A
I	V	I	V	Q	X	A	U	C	T
N	B	P	J	O	J	C	K	T	H

PhilBirds (7)

A	Y	Y	X	F	L	I	K	B	Q
F	D	F	M	W	A	D	O	R	Y
M	O	F	U	E	B	U	Z	Z	V
R	O	W	D	B	R	D	U	G	R
H	W	Y	P	M	X	I	C	X	U
F	C	E	I	P	Z	G	N	J	Y
Y	D	S	V	K	D	D	K	O	J
N	X	F	H	E	L	K	A	Z	J

Pixar Characters (7)



Left: Aubrey Ritterhouse, of Lorena, Texas, observes the sunset at Abreu camp. Justin Gilliland/PhilNews

Below: Ronnie Fye is the Infirmary Tent City Manager and has been working at Philmont for 15 years. Erin Irwin/PhilNews



Gianna Francis and Dallas Coffee laugh at pictures of themselves at the PTC Western Night on June 9, 2015. Leanora Benkato/PhilNews



The radio, hat and knitting tools of Aubrey Ritterhouse rest on a table at Abreu camp. Justin Gilliland/PhilNews

The Camp Director of Crater Lake, Ted Cook, fries bacon for a crew which had encountered heavy rain for most of their trek in order to brighten their morning. Josh Galemore/PhilNews



Above: Ted Cook and the rest of the Crater Boys entertain visiting crews during their evening "campfire." Due to heavy rain and hail the campfire was changed from its usual location to the porch of the staff's cabin. Josh Galemore/PhilNews

Left: OATC 608 I hikes along the Baldy ridgeline up from Copper Park at the end of their two-week trek. The first week is spent building trails and the second is spent hiking. Sean McElligott/PhilNews

