

# PHILMONT AMBASSADOR NEWSLETTER

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## Philmont awarded World Scouting's SCENES status

Philmont was recognized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) as an official SCENES Centre of Excellence for Nature, Environment, and Sustainability. WOSM Secretary General, David Berg, personally presented the designation and plaque during his visit to the Ranch in late June. This recognition, part of a global network of 43 other SCENES centers, affirms Philmont's long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship, conservation education, sustainable land management, and empowerment of Scouts and leaders with hands-on nature experiences.

The SCENES certification is designed to attest to the status, the high level of quality, and the accomplishments of Scout properties around the world. Any Scout Center in the world— defined as a site or place where people can enjoy natural areas and use their infrastructure to enjoy the benefits of outdoor life and programs affiliated with a Scouting organization — is eligible for SCENES certification. SCENES accreditation puts extra emphasis on environmentally friendly operations and environmental education. The certification is reserved for properties at which Scouts are in charge of those aspects of the center's operation.

All four Scouting America high adventure bases — Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier and the Summit - are SCENES certified. Scouts who attend any of these bases are eligible to earn the SCENES Ambassador Award.

The award requirements are:

- Attend one of the four national high-



David Berg, World Scouting's Secretary General (fourth from left) awards Philmont the SCENES designation as a Center of Excellence in Nature, Environment and Sustainability. (Philmont photo)

## Villa Philmonte shines for PTC's 75th



Villa Philmonte received major facelift over the past year for the celebration of PTC's 75th anniversary. The exterior stucco was replaced and painted, metalwork was restored and repainted, and all of the woodwork was repainted and, in several cases, fully replaced. Future phases of this restoration project will include replanting the courtyards around the Villa.

More photos of PTC festivities during the week of June 29 to July 4 are on page 5.

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Summer Camp is a great place to pitch Philmont Treks for 2026. (Many Point Scout Camp photo.)

## Troops might need some prompting to plan for a 2026 Philmont Trek

Summer camp is a time to relax as well as to look ahead. Many Troops use the opportunity to plan their calendar for the coming year. While they are planning campouts, hikes, and service projects, Scouts may think that the deadline for a high adventure trip to Philmont for the summer of 2026 is long past. Fortunately, that's not true.

Openings for 2026 are still available and can be found [here](#). The sign-up process is very simple. Just find a date and Trek length that fits, click the link, and fill in the form. Philmont will contact the unit with more information. Itinerary selection for all crews will not happen until the spring of 2026 so they won't be missing out on their opportunity to pick one that meets their abilities and interests. The Camping Department will do all it can to make sure everyone gets their first choice of routes.

The 2026 Trek participants will also be awarded a special version of the Philmont Arrowhead to celebrate the *semi* quinentennial (250<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This distinctive patch is sure to get attention with its patriotic red, white, and blue border. This alone is a bonus that few Scouts would want to miss out on.

Ambassadors can help Troops decide by making the rounds at Resident Camps and talking to senior Scouts and adult lead-

ers about Treks. Take along a map of Philmont and compare it to the size of their camp to show how big Philmont is and how much it offers. If every Ambassador can influence just one Troop to schedule a 2026 Trek, they would greatly help Philmont meet its goal of 15,000 pairs of boots on the trails. As you make the rounds, get contact information so you can follow up with each unit.

If a unit cannot fill a Trek with the minimum of eight, it should start reaching out to other units in their District and Council. There are plenty of Scouts who wish they could go to Philmont but their unit may not go on such trips. Other units at summer camp are a great place to start asking to share a Trek together.

There now is a minimum of three adult advisors per crew. This is be a good time to recruit a parent at camp come as an adult advisor to accompany their youth. Troops can invite other registered adults from different units to join them. There are many would love a chance to hike the backcountry again if they did so in their youth, and there are just as many who would appreciate an invitation to join a crew.

Units can also take advantage of Philmont's incentives. If a crew makes a reservation and chooses a Trek that starts after July 15, 2026, it will get the 2025 rate, a savings that could amount to hundreds of dollars. These units also qualify for a drawing to get Crew T-shirt from the Tooth of Time Traders. Don't forget about [scholarships](#), too.

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## Philmont gets World SCENES designation

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adventure bases and participate in an environmental education program while there. Some of these projects are land-based, others are waterway or marine based. All include a program designed to encourage environmental ethics, action and personal responsibility.

- Upon return to their community, those who attended the high-adventure base should give a presentation to their unit, district or council that highlights the importance of cleaning up waterways.
- With their home unit, Scouts need to organize and participate in a waterway debris removal project in their home community such as a river, canal, lake, stream, swamp or beach.
- Scouts should share with others the harmful effects of waterway debris and then schedule and participate in a waterway cleanup using the [NOAA Marine Debris Tracker](#).

Note that you do not need to live by an ocean to earn the award. Plastic pollution starts in every creek, brook, stream and river so every waterway cleanup project is eligible.

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Ambassadors helped celebrate PTC's 75th by donating a bench to the grounds outside the main office. Have a sit on it the next time you're HOME.



## National Outdoor Conference comes to PTC this September

Join fellow Scouters and outdoor enthusiasts from across the country to learn new methods, share ideas, and check out the latest in outdoor gear and programs. The conference is from September 17 to 21. More information can be found [here](#).



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## World-class ventriloquist entertains PTC

Famed ventriloquist Ronn Lucas returned to PTC to entertain attendees with his entourage of characters, including Buffalo Billy, shown above. Lucas has amused people around the world and headlined shows in Las Vegas, performed on Broadway, and appeared before several U.S. Presidents and the Queen of England.

He will be making his fourth appearance at Philmont thanks to his special connection with Scouting and with Jim Ellis,

the Conference Chair during June 22 to 28.

Ronn attributes much of his success in show business to his early years in Scouting. "I think a good ventriloquist is a combination of comedian, writer, director, producer, builder, artist, costumer, and of course, performer. All of these skills—all of these skills—I began practicing and developing while growing up in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts," said Ronn.

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## Notice anything missing?



Do you notice the very prominent feature that is missing from the new overall Philmont topographic map? It is not Baldy nor Mt. Philips, though it was much more noticeable than those peaks on recent maps.

It's the burn scar from the 2018 Ute Park fire. The affected area is slowly recovering so the scar is no longer shown on the map. Crews can now hike through the area, but they must be cautious because of the potential for stormwater erosion and lack of shade.

Much restoration work needs to be done. Donations to the [Mitigation Fund](#) are still being accepted.

This is a good time to update your map in your display; Scouts may still be put off from a Trek by the sight of the old scar. You can purchase the new map at the [Tooth of Time Traders](#).

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## ***“Bodies, Boots and Smiles”***

# Remember priorities when promoting Philmont

Philmont is a Scout camp on a grand scale. From its ranchland to its peaks, Philmont has the terrain, trails, scenery and facilities that make it one of the most beautiful camps. Philmont also has a great staff that provide a magical experience. However, without the Scouters, Scouts, and families that come to Philmont for that experience, Philmont is just another piece of real estate.

“Ambassadors need to focus on three things,” said Andrea Watson, Philmont General Manager. “We need to fill seats at Philmont Training Center, get Crews to do Treks, and have more families come enjoy Adventure Camp.”

PTC needs more conference attendees - “bodies in the seats” - who become better leaders for our Youth. The mountains need more “boots on the trail” of Scouts who experience the majesty of the mountains while building character facing the challenges that the weather, activities, and terrain pose. The Family Adventure Program needs more smiling participants who grow closer by experiencing family fun by playing, hiking, climbing, and eating cobbler together. Philmont needs these “Bodies, Boots and Smiles” of people coming to northeast New Mexico to be able to continue to provide the quality experience it is famous for.

It’s great to extol the virtue and beauty of Philmont to everyone we meet as Ambassadors. People need to feel the excitement that a trip to New Mexico can bring. In back of our minds, though, Ambassadors have to remember: “Bodies, Boots, and Smiles.” How can we get people to commit to sign up for PTC, to put a crew together for a Trek, or to come to New Mexico for Family Adventure Camp? What is the barrier preventing them from doing that, and how can we help them?

Reciting information from a brochure or showing pictures may not be the best approach to this challenge. Listen first to their situation and look at it from all their angles. If money is an issue, point them toward Philmont [scholarships](#). Not enough Scouts for a crew? Then talk about teaming up with other units or using the [Trek Match](#) program. Is travel expense a hinderance? Talk about staying at churches or Scout camps along the way or taking Amtrak. Crews needing equipment may not be aware that Philmont can provide most of their gear for free. If time is a factor, explain that Treks can be 7, 9 or 12 days long. [Family Adventure Camp](#) has full-week and half-week options as well as daily programs.

Practically no one you meet will sign up for Philmont on the spot, so you need to get their contact information and follow up. An extra bit of interaction may be all that is needed to nudge them toward a trip to Philmont. It may take more than one contact, but you need to be a bit persistent without being a nag.

Keeping your priority as simple as “Bodies, Boots, and Smiles” is a great way to focus on the reason for doing the presentations, Troop meetings, one-on-ones, roundtables, and displays needed to fill those seats, hike the trails, and put smiles on faces at Philmont.



**Bodies**

Tom Baltutis photo



**Boots**

Tom Baltutis Photo



**Smiles**

Philmont Photo

Getting Scouters in PTC classroom seats, Trekkers on mountain trails, and people to Family Adventure Camp should be foremost in Ambassadors’ minds when promoting Philmont.



# Great turnout for PTC's 75th Celebration



From the opening campfire to the finale at the 102nd Maverick Rodeo in Cimarron, PTC guests enjoyed a festive week celebrating the 75 Anniversary of Philmont Training Center from June 29 to July 5. Special entertainment like native American dancers, behind the scenes tours of Villa Philmonte and all the usual fun activities that PTC offers made for a great celebration topped off by world famous cobbler. It's still not too late to sign up for a 2025 PTC conference or Family Adventure Camp, either. The party is going on all summer! (*Philmont Photos*)



# Being prepared kept this crew on the Trail

Scout Leader Cynthia along with her son and daughter were looking forward to a Philmont Trek together with their co-ed crew. The crew already had three other adult male advisors along with four male youth and two female youth lined up, so it was at its maximum of twelve. Being a co-ed crew, theirs met all the requirements of adult leadership with Cynthia aboard.

However, Cynthia had medical concerns about her knees and feared that she might not be able to complete a twelve-day expedition.

She passed all Philmont's physical requirements and regularly participated in the crew's practice hikes and backpacking trips. However, since she did not live near mountains, she could not predict how her knees would hold up at Philmont. Cynthia was determined to have their crew successfully complete their Trek even if she had a problem.

Because she would have been the only female adult leader on the crew, if she had to come off the trail, it would jeopardize everyone's dreams of a Philmont experience. They did not want to face the uncertainty of somehow finding another female adult leader in the backcountry. They began to plan ahead and come prepared with an extra female adult advisor though this would make them a crew of 13.

Cynthia contacted Philmont's Medical Team and Camping Department explaining her circumstances. Fortunately, Philmont is able to exercise some flexibility in crew size in special circumstances. It allowed the crew to come with the additional adult female advisor.

They set off on their trek in late June. After several days on the trail, Cynthia's knees did become too painful for her to continue, and she had to return to base camp. Coincidentally, her son experienced altitude sickness and heat exhaustion and also had to come off the trail.

Their diminished co-ed crew, now down to eleven, was able to continue the Trek because it still had male and female adult advisors.

Cynthia's knees felt better on level ground and her son's altitude sickness improved at Base Camp. They were able

to join the Family Adventure program at PTC waiting for their crew to return.

Their story shows the importance of knowing your limitations when planning a Trek and preparing accordingly. Cynthia's was a special circumstance that she carefully reviewed with Philmont's medical staff and camping department, and the crew obtained an exception ahead of their arrival at Philmont. **Note that this exception did not require a deviation from Philmont's strict physical requirements.**

Every case is different and is reviewed independently. If faced with a similar question regarding crew composition, an Ambassador's response should be "Check with Philmont directly."

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The motto "Be Prepared" is as old as Scouting itself. Anticipating what might happen on the trail and taking precautions ahead of time kept one crew on their Trek.

## It's in the Guidebooks!

# Scouts must first meet qualifications to Trek



*Editors note: Leaders frequently call Philmont asking questions about Treks. This series covers important topics so that Ambassadors can be familiar with them. Most of these are answered in the [Guidebook to Adventure](#) and [Advisors Guidebook](#). Be sure to use the current*

**2025 Guides because policies can change.**

## Who May Participate

In keeping with the policies of Scouting America, rules for participation are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital or familial status, genetic information, citizenship status, protected activity, or any other status or classification protected by applicable federal, state, and/or local laws. Youth participants must be registered members of Scouting America who will be 14 years old OR at least 13 years old and completed 8th

grade prior to participation in a Trek. DO NOT request or expect any exceptions to this rule.

Some special programs allow for individual registration and participation.

A crew must have a majority of its members under age 21. Each participant must be capable of participating in a backpacking or horseback riding trek. Please note that specific programs may have additional requirements for participation including but not limited to a 210 lb. weight limit for Cavalcades and horse rides. [See the Guidebook for specific details.]

**Each participant must meet the health requirements as outlined in the Annual Health and Medical Record.**

## Harassment, Hazing, Initiations, & Discipline

Philmont and Scouting America prohibit language or behavior that belittles or puts down members of the opposite sex, unwelcome advances, racial slurs, chastisement for religious or other beliefs, or any other

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Flanked by members of the NCAP team, Philmont General Manager Andrea Watson, PTC Director Amy Hutcherson, and Camping Director Matt Hart receive the 2025 accreditation banners. (Philmont Photo)

## Philmont Passes NCAP Muster

Like all Scouting America camps, Philmont must meet National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) standards that cover facilities, programs, personal qualifications and procedures. Safety is a big part of an NCAP review. Because of its size and location, emergency response is a very important part of Philmont's planning processes. Response to floods, fires, and emergency evacuations are all part of the plans in place to ensure the safety of all guests and staff on Philmont property. **P2**

## Custom Ambassador Jackets Available



Ambassadors can now order a customized jacket embroidered with their name from the Tooth of Time Traders. The black fleece jackets also feature the Philmont bull logo to show your association with the Ranch. Jackets cost \$59.99 and come in S, M, L, XL and 2XL. Order from the ToTT web site [here](#).

## Trek qualifications include conduct expectations

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actions or comments that are derogatory of people. Any form of hazing, initiation, ridicule, inappropriate teasing, or bullying is prohibited and will not be allowed. **Participants who do not meet these expectations may be asked to leave.**

### Conduct

The Scout Oath and Law should serve as the guide in all interactions with other participants and staff. Philmont serves groups from many different backgrounds, and it is important that each group respects each other. This includes co-ed and female crews and female staff, members of various religious organizations, Scouts and Scouters of all gender identities and sexualities, and those of different ability. It is not acceptable to act in a manner which belittles, harasses, or makes others uncomfortable.

Each group should develop a procedure regarding unacceptable behavior and conduct. The best method to accomplish this is to outline expectations before the trip, as well as consequences if a participant chooses to act in a way that is contrary to the established guidelines. Parents and guardians must be informed of these guidelines.

Remember, Advisors are responsible for their participants at all times — Philmont cannot provide supervision. Should a participant be removed from the trail for discipline reasons, they will be sent home at their own expense.

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### The Scout Law

A Scout is  
**Trustworthy, Loyal,**  
**Helpful, Friendly,**  
**Courteous, Kind,**  
**OBEDIENT, Cheerful,**  
**Thrifty, BRAVE, Clean,**  
**and Reverent.**



# Conservation projects keep crews busy

There is no shortage of conservation work that needs to be done at Philmont. Here's a summary of the 2025 projects happening now.

**Beaubien – Forest Fuels Reduction** If you've previously visited Philmont's south country, you will have noticed that the forests are very dense and crowded with trees. Absent regular wildfire, these stands grow in an unhealthy and unnatural ways that increase the severity of future fires. This project will focus on removing trees that have encroached into the meadow over the last 100 years and will help create a more fire-resilient forest as part of a healthier Philmont. Crews will help to build slash piles, burnable in winter, from trees cut by staff to begin to return the forest to a more natural state.

**Cimarroncita – Reforestation** In 2018 the Ute Park Fire catastrophically altered the landscape surrounding Cimarroncita. Crews taking part in this project will have the opportunity to assist with the planting of Ponderosa Pine seedlings in the footprint of this fire. These new seedlings will help erosion control efforts and advance the recovery of this burnt landscape.

**Elkhorn – Trail Replacement** If you've ever hiked between Flume Canyon and Elkhorn, you know why we're building this trail that replaces a steep, badly eroded route to the top of Dean Skyline. Climbing from the bottom through a ponderosa pine and Douglas fir forest before emerging into the 2002 Ponil Fire scar, this hike will eventually afford sweeping views of Mt. Baldy, Little Costilla, the Spanish Peaks, and Culebra. As work progresses, crews will also have the opportunity to help stabilize and restore the old path to a natural condition. Join us as we retire a dreaded slog and breathe new life into a landscape once consumed by a record wildfire.

**McCrystal Creek – Stream Restoration** This project will occur on the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest, providing a unique opportunity to be a steward of Philmont's relationship with our public lands. Working with Philmont Conservation staff, crews will help with a stream restoration project to install instream flow and sediment control structures in an effort to reverse some of the legacy impacts on this waterway.



Philmont's seasonal conservation work requires a sizeable staff that undertakes many projects including forestry, trail work, stream restoration, GIS, and crew education. Some of these involve supervising Trek Crews doing work across the Ranch.

**Miranda – Forest Fuels Reduction** Miranda is home to a beautiful meadow surrounded by a forest that is dense and crowded with trees. Absent regular wildfire, these stands grow thicker and further into the meadow, which is unhealthy for the ecosystem and can increase the severity of future fires. This project will focus on removing trees that have encroached into the meadow over the last 100 years and will help create a more fire-resilient forest as part of a healthier Philmont. Crews will help to build slash piles, burnable in winter, from trees cut by staff to begin to return the forest to a more natural state.

**North Fork Urraca – New Trail Construction** Ascending out of the bottom of the North Fork Urraca Canyon, this new trail will eventually find its way to the Stockade Ridge Camp. This trail will provide unique views of the ridge and the Tooth of Time as hikers literally cross underneath it. It will also access new camping and a natural spring along the hillside, which will provide another option for crews hiking the Tooth. The bottom section of the trail is steep and thick with trees, before climbing up to meadowy benches and crossing rocky canyons.

**Sawmill – Trail Construction** Working directly out of Sawmill, crews will construct a new hiking trail on the north side of Cito Peak. Starting off, this trail follows a 75-year

-old logging road to the edge of the canyon. From there the trail crosses steep terrain and some of the only old growth forests left at Philmont. Untouched by loggers, homesteaders, or fire, this hillside has not seen humans in a long time. Eventually it will burst into the 2018 Ute Park Fire burn scar which provides dramatic views of Tooth Ridge and the plains. Full of elk and deer, this trail provides critical access to new camping areas and replaces old and unusable trails at the bottom of Sawmill Canyon. Eventually, this project will be tied into the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew project at the summit.

**Sioux – New Trail Construction** Crews will build switchbacks and blaze a new trail in this next step of the long-term development of a hiking route over Wilson Mesa. Following the completion of the new trail to Sioux, this begins the process of opening the top of Wilson Mesa to hiking and camping in one of the last inaccessible areas of Philmont. This trail begins at Sioux and will ultimately break through the rimrock to gain the top of Wilson Mesa with panoramic views of Philmont's north country and Colorado.

**Cimarroncito Creek – Stream Restoration**  
See the story on the page 10.



# Revamped International Conference packs them in

PTC hosted the International Scouting conference in late June which had 42 attendees and 12 faculty, along with several guests, making it quite a sizable contingent. With plenty of colorful flags, banners and displays around the classroom, attendees were drawn into the wide world of Scouting that includes 176 organizations and 57 million members. In comparison, Scouting America has 1.1 members.

A featured guest of the Conference was the new Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM), David Berg. David was at Philmont present the SCENES award and to discuss ways to increase participation in World Scouting.

Although the International Scouting conference had drawn much interest in the past, attendance was flagging. After the 2024 conference, the conference leaders had to decide whether to drop the course completely or alter it drastically to increase interest. Among the organizers was Lou Paulson, the International Commissioner of Scouting America, who had an idea to focus on a multi-track program covering three topics: the role of Council International Representatives, Scouting Events around the World, and International Programs.

Paulson charged John Dozier, Vice-Chair – Administration, of the International Committee, to revamp the conference accordingly. Explained John, "The executive team began to brainstorm solutions. What type of information and help are scout leaders seeking from these tracks - from local scouting to world details? Who best can



David Berg, Secretary General of World Scouting, addressed the conference about strategies for increasing Scouting membership. (Tom Baltutis photo)

provide this knowledge? How will this information be presented that will keep the participants active and involved? Who are the experts? We identified faculty who can facilitate discussions and solutions in a fun environment for both the attendees and faculty."

The team was able to entice David Berg along with other WOSM staff to come to Philmont to provide a world perspective.

The group came up with a strategy to increase attendance as well. They started planning the course early and developed a marketing and promotion plan to be used consistently. They used social media and

they thought creatively to try new ways to announce the course. A [page](#) on the course was posted on the Scouting America website and an attractive flyer was developed to entice attendees.

Dr. Wayne Davis, a former member of the World Scout Committee and a representative from the Patriots' Path Council, and Dr. Michael Files, a representative from the Capitol Area Council, co-led the faculty. It included several prominent leaders in international Scouting from their respective home Councils, Scouting America, and World Scouting who lead the three tracks.

The **International Representatives (IR) Training Track** covered best practices for council IRs and unit leaders, focusing on promoting international activities, integrating WOSM events at the council and unit level, and leading local Scouts into global Scouting opportunities. The **World Event Contingent Training Track** offered World Event Contingent training for Council Management Team (CMT) members and unit leaders, covering the planning, promotion, and management of contingents traveling to international Scouting events, including World Scout Jamborees and other international adventures. The **International Programs for Scouting America Track** provided practical guidance for incorporating



A full room of Scouters shared their insights and experience to increase the awareness of World Scouting in their home councils. (Tom Baltutis photo)





Conservation Department staff explains to a PTC conference class how they will be building an artificial beaver dam behind the stakes driven into Cito Creek. (Tom Baltutis photo.)

## Crews, PTC help Cito Creek Restoration

Every year Philmont makes good use of the thousands of pairs of Trekkers hands on conservation projects that include trail-building, erosion control, forest fuels management and habitat restoration. While most of these projects are far in the back-country, there is one close to base camp that has the potential to improve not only Philmont's property, but have a beneficial effect for neighbors downstream. It also gains from the help of PTC attendees. One such project going on now affects Cimarroncito (Cito) Creek.

Cito Creek originates from rainfall runoff and seepages in the areas around Cyphers Mine and Lamberts Mine east of Thunder Ridge and south of Cimarroncito Mountain for which it is named. After flowing into Cimarroncito Reservoir, it proceeds Cito Trailhead area where the terrain flattens out. In the past, the stream would become wider and shallower as it meandered through the meadows. A varied landscape would have supported a variety of wildlife, including beavers and other water-dependent flora and fauna.

Changes in land use in the past occurred such as cutting of timber, trapping of beaver, and grazing of cattle. These have caused the creek to become channelized, meaning that instead of forming a wide shallow wetland, it cuts into the soil forming a steep-sided gully. This channelization

results in a faster flowing stream that carries more sediment making the water murkier. The steep banks are a deterrent to wildlife access to the water. Recharge of the groundwater table is drastically reduced as well. Downstream flooding increases.

To restore the stream to a more natural condition, Scouts are helping construct artificial beaver dams. Stakes are driven deep across the stream bed to form the dam's backbone and ribs. Branches, twigs, and tufts of grass are placed across the backbone forming a dam and causing the stream to back up. Sediment will begin to fill in behind the dam. The stream will widen and eventually form a natural wetland which provides more habitat, reduces downstream flooding, and releases cleaner water.

The Cito creek restoration project benefits from being near to Camping HQ and PTC. Crews can work on their 3-hour conservation project before hitting the trail. PTC classes and even Family Adventure program participants can join in the work. The project qualifies as a [Messenger of Peace](#) (MOP) project because of its beneficial effect on the environment. Recently, International Scouting Conference attendees joined in and earned their MOP badge.

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## World Scouting comes to PTC

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international themes into local Scouting programs, ensuring that international values are woven into the fabric of Scouting at all levels.

General sessions for all participants in the morning offered an overview of World Scouting's structure and programs, the WOSM framework, and the transformative power of international Scouting. Splitting for the afternoon sessions, each track was a hands-on experience with projects and resources designed to be directly applicable to each participant's Scouting role at home.

Conference attendees also were able to help in a stream restoration project (see story on left) and qualify for a Messengers of Peace award.

The International Scouting conference leadership is already hard at work reviewing this year's success and looking at areas that need improvement for next year's conference.

It is not too early for Ambassadors to contact their own Council's International Representative, International Committee members and anyone else interested in World Scouting or the 2027 World Jamboree in Poland about attending next year's conference.

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Philmont was the second camp in the country to fly the newly redesigned World Scouting flag thanks to Scott Lewis (far left). Scott, who attended the International Scouting conference, and his sons presented the flag to PTC Director Amy Hutcherson. Scott comes from the Sam Houston Area Council. (Tom Baltutis photo)