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Ranger Rendezvous



Doyle Maurer/Photographer

A group of rangers cheer on their teammates in a knot tying relay race.

Over 200 Rangers Gather for the Games

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

The valleys of Beaubien were filled with green shirts Wednesday, June 4 for the annual Ranger Rendezvous during which rangers competed in the Ranger Games practicing the outdoor skills and backcountry etiquette that they learned during their training hike.

The rangers left last Saturday, May 31, and hiked through various parts of Philmont before meeting at Beaubien on Wednesday morning. Director

of Program Mark Anderson said that this was important because it allowed rangers to have time in the backcountry before taking their first crews out.

"It allows them time to get way back," Anderson said. "And helps expose them to most of the ranch quicker."

Ranger Rendezvous has been going on almost since the Ranger Department was created in 1957.

"I talked to a guy who was a ranger in the '60s," said Eric Martinez, chief ranger. "And he said they did the Rendezvous

when he was here."

This capstone day gave over 200 rangers an opportunity to be evaluated on what they learned by going through various activities at the round robin. Cameron McCoig, ranger, really enjoyed being connected to his fellow staff.

"The Rendezvous is a way to get to know the leadership and synergize the department," McCoig said.

McCoig, who was a late arriving Ranger in 2012, was really excited to be able to attend this

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Shortgrass Music Festival

Rosie Newton and Richie Stearns

Rayado Kit Carson Museum

Friday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

Tickets \$10 at the door

In Living History

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

At the beginning of each summer, all 14 of the historical interpretation camps are sent to Rayado, the former home of Kit Carson, in an event known as Living History Day. Here, all the interp staff begin practicing their roles.

For many, this was the first time they had worn their costumes and begun to flesh out their characters.

"Staff get to practice before there is even a camper in their camp," said Director of Program, David O'Neill.

The collection of all the historical interpreters allows staff to learn from each other. This isn't possible once participants begin to arrive. For a first year staff member, the extra help is valuable.

"I began to round out the character qualities that had been sent out with my packet," said Peter Lenharth, a first year program counselor at Crooked Creek.

He portrays Jack Casey, a Tennessee homesteader whose family escapes the violence of the Civil War era. His first time in costume brought to life a role that

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Christine Henri/Photographer

Dr. David L. Geary demonstrates different ways to hold a gun during Living History Skills Day in Rayado on June 2.

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June 13-June 19

Friday, 13	Sunday, 15	Monday, 16	Wednesday, 18	Friday, 20	Saturday, 21
8 p.m. Friday Floats at the SSSAC	8 p.m. Humans vs. Zombies at Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Monday Movie Night with S'mores at Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Tie-Dye Night in the SSSAC	11 a.m. Brat Day at Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Saturday Shakes in the SSSAC

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, dream, discover.” -- **Mark Twain**

“I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse.” -- **Florence Nightingale**

“We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained.” -- **Marie Curie**

“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.” -- **Henry David Thoreau**

Corrections

In Issue One, it was stated that Julie Vigil, backcountry warehouse manager, has worked at Philmont for seven years; it should have read that she has worked here for 30 years.

If any other corrections are seen please notify the PhilNews Editor by emailing philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org or I-Camp it to News and Photo Services.

Bear Safety Tip of the Week

Do not allow bear rewards.

The ultimate goal for the bear researchers is that no Philmont bear gets a food reward during the summer season. Every time a Philmont bear receives a food reward from a pack, Nalgene or trash it will become more familiar with human beings. This may result in relocation or possible extermination of said rewarded bear because, unfortunately, “a fed bear is a dead bear.” By preventing food rewards, we can provide safer treks for campers and preserve Philmont’s ecology.



Photo courtesy of Andrea Watson/Associate Director of PTC Program
Director of Program Mark Anderson plays a game of giant Jenga at the Philmont Training Center on Thursday, June 5.



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year.

Over a dozen challenges were put on by ranger trainers and staff from other departments during Rendezvous. The activities ranged from a knot relay to a search simulation and other situations that challenged the rangers while maintaining a fun atmosphere.

Danny Ruthenberg-Marshall, ranger trainer, asked the rangers astronomy questions during the constellations/flora and fauna review.

"We want them to remember what they've learned because being able to talk to crews about the natural life and astronomy is important," Ruthenberg-Marshall said. "An example would be Polaris (north star) which is great for navigation."

The Leave No Trace ethics activity was meant to show the

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rangers how long something took to decompose. This match-up challenge displayed ten different materials (plastic bottles, tin cans, glass, etc.) and the groups had to match up the time period it took for something to break down in nature. Glass, for example, takes 1,000,000 years to fully decompose. The game was engaging and got participants to think about their impact on the environment.

"I just won't leave any trash and if I see some I'll pick it up," said Trevon Turley, ranger.

Another event was the infirmiry game. This featured an "injured person" who had a broken ankle, broken rib, appendicitis and a laceration on his back. Charles "Chip" Campbell, ranger trainer, said the game causes the rangers to "focus on first aid and teach them how to find various injuries."

Other educational activities included the S.T.E.M. discussion with Sarah Burgess, conservation S.T.E.M. coordinator, and the "Where's Waldo of horrific bear procedures" with Bear Researchers Will Kemple-Taylor and Benjamin Carlucci.

Recently, the Rendezvous has

been at Beaubien, but it has also taken place at other landmark camps.

"We've had it at Ponil, Copper Park and Cimarroncito," Anderson said.

The spacious fields of Beaubien are ideal for the Ranger Rendezvous. After the activities and department photo, the rangers gathered next to the pavilion to eat a hot meal (which included steak) that was served by Philmont's leadership. Chatter spread throughout as the rangers filled hungry stomachs and shared training stories.

Brooke Jackson, a first year ranger who previously spent two years working in the backcountry, said she enjoyed meeting people from the other training crews.

"My favorite part was walking around and interacting with everybody while meeting new people," Jackson said.

Shortly after eating, the rangers filled up their water containers and headed out to their last campsite where they took the Ranger Basic Test. If they pass the test, they will be able to take out their first crews when they begin to arrive on June 8.



Doyle Maurer/Photographer

A group of rangers stand on one leg, sing a song and wash each other's hands at the hygiene station.



Doyle Maurer/Photographer

Cody Wells, ranger, pours water on Ranger Jack Reneau's hand for hygiene practice.



Christine Henri/Photographer

Logan Smithey, Black Mountain camp director, demonstrates how to create a hook in the blacksmith shop at Rayado.

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just recently had been a only collection of words on paper.

Camp directors appreciate the day as well.

"It's the first time we're in costume, whereas before it was more abstract. This day makes things more concrete," said Nicole Butler, the camp director at Fish Camp.

Along with gathering together to practice, the interpretive staff had a chance to listen to presentations by a land use specialist, a professional historical interpreter and a

backcountry gardener. These presentations added another layer of authenticity to the staff's characters.

"I hope to improve the staff's opportunity to see things they haven't seen before (i.e., weapons, clothing, gear) and tell stories that connect to Rayado and Cimarron," said Dr. David L. Geary, a historical interpreter for the El Rancho de Las Golodrinas in Santa Fe, N.M.

He hoped staff members would take away a broad spectrum of Cimarron history from his presentation and share them with Scouts. Some of his stories connected Cimarron with events as far away and as monumental as England and Germany on the eve of World War I.

A more down-to-earth presentation took center stage for

several camps. R. Wayne Moulder, the backcountry gardener, was on hand to teach and demonstrate 1800's farming technique.

He wanted to familiarize staff with the gardens they would be growing this summer. Emphasizing the importance of the gardens to the homesteaders was particularly important to Moulder.

"Everyday life is going to be hard, but people really lived off this stuff," said Moulder, referring to the day in, day out survival for homestead families.

Finally, the day culminated with a historic Town Hall Meeting at Baldy Pavilion. The entirety of the Ranch's living history staff was on hand to present their program and an accompanying skit or song. While Base Camp looked

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on, the interpreters gave glimpses of Cimarron history from 1831 to 1941. For many, this was the highlight of the day.

"It was cool to be able to perform in our interps for an audience," said Connor Spurr, a program counselor at Abreu.

Interp camps will continue to perform these skits over the summer for participants as well as staff who wish to visit.

Mark's Minute: Roosevelt and the Life Stance

Mark Anderson
Director of Program,
Unit 2

The summer has begun! Crews are arriving every day at Camping Headquarters, passing through and filling the backcountry. The first week of conferences at the Philmont Training Center is coming to a close. It is fun to put into practice the preparation and

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training that we have been focused on over the past several weeks.

Theodore Roosevelt believed that everyone should adopt a life stance in order to be prepared for the adventures that each person encounters along their journey. He described the life stance as follows:

*“Head on a swivel
Eyes wide open
Poised on your toes
Heart ready
Mind ready
Hands ready to grasp
Opportunity as it flashes
And before it fades.”*

When I think about this description, I can picture in my mind a person aware of their surroundings. They are alert and action oriented with the right positive spirit and attitude. They can draw from their experiences as they approach any situation and their hands ready for action.

“When I think about this description, I can picture in my mind a person aware of their surroundings.”

I believe each of us can fit this description and because of our preparedness, we are ready to grasp opportunity each day of the summer.

With each of us following this life stance, we can look forward to a successful summer. I read on a sign board one day the following statement: Success is when opportunity and preparation meet, kindled by enthusiasm.

As we start each day we can choose our attitude. We can choose to be enthusiastic. We can choose to be ready in our life stance.



Samantha Waidler/Photography Manager 2011

Philmont Staff Association Announces Third Annual Writing Contest

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) is holding its 3rd annual writing contest for Philmont's seasonal staff members.

The deadline for submissions is July 20. The Philmont Staff Association will announce the winners on August 3. Winning entries will appear in “High Country,” the magazine of the Philmont Staff Association. Composers of winning entries will also receive a gift certificate to the Tooth of Time Traders.

The judges for the contest will be a panel made up of the Publications Committee of the Philmont Staff Association. Warren Smith will chair the panel. Smith is a past editor of “High Country” and a writer for WORLD Magazine, one of the nation's largest news magazines. He has also written or edited 10 books, including “I Wanna Go Back: Stories of the Philmont

Rangers.”

“Last year we got a lot of great submissions, and I'm hoping that this year we'll get even more,” Smith said.

The Philmont Staff Association Writing Contest will recognize a winner in the following categories:

- **Adventure Story:** Has something strange or unusual happened to you or someone you know at Philmont? A near miss or close call? A dream realized – or deferred? A crazy day-off road trip? Let us hear about it.

- **Spiritual/Personal Memoir:** From Henry David Thoreau to John Muir to Annie Dillard, the “green world” has provided powerful settings for reflection on spiritual matters. What has Philmont taught you about your life or your God?

- **Poetry:** All forms welcome.

- **Fiction:** Lew Wallace,

D.H. Lawrence, Walker Percy, Willa Cather, and Zane Grey are just a few of the great novelists who have used New Mexico as a setting for fiction.

Smith offered this advice to those considering submission: “Philmont has such obvious beauty and because we love it so much, it is too easy to fall back on clichés and sentimentality,” he said. “The trick to writing about Philmont – especially when you're writing for people who already know about Philmont -- is to take what is familiar and somehow make it new. That's what will catch the judges' attention.”

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The Ranger Mile: Hiking the Clear Creek Trail

Welcome to The Ranger Mile, a weekly column in which members of the ranger staff will profile various hiking opportunities for staff on days off. This week, we will focus on the Clear Creek Trail near Ute Park. Though it is not on Philmont property, the trail still offers many great views and an opportunity to explore the area.

Jason Mazurowski
Associate Chief Ranger

June in New Mexico is often considered one of the most unpleasant times of the year.

Temperatures approaching 100 degrees, relentless wind and dust clouds billowing across Base Camp can discourage even the most adventurous Philmont staff members from heading out on days off.

For those who are willing to take some time to wander, however, the Clear Creek Trail in Cimarron Canyon State Park offers the chance to get your sock-less Chacos (or other sandals) wet and cool off in the shade of aspens and ponderosa pines.

Located between Ute Park and Eagle Nest near Mile Marker 292 on Highway 64, the Clear Creek Trail offers a refreshing, shady hike along a mountain stream, with plenty of waterfalls and spectacular views of the surrounding peaks.

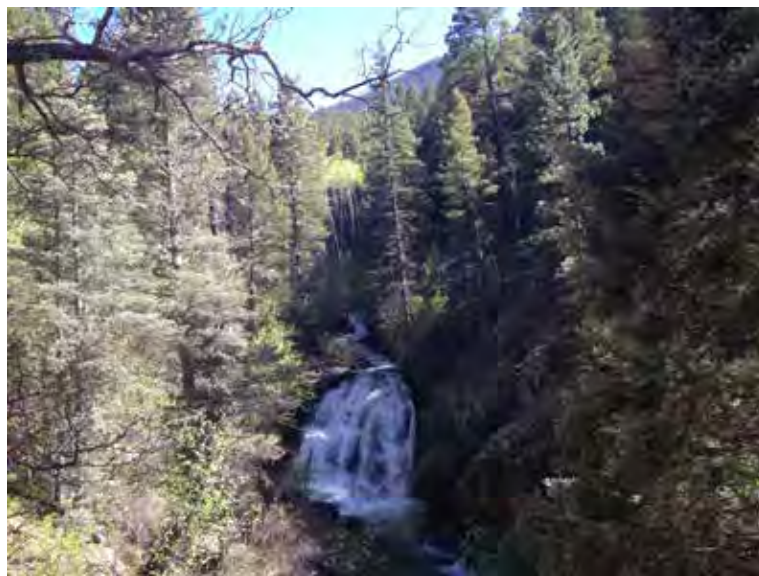
The trail begins in Cimarron Canyon State Park and meanders its way through the Colin Neblett State Wildlife area, directly bordering Philmont's South Country. Be sure to bring a field guide to identify the dozens of species of wildflowers and fungi that can be seen along the way.

The majority of the hike is a

"The Clear Creek Trail in Cimarron Canyon State Park offers the chance to get your sock-less Chacos wet and cool off in the shade of aspens and ponderosa pines."

Things to Remember

- Always carry the ten hiking essentials and follow Philmont backcountry procedures.
- Complete a staff backcountry access permit and check the water conditions of any trail camps you plan to visit in Logistics.
- Arrange a ride back to Base before beginning your trip. Finish your hiking well in advance of your planned departure time.
- When visiting staff camps, represent your department well by treating backcountry staff and crews respectfully. Always allow participants to engage in program before you do.



Jason Mazurowski/Associate Chief Ranger

A waterfall on the Clear Creek Trail in Cimarron Canyon State Park.

gradual ascent, with a few steep, rocky sections and many stream crossings.

After about three miles, the trail veers off from the creek and follows a ridge just below Tolby Peak, offering views of Cimarron Canyon, Touch-Me-Not Mountain, and Green Mountain. Here, the trail becomes less and less defined and eventually disappears altogether.

More experienced and ambitious hikers can continue on

from here to the summit of Tolby Peak.

With a South Country sectional map, compass, and appropriate Philmont uniform, one can head south and link up with the trail between Mt. Phillips and Clear Creek Camp.

There is a \$5.00 per vehicle Day Use Fee to park at the trailhead. These can be purchased at self-serve kiosks throughout the canyon.

Continued Training: First Round Sign-Up

Continued Trainings or CTs are training sessions put on by Ranger Trainers nearly every night of the summer from 6:00-6:45 in the Walcott Room of the SSSAC. These sessions are fun and informative. All staff are welcome and encouraged to attend, we hope to see you there!

Dates

June 13
June 14 and 16
June 15
June 17 and 19
June 18 and 20
June 21
June 23 and 25

June 26 & 29
June 28

June 27 & 30
July 1 & 5
July 6 & 8

Topic

GPS and Navigation
Flora and Fauna
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Geologist Ed Warner: Geology,
Ecology, Forestry and Range
Management
GPS/Navigation #2
Astronomy
Nate Lay- Mental Health



Kevin Boucher/Photographer 2013

Service Academy Ranger Travis Trotter touches the "change lives" sign before exiting the Ranger Office on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

Chaplain's Corner

Meet the Chaplains

Rev. Bill McCleery Protestant Chaplain

Hello everyone!

I will be one of the Protestant chaplains this year at Philmont.

Back at home, I am a priest in leadership at the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Logan, Ohio and the Church of the Epiphany in Nelsonville, Ohio.

I have been in Scouting for 31 years. During this time, I spent 15 years in four local councils and 16 years on national staff where I served as National Director of Relationships Division. I was also a development officer at the Ohio State University (OSU) for nine years and directed a \$15.5 million capital campaign to build the Ohio 4-H Youth Development Center which was the first environmentally friendly building on the OSU campus.

During my Scouting

career, I received several awards and recognitions for my involvement:

- God and Service – Church Commission for Youth Serving Agencies
- Good Shepherd – Association of Baptists for Scouting
- Shofar – National Jewish Committee on Scouting
- St. George – National Catholic Committee on Scouting
- Prophet Elias – Orthodox Committee on Scouting
- Vigil Honor – Order of the Arrow
- Wood Badge Course Director

As for Philmont, I was a Protestant chaplain in 1969, 1970, 2010 and 2014. I was also a sector director (backcountry manager) in 1970, Wood Badge staff at Zastrow in 1971, a PTC course director for ten summers



Cassidy Johnson/Photographer

and am a life member of the Philmont Staff Association.

I am a widower with three stepdaughters and five grandchildren. My hobbies include barbershop singing, tennis and woodworking.

I look forward to working with you all this summer.

Nathan Williams Protestant Chaplain

I am one of the protestant chaplains, but I try not to protest much. As a kid, I lived in California, Germany, North Carolina, Texas, Korea and the Philippines. I currently live in Abilene, Texas. I've been active in Scouting for my entire life.

I have a passion for green shirted Venturing and encourage you all to join me on the dark side of Scouting. I've worked at the collegiate level to develop programs and scholarships for youth involved in Scouting.

My faith background is Churches of Christ, and I am currently a graduate student focusing on theology at Abilene Christian University.

My undergrad work was in chemistry and biochemistry. I hope to work in aiding the dialogue between faith and



Cassidy Johnson/Photographer

science. I enjoy adventure, travel, scuba diving, backpacking, mountain and road biking and photography.

I have survived volcanoes, typhoons, earthquakes and hurricanes in my life.

I'm also a San Antonio Spurs fan.

Lesson of the Week:

On my Honor, I will do my Best to do my Duty



Bethany Nilson/Photographer

John Lampley Protestant Chaplain

I am so glad to be able to be back at Philmont this summer. It's great to be back with friends from last year and to make new friends each day we are here.

It is invigorating to be among so many people who truly enjoy their work and are operating at such a high level of commitment. I don't know about you, but when I am working with folks who are dedicated to doing their best, I am challenged to a higher standard myself. I am reminded of the implications of the Scout Oath, which begins: On my honor I will

do my best to do my duty.

We all need to do our best all the time and in everything we do. Sometimes we think that just doing good enough is enough. We justify ourselves by saying, "so I missed a couple of problems on the test but I still got a high score. Isn't that good enough?" Well, consider the scenarios if the margin for error were one tenth of one percent.

99.9 percent reliability would yield:

- 1 hour of unsafe drinking water every month
- 2,000 unsafe airline landings per day, more than one a minute
- 16,000 lost pieces of mail by the

U.S. Postal Service every hour

- 20,000 incorrect drug prescriptions each year
- 500 incorrect surgical operations every week
- 20 newborn babies dropped at birth by doctors every day
- 22,000 checks deducted from the wrong bank accounts every hour
- 32,000 missed heartbeats per person per year

The Book of Ecclesiastes says: "A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work ... The sleep of a laborer is sweet." (2:24, 5:12) We work hard at Philmont, but there is satisfaction in a job

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well done.

As we minister to 22,000 plus campers this summer, let's strive for putting out 100 percent effort and yielding 100 percent satisfaction. Enjoy every minute of every day of your time in this great place.

Ever upward!

Dallas On Days Off: The Backcountry

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

If you are unsure of what to do on those next couple of days off, look no further than Philmont's backcountry.

Outside of hosting almost one million Scouts, the Ranch is a hiker's paradise. The backcountry has 350 miles of trails that lead to camps and lend themselves to new adventures.

However, the sheer amount of options can be a bit overwhelming.

For ideas, look no farther than Mark Chalberg, conservation foreman. He is a five-year staffer with five treks

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under his belt. During his time on staff and on trek, Chalberg has seen nearly every part of the Ranch. Even after all this time, the backcountry never gets old for him.

"I plan on hiking parts of the Ranch I haven't been in a few years," said Chalberg.

In addition to ranging over parts of the Ranch that he has trekked for almost ten years, Chalberg has set his course for the Valle Vidal. There, he will look for the remnants of decades old campsites and check out one of the least crowded parts of the Philmont program areas.

As a conservation foreman, most of Chalberg's time is spent in the backcountry. That doesn't discourage him from wanting to wear out at least one complete pair of boots and get started on another this summer. He'll need that second pair of boots to make it to all the staff campfires as well.

One of Chalberg's favorite

"One thing that Chalberg does recommend is to take your time in the backcountry and enjoy. Often, he finds himself motoring along, getting someplace without even realizing what trail he took."

camps to visit is Urraca.

"Urraca is interesting because they aren't bound to one particular theme. I've heard an acoustic cover of Ke\$ha that was very well done," said Chalberg.

One thing that Chalberg does recommend is to take your time in the backcountry and enjoy it. Often, he finds himself motoring along, getting someplace without even realizing what trail he took.

"I'm making a point to bring my camera and use it successfully," said Chalberg.

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Research the Bear Necessities

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

Philmont's two-man bear research team will be visiting camps this summer in an effort to work with Scouts and staff to spread awareness of bear safety in the backcountry.

The bear researchers work under the ranch department for Bob Ricklefs, the Ranch Superintendent. After a summer of several dangerous bear incidents in 1986, Ricklefs and Philmont management decided a new direction was needed.

"We knew there were problems in the backcountry that just needed to be tightened up, because people were basically just making mistakes [regarding bear procedures]," said Ricklefs.

Those changes lead to the hiring of the first bear researcher in the summer of 1987. Beginning with an assessment of the black bear population, Philmont's priorities shifted to creating and maintaining proper bear procedures. The changes in bear policy have had a noticeable impact.

"There's more of them than when we began," added Ricklefs, noting the Philmont area has seen an increase in the black bear population.

Benjamin Carlucci and Will Kemple-Taylor work as this year's bear research team.

Carlucci, a Pennsylvania native, worked as a bear researcher in 2012, while Taylor, a Cimarron local, moved into the position this year after a few other summers on staff. Both credit each other with different areas of expertise.

Carlucci has the advantage of being a returning bear researcher and Kemple-Taylor knows the terrain and the behaviors of the local bears well. However, both enjoy teaching about bears and are impassioned advocates of bear protection and preservation.

"A fed bear is a dead bear" is their mantra to crews and staff alike, referencing the tough policy guidelines concerning problem bears.

As a two man team, they work to maximize their coverage of the Ranch. They collaborate with logistics, the backcountry warehouse and backcountry staff in order to deliver program to Scouts that focuses on bear incident prevention.

The bear team's next priority is to track bear activity across the Ranch. A map hangs above their desk at their office in conservation, with assorted pins marking bear sightings and incidents all across Philmont.

"We encourage anyone who sees a bear or has a bear incident to file a report," said Kemple-Taylor.

Once a bear is marked, the animal is tracked using the three strikes rule. If a

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bear is rewarded, meaning it is successful in raiding human belongings, the bear is tagged. If there is a second incident, the bear is moved. Unfortunately, if a bear receives a third strike it must be put down. However, Carlucci and Kemple-Taylor are working to spread safety measure awareness to prevent this very thing from happening.

When crews do not follow bear procedures the bear research team meets with the Scouts to go over how they can take more precaution.

"We meet with problem crews and have very stern but informative talks with them," said Carlucci.

If a crew continues to not follow bear procedures they can be pulled off the trail and be fined for feeding a game animal by the state wildlife agency.

Unfortunately bear incidents can happen. To prevent this, the bear



William Kemple-Taylor, bear researcher

Morgan Court/Photographer



Benjamin Carlucci, bear researcher

Morgan Court/Photographer



Bear Researchers Benjamin Carlucci and William Kemple-Taylor talk about the importance of following proper bear procedures in the backcountry while using props.

Morgan Court/Photographer

researchers want to remind both staff and campers to check every pocket of every pack every time. Forgotten smellables are the hidden danger that reward bears.

Ultimately, bears tie together Philmont in ways that aren't visible. Besides maintaining another layer of the wilderness, Philmont bears are an important part of the ecology of the Sangro de Cristo Mountains.

"Bears and mountain lions are the top consumers in the area, and help

control small mammal populations" said Carlucci.

Bears also contribute to acorn and plant dispersal. A bear's diet is not heavily invested in small mammal eating. Dispersal is key to spreading the native plant populations in the area which provides the foundation for local food webs.

Proper bear procedures will continue to be a focal point of Philmont's mission to preserve wilderness safety for both Scouts and staff.



Ranch Superintendent, Bob Ricklefs

Morgan Court/Photographer

What's New This Summer

Summer Long Seven-Day Treks

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

The summer of 2014 brings many changes to Philmont. Departments all over the Ranch have been incorporating something different into their usual activities, gotten new equipment and made the necessary changes to become a better-fitting staff for the crews. A major change that will impact many departments this summer is the addition of seven-day treks throughout the summer.

Traditionally, the only option is for crews to go on 12 day treks throughout the summer or shortened, seven-day treks available during the end of the season. However, this year, crews will have the option to take seven-day treks all summer long.

Matt Hart, associate chief ranger, said that Philmont decided to do this in order to incorporate crews who have advisors with restrictive work schedules.

"[It was] based on some feedback we've been getting that a normal 12 day experience was prohibitive to a lot of advisors because of their work schedules," Hart said. "We decided to make seven-day itineraries a regular part of the entire summer so that advisors who couldn't take more than a week off from their jobs back home could still be able to come out and have a full experience."

Those who show up will arrive on a weekend and finish the next weekend, so they only miss a week of work. The 15 itineraries offered range from 30 to 54 miles, averaging the same mileage as the 12 day treks while still climbing peaks and camping all over the Ranch.

"Even on a seven-day itinerary, participants will have the opportunity to take advantage of some of these new programs and areas that we have available this summer."

"There's still a wide range of physical opportunities," Hart said. "Some of them still climb Baldy, Phillips and the Tooth and we're still trying to achieve a balance between trail camp nights and staff camp nights so the crews get that wilderness experience of staying at a trail camp and also still get to experience all the

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great backcountry programs and staff camps."

A few itineraries will visit the Valle Vidal, Rich Cabins, Greenwood Canyon, Metcalf Station or Chase Ranch. The possibilities are abundant.

"Even on a seven-day itinerary, participants will have the opportunity to take advantage of some of these new programs and areas that we have available this summer," Hart said.

The rangers who take out seven-day crews will be decided randomly, just as with the 12 day treks. They will also stay with the crews for an identical number of days, show the same skills and teach as if they're going to be with them for all of their trek.

"Obviously they don't stay with the crew that entire time," Hart said. "But we want rangers to have the mindset that they're preparing the crew to succeed."

All in all, the seven-day treks are equal to the 12 day treks. They experience the same activities, hike the same number of average miles and camp in the same areas.

Betty Pacheco, camping registrar, said that the price-per-day for the two different treks is very close.

"It costs \$469 for a seven-day trek (\$67 a day) and \$800 for a 12 day trek (\$66 a day)," Pacheco said.

The first seven-day crews will arrive on June 14th.

The Craft Center: The Art Corner of Philmont



Cassidy Johnson/Photographer

Crafts Center staff Emily Cotterell and "Miss Lucy" Neel prepare for the opening of the Craft Center Monday on Wednesday, June 4 at PTC.

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

The Craft Center can punch a new hole in your Philmont belt if it fits too loose or tight. While there, choose from a variety of mediums to create art. A handful of options include mosaics, ceramics, welding, wood-turning, tie-dye, leatherwork and jewelry. All of the materials to create art are available at the Craft Center, and the all-inclusive charge covers materials and all process costs.

Philmont staff are welcome to walk in the Craft Center anytime to attend a workshop or create art on their own time. The cost for each workshop or materials package varies, but it is expected that the price will be less than \$15.

"Philmont is not looking to make money off of this," said Lori Chatterley, Craft Center manager. "We just want to meet material costs."

Wednesday afternoons and evenings are especially good times to go to the Craft Center because it's quieter. All staff must be in uniform and will receive a ten percent discount.

The Craft Center went through renovations and re-branding with a new name. Crisp lighting bounces off fresh paint and brightens the recently figured open floor layout.

Concerning the name change to the Craft Center, Chatterley explains, "We are being more design oriented."

Cushioned chairs align parallel with a fireplace in the middle of the Craft Center. The sitting room anticipates anyone looking for relaxation to take a seat, remove a book from the library shelf and drink complimentary coffee.

"We work with every kid at PTC and wanted a place for Silverados to relax," said Chatterley.

The Craft Center engages around 600 Silverados (spouses of PTC participants) and roughly 1,000 children

in programs. Age specific crafts are available for children. A designated room, called the Bear Cave, focuses on crafts for small children.

"Tie dying is a whole new world," said Lucy Neel, a Craft Center staff member. "There are more specific designs."

Everyone is welcome to express their creativity. Staff can bring their friends and family, too.

"So far it has been PTC oriented. We want it to be ranch-wide, we're one team and want staff to feel welcomed," said Chatterley.



Cassidy Johnson/Photographer

Spools of string, twine and rope are kept on a rack in the Craft Center.

Keeping Philmont Secure

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

The Philmont security staff keep a safe and fun environment for all staff and participants. They patrol Base Camp, the Villa Philmonte and Training Center grounds, museums and Chase Ranch.

Being on-call 24/7 means fulfilling a variety of duties. Security does everything from patrolling the grounds and enforcing the rules laid out in the staff guidebook to assisting chapel services, controlling road crossings for opening and closing campfires and guarding lost items.

“We have lost and found organized by different items,” said Alex Light, security staff.

Boxes are labeled for specific items and then even further organized by color. The return rate of lost possessions is 70 to 75 percent.

“If it’s your property, we will get it back to you,” said Jeff Montoya, security manager.

To help facilitate the reunion of belongings, security advises to label everything owned. Take a picture of your ID badge



Doyle Maurer/Photographer

Broken locks hang on the wall of the security to provide a warning for lock owners.

and set it as the wallpaper for electronic devices. With this small precaution valuable items can be returned quickly.

Security is also in charge of patrolling the parking lots and confirming that every vehicle has a valid sticker. Any vehicle found without a sticker will first receive a warning ticket. If the owner doesn’t comply, a wheel clamp, or “boot,” will immobilize the vehicle. The owner must go to security to have the boot removed.

“Our goal is not to be bad

guys, it’s primarily to be an asset to staff and the participants,” said Montoya.

Concerning backcountry road safety, security asks drivers to slow down and wear their seatbelts.

“We’ll be the ones to find you flipped over on our backcountry patrols,” Montoya said.

The security staff is here to help. If anything is out of the ordinary or there is blatant rule breaking, go to the security building located across from the Welcome Center.



Doyle Maurer/Photographer

Security staff members Theron Asbery and Alex Light provide a locker key for Collin Bowser, associate ranger chief.

Weekly Advice Column Ask Dining Hall

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

Every summer brings new participants with new questions. Here are a few commonly asked questions at the dining hall.



Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer

David Gouge, dining hall assistant manager

What if I don’t eat meat or have a special diet?

We have a vegetarian option with every meal. There is also a vegan option. The salad bar, the sandwich bar and the leftovers bar are also good options for people that might not want what’s on the menu for any given meal.

I have an allergy. Who should I speak with?

One of the kitchen directors or head chef can tell you the ingredients. We no longer have any nuts in the kitchen or near the equipment. Only the peanut butter at the sandwich bar.

Do we have to clean our tables?

We strongly recommend you clean your tables with the buckets of soapy water and towels provided. This helps us when we go over them after every meal.

Is there a lost and found for the dining hall?

We have a lost and found bucket above the piano, but if you can’t find what you’ve lost in the dining hall lost and found, ask security if its been turned in to them.

Are there any to go boxes or cups?

Recently, Philmont has agreed to cut back on waste in hopes of reaching a higher standard of sustainable practice here at Philmont. We used to use styrofoam for to-go boxes but this year there will be reusable to-go boxes, plates or cups.

How do we get our trek shirts up on the walls?

Speak to one of the kitchen directors after you have cleaned and had all troop members sign designated shirt.

Are there always seconds?

Not always, but when there are seconds, someone will notify the whole dining hall.

Do you do anything special for birthdays?

There is almost always a big commotion over birthdays. We come out to the dining area, usually banging pots and pans, and yelling to gain everyone’s attention. We stand next to the lucky staff member and we ask the whole dining hall to sing.



Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer

Michael Claycamp, dining hall assistant manager

History Blurb of the Week: A Sacred Land to All

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

Philmont is a sacred land to all who have participated in a trek or worked on staff, but there have been two other groups of people who inhabited this area far longer than Philmont.

A group of Native Americans, called the Ponil People inhabited the area circa 330 A.D. to 1200 A.D.

"The oldest site on Philmont property is right above our cabin and is part of our evening program," said Matt Wynn,

"A group of Native Americans called the Ponil People inhabited the area circa 330 A.D. to 1200 A.D."

archeologist at Indian Writings.

They were comprised of multiple groups of Pueblo-Plains Indians, influenced by the Plains Indians to the East and the Pueblo Indians to the West. Living in an area where the plains meet the mountains, they resided as a fringe society on both sides. Hunting and gathering supplied the Ponil People with steady sources of food. Limited agriculture allowed them to settle semi-permanently, but no major agriculture movement was ever implemented. It is unknown where these people came from, but when they left what is now Colfax County, they headed toward the Rio Grande River and assimilated into Puebloan culture.

Approximately 400 years later, the Jicarilla Apache came to control the area. It is

uncertain where they migrated from. The name "Jicarilla" (pronounced hic-are-ree-yah) is a Spanish word that loosely means "little basket maker." They lived in clusters of extended family groups, maintaining semi-permanent settlements at favored hunting and gathering sites to achieve their semi-nomadic lifestyle. Small-scale farming supplemented their diet. Utilizing the Three Sisters agricultural method of companion planting, corn, beans and squash grew in the Jicarilla's gardens. Their culture is notable for their craftsmanship of fine basketry, beadwork and micaceous pottery.

The Jicarilla were the first Native American peoples to obtain horses in great numbers. They benefited from living in the transition area between the plains and mountains,

like the Ponil People, learning agriculture from the Pueblo People and hunting buffalo from the Ute and Commanche.

Two Spanish expeditions attempted to protect the friendly Jicarilla from the aggressive Commanche that kept pushing the Jicarilla further into the mountains. The expeditions failed to encounter the Commanche and left the Indians to themselves for roughly one hundred years. In the 1870s, European settlers from the east forced the Jicarilla out of their native and sacred homeland and relocated them to Dulce, N.M. where the Jicarilla Apache Nation is currently headquartered.

Fortunately, the Jicarilla culture has been preserved despite the modernization of America. Little is known about the Ponil People and their

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culture became clouded with their assimilation into Puebloan culture.

"Archeology is like building a puzzle with only a few faded pieces left and no box picture," said Katie Peterson, camp director at Indian Writings.

Petroglyphs, stone tools, ceramics, yucca sandals, metates, arrowheads and basketry serve as the only reminders of the Ponil People's existence.

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Fine Feathered Friends at Philmont: Bird is the Word

Here at Philmont, we are gifted with the ability to witness nature's daily beauty. We notice birds, but there is still a gap between appreciation and awareness. We wake up in the morning to the sounds of chirps, calls and cries from a whole assortment of early birds. How incredible would it be if over the summer we taught ourselves how to spot them and share some amazing facts about what they are capable of to some curious young minds?

Emet Blood
Staff Writer



John Mitchell/Photographer
Common name: Black-billed Magpie. Scientific name: *Pica pica*. Location: Tent city.

American Magpie: Also known as Black-billed Magpie, this feathered friend is a flock bird almost always traveling with a partner in crime or a team of cackling friends.

They will eat just about anything. They are classified as omnivores and sometimes gather

in flocks to feed on carrion.

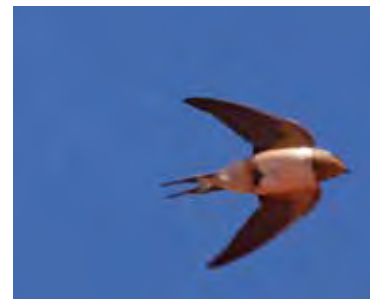
Magpies mate for life, where as a lot of male birds provide a labor intensive nest in hopes of attracting a female. Magpies initiate the courting by begging for food from a male. The male and female magpie build the nest together. Males will work on the structural exterior while females make the nest desirable on the interior by means of mud and grass. Sometimes they disagree on placement of the nest and begin building nests in two different locations.

One of the most notable behaviors of the magpie is something called the "funeral." When one magpie finds another deceased magpie, it cries out and the surrounding magpies will flock around the dead magpie (up to 40 magpies have been observed) and begin calling out as

a group for ten to 15 minutes.

Barn swallows: Swallows used to make their nests on cliff sides which is now rare and they are now known for building their mud-made cup nests almost exclusively on man-made structures. They build their nests by collecting drops of mud and bits of grass to make mud pellets that they add bit by bit, they then line the interior with feathers for insulation. When preparing to move into a vacant used nest they remove the old feathers and reline the interior with new feathers and the exterior with a new layer of mud.

Because of their wing structure they are capable of turning abruptly while flying inches above the ground or water, to snatch bugs in mid air gracefully. Barn swallows



John Mitchell/Photographer
Common name: Barn swallow. Scientific name: *Hirundo rustica*. Location: Outside of outfitting services.

eat mostly insects, wasps, flies, beetles, butterflies, moths etc.

Broad-tailed Hummingbirds: These birds are a common summer find at Philmont. They feed on nectar and small insects.

Hummingbirds can fly up to 30 miles an hour and 60 miles an hour while diving, and are also the only bird that can fly backwards. They are capable of flying upside down, side to side or hover in place.

While active during the



John Mitchell/Photographer
Common name: Broad-tailed Hummingbird. Scientific name: *Selasphorus platycercus*. Location: Disc golf course.

day they remain at a steady 107 degrees Fahrenheit.

Their small size makes it so they have to avoid the cold by entering torpor, a slowed-metabolic state where they slow down their heart rate.

A hummingbird's brain makes up 4.2 percent of the birds weight while the flight muscles make up 30 percent.

Mind you, a hummingbird can weigh anywhere from two to 20 grams, a penny weighs two grams.

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PhilStars: Coming to a sky Near You

Week of June 13th-19th

Here at Philmont, there's plenty of opportunity to observe the night sky. The solitude of the backcountry and absence of light pollution create perfect conditions for star watchers.

This summer, we're going to be posting weekly predictions and charts that discuss what to look for and when to see it. Information was taken from Astronomy.com

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

This week is monumental for astronomy enthusiast. The full moon of June is at 22° Sagittarius. When the moon resides in Sagittarius, we all subconsciously become Sagittarius. Optimism, vitality, generosity, good intention, as well as a desire for philosophy, expansion of horizon or just a desire for a walk somewhere constantly exists. Sounds like it's a perfect time to be at Philmont. However, since the full moon will occur on Friday, the 13th, superstitions may arise. The last time this coincided was on October 13, 2000 and the next time it will happen won't be until August 13, 2049.

Note: The faintest magnitude, or level brightness, the naked eye can see is 6 and any number above requires a help with binoculars or a telescope. The brightest magnitude regularly seen is -13 which is a full moon.

June 12: Full moon- 100 percent visibility (10:12 p.m. MDT). For June, Native Americans called the full moon the "Strawberry Moon" because it signaled the time to harvest the ripening fruit.

The moon shines in the dim legs of the constellation Ophiuchus. Look for Antares to the right.

June 13: Full moon- 100 percent visibility. Vega is the

brightest star shining in the east after dusk. It is currently the top star of the big Summer Triangle.

The brightest star to Vega's lower left is Deneb. Look farther to Vega's lower right for Altair.

The summer triangle will climb higher in early evening all through the summer and will pose highest overhead at dusk when fall begins.

June 14: Waning Gibbous- 98 percent visibility. Mars and Spica draw your eye to the southwest just after dark this week.

Spot brighter Arcturus high above them. Half as far below them is the four-star pattern of Corvus, the Crow.



Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer

June 15: Waning Gibbous- 93 percent visibility.

June 16: Waning Gibbous- 85 percent visibility. Look out for the June Lyrids, a small meteor shower that may not be that reliable, but will still give you a chance to see a shooting star.

June 17: Waning Gibbous- 76% visibility.

June 18: Last quarter- 65 percent visibility.

June 19: Last quarter- 54 percent visibility with the third or last quarter moon (12:39 p.m. MDT).

Coming Up: June 25-29: Rocky Mountain Star Stare in Westcliffe, CO (three hours from Philmont).

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Trail of Courage

Philmont Scout Ranch has been asked and agreed to launch the Trail of Courage Program. Over the next few years, it will be rolled out to all parts of the Boy Scouts of America including other high adventure bases, summer camps and Boys' Life Magazine. I encourage you to join me by participating in the Trail of Courage-right Decisions/Right Now-Be Tobacco Free. Teenage smoking dropped from 36.4% in 1997 to 21.9% in 2003. However, each year since 2003 the percentage of teenage smoker continues to rise! This is a startling fact, since we know the danger and risk of smoking to our health.

What is the program? The program allows conversation to take place with each crew. These conversation focus on the seven parts of the program:

1. Become personally fit.
2. Eat a nutritious diet.
3. Exercise.
4. Be tobacco free and not smoke or use smokeless products.
5. Live free of drug and alcohol habits.
6. Learn the seven cancer danger signs.
7. Live the Scout Oath and Law

Who Leads the Conversations? Each Ranger is asked to coach the Crew Leader to guide conversations during the crew's trek that focus on each of the seven parts of the program.

On the last night of the trek, the Crew Leader will encourage the crew to take the pledge and commit to the seven parts of the program.

The recognition for making the pledge and participating in the program includes a Trail of Courage patch and Boys' Life Personal Pledge Card. These items are available to the crew free of charge at the Safekeeping Counter in Camping Headquarters.

Can Staff Participate? Yes! Each member of the Philmont Staff is asked to participate in the Trail of Courage program.

Step 1: Review the material in the Trail of Courage-Right Decisions/ Right nOw-Be Tobacco Free brochure. You may wish to discuss the program with your friends and your department.

Step 2: Make personal commitment to pledge to work on achieving each of the seven part so the program.

Step 3: Complete the Staff Pledge Card and turn it in at the Personnel Counter at the CHQ Office.

Each staff member who participate will receive the Trail of Courage patch and the Boys' Life Personal Pledge Card.

Trail of Courage -Right Decision/ Right Now-Be Tobacco Free Pledge

"I pledge to become personally fit, eat a nutritious diet, exercise, be tobacco free, live free of drug and alcohol habits, learn the seven cancer danger signs and live the Scout Oath and Law."

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Department _____ Date _____

Wanted: Whiskers



“Gunpowder.” -- Sam Aguilar, Harlan camp director

Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer

Emet Blood

Staff Writer

The week's featured facial hair style is the “Chevron” mustache, also known as “the Magnum P.I.” This is a gentleman's straightforward message of pure testosterone, leaving an unforgettable first impression. If worn correctly, as displayed above, the bearer of this masterpiece need not introduce himself, because the ‘stache says it all.

This style of mustache is named the Chevron because it looks like the chevron pattern, a textile pattern that originated from the family crests in Switzerland. It was made famous in the 70's and 80's, by the

notable champions laying claim to such styles. A few members of the “Chevron” club include Sam Elliott and Tom Selleck. Sam Elliot confidently displays his “Chevron” as a lifeguard in the 1985 classic Mask starring Cher. Tom Selleck stars in “Magnum P.I.” the show that is godfather to the “Chevron” mustache nickname. Thomas Sullivan in Magnum IV, the heart stealing, crime fighting, Ferrari driving hero, is an obvious mustache idol.

It is easy to see that this respect-demanding mustache has an undertone of brilliant friendliness when that father-like grin breaks from under the cloud. Policemen,

firemen and plenty of actors have rocked this mustache for years. If you're feeling confident and you know that you can handle the instant magnetism, then it's time to bring out the padre of mustaches: the “Magnum P.I.” of the facial hair kingdom.

Remember, whether you're a ‘stache classy business man or a wild cowboy keeping the dust out of your soup, a naked upper lip is like a wolf pup. With some serious training and an understanding that it will always have a wild side, even you could have yourself a real man's “Chevron mustache,” but always remember, with great ‘stache comes great responsibility.

BSA Photographer Lends a Helping Hand

Dallas Elmore

Staff Writer

This summer, the Manager of Photography Multimedia Services Michael Roytek of the national BSA office volunteered with Philmont's photography department, providing staff with some of the knowledge he's acquired in a 40 year career in photography.

Roytek began his summer volunteer trips to Philmont three years ago, but his connection to the Ranch stretches back to the early 70's.

“I was on staff in ‘74 and hiked in ‘72 with the council contingent from Decatur, Ill.,” said Roytek.

On staff in 1974, Roytek worked with the photography department, doing many of the same things the department does today. They did crew photos, public relations shots, magazine work when they lacked a nearby photographer, and backcountry picture work. The photography staff, like now, had a close relationship with the PhilNews team.

A few things have changed, however. At the time, the staff dining hall was in the Trading Post, and crew photos were taken off the back of the Ranger Office. The photo service also shared a building with the logistics staff, which has since been torn down.

In August of that summer, the national office of the BSA called Philmont requesting photographers for the upcoming Explorer Olympics. Roytek answered the call, met the director of public relations of Scouting at the time, and began a 40 year career with the Boy Scouts.

“Philmont helped me with my confidence, and working with a team,” said Roytek. “I had never worked with a team that size before.”

“This is the only job I've ever had,” Roytek added.

Roytek worked his way

“A trek is a life changing event and you all [staff] are a part of that.”

“Philmont helped me with my confidence and working with a team. I had never worked with a team that size before.”

through several different departments at the national office, and eventually ended up at his current post. Though the advent of digital photography caused a complete mindshift in the way Roytek and others like him shoot photos, he believes it's for the better.

For example, when he shot the National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve, he and 12 other photographers posted over 3,000 photos to Flickr, a photo sharing website. That page went on to receive over 8.5 million views, reaching people and places photographers could not dream of even a decade ago.

However, amidst his job responsibilities and the need to stay constantly up to date with changes in his field, Roytek takes time out of his schedule to train the Philmont photography staff. Part of his reason for coming back has to do with his firm belief in the way things are done at Philmont and how staff helps accomplish that.

“A trek is a life changing event, and you all [staff] are a part of that out here,” said Roytek.

He talks about his time with the staff here as coaching instead of training, emphasizing teamwork rather than strictly training within the photography department. To facilitate these interactions, he joined the photographers on shooting trips to the Living History Day at Rayado and night shoots around the Tooth of Time and in Miranda Valley.

In addition, he spends time in the editing room with photographers, showing them tricks for brushing up photos. Though sometimes, he admits, he learns just as much from staff members as he teaches them.

“I firmly believe the day you stop learning is the day you stop living,” said Roytek.

Attention: If you are interested in being featured in the next “Wanted: Whiskers” please stop by the PhilNews office in the News and Photo Services Building

Inspiration: A Daily Creation

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

Everyone has their own means of motivation, chest pounding or high fives, but motivation is necessary to do a job well and to our fullest potential.

However, when someone finds themselves at the end of the line, having just accomplished something, there is great satisfaction in knowing they had the self-control and motivation to stick with it.

In that moment, when one becomes inspired by their hard work, their experience gives them a greater appreciation for not only their dedication, but for the motivation of the others around them.

Philmont is that place for a lot of us.

“Never be satisfied. Always think about change. Always think about new things.”



Eric Martinez, chief ranger

Doyle Maurer/Photographer

We find ourselves coming back every summer in hopes of bringing back that feeling of being at the right place, with the right people, doing the right thing.

For Eric Martinez, chief ranger, this is his seventh year at Philmont.

What brings him back is participants, Martinez said. “Those first few years as a ranger working with the crews and [now] seeing participants

come back and be on staff is really exciting.”

Now that he works in ranger leadership, he’s gotten to see past participants go from working as rangers to becoming ranger trainers preparing the new wave of staff and participants.

A saying Martinez has found to be true is “you come out your first year for the mountains and you come out every summer after for the people.”

“I never thought the best



Karl Hubbard, Miranda camp director

John Mitchell/Photographer

friends you have, you would meet here,” said Martinez.

Director of Program Mark Anderson is another inspiration for Philmont and a lot of the staff are curious as to what motivates him.

It is no surprise that it’s the staff at Philmont that keeps Anderson inspired.

“This right here is what keeps me going,” said Anderson at Ranger Rendezvous. “All these young people that are a part of our staff.”

Anderson is truly enthusiastic and dedicated to making this the best experience for the staffers so they can make it the best experience for the participants.

“Compared to what the world says about 18 to 25-year-olds and [versus] what I get to watch what 18 to 25 year olds can do ... it’s a huge motivation,” said Anderson.

When he was growing up he had an adult advisor named Joe Clay, a Silver Sage Award

“You come out your first year for the mountains and you come out every summer after for the people.”

recipient.

“He was a great inspiration, to taking the outside to it’s fullest, getting people to really push it as far as they can,” said Anderson. “Never be satisfied. Always think about change, always think about new things.”

Another Philmont staffer, Steve Weis, has been coming to Philmont on staff for seven years.

His inspiration comes from his chance to get into the minds of the people who worked and lived on the Ranch years ago.

“We get to be in the mountains with a group of people that all have the same mindset of bringing this rich history to life,” said Weis.

One of his favorite parts of working backcountry is “the freedom to constantly reform your program,” keeping the story fresh by changing things and getting creative.

“I really enjoyed reading about the history of Philmont and the characters that lived in the area, hearing about their lives has definitely inspired me.”



Director of Program Mark Anderson

Doyle Maurer/Photographer

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How Camps get Their Name: The Central Edition

Philmont has a total of 35 backcountry camps. Like Philmont, each camp has a rich history and story behind it. The following is a summary of how each south backcountry camp got its name. Information was taken from "Philmanac: A Trekker's Guide to the Philmont Backcountry"

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

Black Mountain

This camp is the site of a cabin used by Samuel Matthews in 1897-1898.

Today, Philmont uses the same cabin and its an example of a small homestead that many settlers established on the Maxwell Land Grant.

It's one of two staff camps that cannot be reached by vehicle.

Cimarroncito

Spanish for "little wild boy," this rock climbing camp was once a base camp for central Philmont country and originally known as Black Mountain Base Camp.

It is still one of the larger staff camps at Philmont and it spreads over a spacious valley.

Clarks Fork

A western lore camp for the

central country that was first used as a staff camp in 1962.

It is conveniently located between Cimarroncito and Shaeffer's Pass and crews often pass through this on their way to Base Camp via the Tooth Ridge Trail.

Clear Creek

Located just west of Mount Phillips, it lies along the headwaters of the Rayado River and gets its name from the clear waters.

It is the highest elevated staff camp and the first interpretive staff camp at Philmont.

Cyphers Mine

Named after Charlie Cyphers who was a manager for the Colorado Consolidated Verde Mining and Milling Company.

He mined this area from 1900 until the early 1920's. "Charlie's Cabin" is still there and its here where staff perform their evening "stomp."

Dean Cow

Located in what was once a large cattle area, this rock climbing camp is named after Bob Dean, a one-time cattle foreman in the area.

The climbing is a little different in that the rock is sandstone, instead of dacite porphyry like at Cimarroncito and Miners Park.

Harlan

Situated between Antelope Mesa and Deer Lake Mesa, this shotgun shooting camp is named for Thomas Harlan, the chief proponent of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain, and Pacific Railroad that once ran through Cimarron Canyon.

Hunting Lodge

Built in 1926, it is the site of Waite Phillips' Hunting Lodge.

It is also where the original Cimarroncito Base Camp was and the remains of the old Cimarroncito shower houses,



Photo courtesy of News and Photo Services Archive
Scouts rock climb at Cimarroncito in 2000.

dining hall and cabins can be seen on both sides of the road.

The Philmont Hymn was written by John Westfall in August 1945 while he was camping near Hunting Lodge.

The camp was re-opened as a staff camp in 2000 and has been giving lodge tours ever since.

Sawmill

Established as a staff camp in 1965, Sawmill is located at the west end of Sawmill Canyon. The name comes from a logging operation that once logged in this canyon before Waite Phillips purchased the property.

The program was originally forestry, but it was changed to lumbering days in 1971 and the next year, the 30.06 deer range was set up.

Ute Gulch

This camp,

which features a commissary and trading post, was established in the summer of 1979.

Previously, the commissary and trading post for the central country had been located at Cimarroncito.

By moving it to Ute Gulch, the heavy traffic that Cito was receiving was alleviated.



Cimarroncito in July, 1952

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Recipes of the Week

Cowboy Biscuits

Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1 1/2 t. sugar
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/3 cup milk or buttermilk

Directions

1. Stir together flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Make a well in the middle of the mixture and stir in milk.
2. Knead on floured surface, working dough as little as possible.
3. Roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness.
4. Cut with a 2-inch cutter.
5. Transfer to aluminum pan in Dutch oven.
6. Bake at 450 degrees for 10–12 minutes.

*serves seven people



Kevin Boucher/Photographer 2013

Pioneer Woman Sausage Gravy

Ingredients

- 1 lb Sausage
- 1/3 c. all-purpose flour
- 4 c. milk
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. pepper

Directions

1. With your finger, tear small pieces of sausage and add them in a single layer to a large heavy skillet.
2. Brown the sausage over medium-high heat until no longer pink. Reduce the heat to medium-low.
3. Sprinkle on half the flour and stir so that the sausage soaks it all up, then add a little more until just before the sausage looks too dry. Stir it around and cook it for another minute or so, then pour in the milk, stirring constantly.
4. Cook the gravy, stirring frequently, until it thickens. (This may take a good 10-12 minutes.)
5. Sprinkle in the seasoned salt and pepper and continue cooking until very thick and luscious. If it gets too thick too soon, just splash in 1/2 cup of milk or more if needed. Taste and adjust seasonings.
6. Spoon sausage gravy over warm biscuits and serve immediately!

Family Style Bacon and Egg Bake

Ingredients

- 6 thick slices bacon
- 2 cups torn bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup light cream or half-and-half
- salt and pepper
- snipped fresh chives, optional

Directions

1. Cook the bacon and coarsely chop. See the tip below for cooking the bacon.
2. Heat oven to 375°.
3. Toss the bread crumbs with the melted butter.
4. Grease an 8-inch square baking dish with butter. Sprinkle half of the bread crumbs over the bottom of the dish. Follow with about half of the shredded cheese, then half of the coarsely chopped cooked bacon.
5. Break each egg in a cup before sliding into the baking dish. Top the bacon and cheese layer evenly with the 4 eggs.
6. Top the eggs with the remaining bread crumbs, cheese, and bacon. Pour cream evenly over all. Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper.
7. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until set.

US News

US police killers ‘held extremist views’

BBC News

Two people who shot and killed two police officers and a bystander in the US city of Las Vegas held “extremist views”, police have told US media.

A man and woman, who then killed themselves, left what appeared to be a manifesto at the scene, CNN reports.

Witnesses told police the shooters said: “This is a revolution” during their attack.

Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman called the killings a “cruel act” and praised the two officers.

Alyn Beck, 41, and Igor Soldo, 31, both husbands and fathers, were having lunch in a pizza cafe at 11:30 (18:30 GMT) on Sunday, when they came under attack.

A man and a woman shot them dead before moving on to a Walmart shop nearby and shooting another person.

World’s oldest man dies aged 111 at his home in New York

BBC News

The world’s oldest man, a retired chemist and parapsychologist, has died in New York at the age of 111.

Alexander Imich’s niece, Karen Bogen from Providence in Rhode Island, says he died on Sunday at his home in Manhattan.

Bogen says she had visited him a day earlier but says his health started declining two weeks ago and that he didn’t recognize her any more.

Imich was born in 1903 in a town in Poland that was then part of Russia.

He and his wife left after the Nazis invaded in 1939 and eventually moved to the US in 1951. His wife died in 1986.

Imich has said in the past that his good genes and a general healthy lifestyle contributed to him living so long.

Maya Angelou remembered at memorial service

BBC News

The family, friends and famous admirers of US author and activist Maya Angelou have held a private memorial service in her honour in North Carolina.

US First Lady Michelle Obama, former President Bill Clinton and media mogul Oprah Winfrey were among the speakers.

Mrs. Obama said her words sustained her through life, carrying “a little black girl from the South Side of Chicago all the way to the White House”.

Angelou died at home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, last week, aged 86.

Mr. Clinton praised Angelou for her belief in dignity, love and kindness, and spoke of a time in Angelou’s childhood when “she could not speak.”

CIA launches Twitter and Facebook accounts

BBC News

The United States Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA, has opened its first official accounts on Twitter and Facebook, it announced on Friday.

The spy agency said it would help it to engage more directly with the public and make unclassified information on the agency “more accessible”.

“We can neither confirm nor deny that this is our first tweet,” the spy agency quipped in its first tweet.

Within five hours, it had already generated more than 200,000 followers.

The agency confirmed the news of its launch on the social networking sites in a press release on Friday.

“By expanding to these platforms, CIA will be able to more directly engage with the public and provide information on CIA’s mission, history, and other developments,” said CIA Director John Brennan.

Seattle Pacific ‘hero’ Jon Meis has wedding gifts paid for

BBC News

The US student who disarmed a gunman at his university on Thursday has had most of the gifts on his wedding registry paid for by well-wishers.

Jon Meis has been hailed a hero by the US media for stopping the gunman, who had killed one person and wounded three at Seattle Pacific University.

Mr. Meis used pepper spray to subdue the attacker as he was reloading.

Police said his actions, and those of others who came to his aid, prevented a more serious tragedy.

The gun suspect has been named as Aaron Ybarra, 26, who was not a student at the university.

On Friday, a judge ordered that he should be held without bail on suspicion of first-degree murder and assault.

World News

Taliban claim deadly attack on Karachi airport

BBC News

The Pakistani Taliban have said they were behind an assault on the country’s largest airport that killed at least 28 people, including all 10 attackers.

The raid on Jinnah international airport in Karachi began late on Sunday at a terminal used for VIPs and cargo.

Security forces battled the militants for at least six hours, finally gaining control around dawn. The airport has now reopened and flights have resumed.

Karachi has been a target for many attacks by the Taliban.

A spokesman for the group, Shahidullah Shahid, said the aim of Monday’s assault had been to hijack aircraft, and was “a message to the Pakistan government that we are still alive to react over the killings of innocent people in bomb attacks on their villages”.

Japan to press for resumption of annual whale hunt

BBC News

Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has said Japan will step up efforts to resume its annual whale hunt in the Antarctic.

“I want to aim for the resumption of commercial whaling by conducting whaling research,” Mr. Abe said.

In March, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that the whaling programme was not for scientific research as Japan had claimed.

Australia, backed by New Zealand, brought the case against Japan in 2010.

Japan had stopped the hunt in the Antarctic after the ruling but vessels have carried on hunting Minke whales along Japan’s northern coast. Japan says these are also for research purposes.

Duo get life for Anna Politkovskaya murder

BBC News

Two men have been given life sentences by a Moscow court for the 2006 murder of journalist Anna Politkovskaya.

They were among five men convicted of the crime last month.

Ms. Politkovskaya, an investigative reporter and vocal critic of Russia’s war in Chechnya, was shot in a lift in her block of flats.

Three of the men had earlier been acquitted but Russia’s supreme court ordered a retrial. Investigators have not determined who ordered the killing.

Rustam Makhmudov was given a life sentence for pulling the trigger.

His uncle Lom-Ali Gaitukayev, one of those found guilty of organising the murder, was also jailed for life.

China ships ‘rammed 1,400 times by Vietnamese vessels’

BBC News

Chinese officials have accused vessels from Vietnam of launching more than 1,400 ramming raids on its ships near a drilling rig in the South China Sea.

The foreign ministry said in a statement the actions were illegal and called on Hanoi to stop “provocations”.

China moved the drilling rig on May 2, helping to spark anti-Chinese riots in Vietnam in which four people died.

Hanoi says the rig is within its waters and has called on China to stop its exploration in the area.

The South China Sea is host to overlapping territorial claims by a number of countries.

Beijing claims almost the entire sea, based on a mid-20th Century map with a line apparently delineating Chinese territory, and vague historical claims going back more than 1,000 years.

Human remains found inside monster Australian crocodile

BBC News

Australian police are examining human remains found in a crocodile to see if they match the DNA of a missing man.

The 62-year-old man was snatched from his boat in the Kakadu National Park, in the Northern Territory.

The 4.7m-long (15.4ft) reptile was one of two shot by park rangers near the scene of the attack.

The man’s wife, son and daughter-in-law were reported to have been with him on the South Alligator River when he disappeared on Saturday.

“The human remains have been taken for examination,” Sgt Andrew Hocking said.

“There are a number of statements to be taken from witnesses and a file will be prepared for the coroner.”

Entertainment

Tracy Morgan 'critical but responsive' after six-car crash

BBC News

Comedian and 30 Rock star Tracy Morgan is still in a critical condition after a multi-vehicle crash over the weekend, but is showing signs of improvement.

He suffered injuries including broken ribs, a broken nose, broken leg and broken femur.

Following surgery for a broken leg, Morgan "has been more responsive... which is an incredibly encouraging sign," said his spokesman.

"We expect him to remain in the hospital for several weeks."

Morgan, 45, was travelling in a limo bus when the crash happened on a New Jersey highway on Saturday night.

Another passenger, comedian James McNair, who performed under the name Jimmy Mack, was killed.

Their vehicle was struck by a Walmart truck, whose driver has since been charged with death by auto, and four counts of assault by auto.

Audra McDonald wins record sixth Tony Award

BBC News

US actress Audra McDonald has won a record sixth Tony award, at a star-studded ceremony in New York.

McDonald cried as she accepted the best dramatic actress award for her role as jazz singer Billie Holiday in Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill.

Her latest win matched the record of late actress Julie Harris, who also won six Tonys, including a special lifetime achievement award.

Bryan Cranston won best dramatic actor for his Broadway debut in All the Way.

The Breaking Bad star played US President Lyndon B. Johnson in the production, which was also named best play.

McDonald is the first person to win a Tony in each of the four acting categories.

Fault in Our Stars beats Tom Cruise at US box office

BBC News

Teen movie "The Fault in Our Stars" has easily beaten Tom Cruise's action film "Edge of Tomorrow" at the US box office.

Cruise's time-shifting movie opened in third place, taking \$29.1m (£17.3m), despite a budget of \$175m (£104m).

The "Fault in Our Stars" made \$48.2m (£28.7m), against a more modest budget of \$12m (£7.1m), topping the chart.

Based on John Green's book, the tragic romance stars Shailene Woodley as a teenager with cancer. The audience was 82% female, film studio figures showed.

Box office analysts Rentrak said the movie's success, alongside the likes of "Twilight" and "The Hunger Games," showed how big-budget, male-orientated movies now struggled against those with a large, predominantly female, teenage audience.

Jennifer Lopez pulls out of World Cup opening ceremony

BBC News

Jennifer Lopez has pulled out of performing the official World Cup song at the tournament's opening ceremony in Brazil, Fifa has announced.

Officials said the singer could not attend Thursday's show because of unspecified "production issues."

Lopez was due to perform alongside rapper Pitbull and Brazilian singer Claudia Leitte, with whom she has recorded the song We Are One (Ole Ola).

Pitbull and Leitte will go ahead and perform accompanied by drummers Olodum.

"For production issues, Jennifer Lopez, one of the artists of the official song We Are One, will not be able to perform at the Fifa World Cup opening ceremony," said a statement.

Chiwetel Ejiofor set for drug dealer role

BBC News

Chiwetel Ejiofor is to star in a film version of the book "Marching Powder: A True Story of Friendship, Cocaine, and South America's Strangest Jail."

The 12 Years A Slave actor will play real-life drug trafficker Thomas McFadden, in a story about his experiences in prison in Bolivia.

Ejiofor was a best actor nominee for "12 Years a Slave" but lost out to "Dallas Buyers Club" star Matthew McConaughey.

He will be seen next in John Hillcoat's cop thriller "Triple Nine."

Marching Powder was a 2004 book written by McFadden and Australian journalist Rusty Young.

It tells the story of how Young was backpacking in South America when he heard about McFadden, a convicted British drug trafficker who ran tours inside Bolivia's notorious San Pedro prison in La Paz.

Sports

Chris Froome keeps Criterium du Dauphine lead

BBC News

Britain's Chris Froome made it two wins out of two at the Criterium du Dauphine to build a 12-second lead after the second of the eight stages.

The defending champion, who also won Sunday's opening time trial, won the 156km run from Tarare to Col du Beal in four hours, 24 minutes, 41 seconds.

Alberto Contador was second and is also second in the overall standings.

The race is seen as a warm-up for next month's Tour de France, where Froome is also the defending champion.

Froome triumphed in stage two when a breakaway by Alessandro de Marchi, who was two minutes and 40 seconds clear going into the final ascent, was reeled in with 7.5km remaining.

AC Milan: Filippo Inzaghi replaces Clarence Seedorf

BBC News

AC Milan have sacked head coach Clarence Seedorf after less than five months in charge, and named Filippo Inzaghi as his successor.

Former Italy striker Inzaghi, 40, has signed a two-year deal to step up from his role as a youth-team coach.

Seedorf, 38, replaced Massimiliano Allegri in January with the club struggling in 11th in Serie A.

He won 11 of his 19 league matches in charge, but Milan finished eighth, 45 points behind champions Juventus.

Former Netherlands midfielder Seedorf joined Milan as a player in 2002, a year after Inzaghi.

Both left the playing staff in 2012, with Inzaghi retiring to become youth-team coach and Seedorf signing for Brazilian club Botafogo.

French Open: Rafael Nadal now focused on Wimbledon success

BBC News

Rafael Nadal is determined to make an impact at Wimbledon again after winning his ninth French Open title on Sunday.

The Spaniard, 28, beat Novak Djokovic 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 to win for a record fifth successive time at Roland Garros.

Nadal is now focused on making up for last year's first-round defeat at the All England Club.

"I want to try to play well again in Wimbledon," he said. "I'm healthy. That's the most important thing."

Nadal struggled with the switch from clay to grass last year as he was on the way back from seven months out with a knee injury.

He made a shock first-round exit against world number 135 Steve Darcis of Belgium, and it is now four years since he won his second Wimbledon title.

World Cup 2014: Wayne Rooney scares rivals - David Beckham

BBC News

David Beckham says striker Wayne Rooney is essential to England's chances at the World Cup because he "scares" opposition teams.

Doubts have been raised about the the 28-year-old as he is yet to score in eight previous World Cup appearances.

"If he doesn't score, he is assisting or creating or working hard for the team," said ex-England skipper Beckham.

Pat Nevin analysis: Has Wayne Rooney lost his hunger?

"I think for opposing teams to see Wayne Rooney on a team sheet - that scares them."

Rooney, who has scored 39 goals in 91 international appearances, has played a part in each of England's warm-up games for Brazil 2014 following just over a month out with a groin injury.

Qatar 2022: Fifa sponsors back corruption investigation

BBC News

Football's world governing body Fifa is under growing pressure from a number of sponsors after its decision to award the 2022 World Cup to Qatar.

Sony, Adidas, Coca-Cola, Visa and Hyundai/Kia have expressed concern over claims of wrongdoing in the bidding process.

In total, five of Fifa's six main sponsors have issued statements relating to the Qatar bid.

Only airline Emirates has so far declined to comment.

Oil company BP and the maker of Budweiser beer, who also sponsor the World Cup, have also registered their concerns.

Qatar was chosen to host the World Cup in December 2010, beating off competition from Australia, Japan, South Korea and the United States.

Technology

Computer AI passes Turing test in ‘world first’

BBC News

A computer program called Eugene Goostman, which simulates a 13-year-old Ukrainian boy, is said to have passed the Turing test at an event organised by the University of Reading.

The test investigates whether people can detect if they are talking to machines or humans.

The experiment is based on Alan Turing’s question-and-answer game Can Machines Think?

No computer has passed the test before under these conditions, it is reported.

The 65-year-old Turing Test is successfully passed if a computer is mistaken for a human more than 30 percent of the time during a series of five-minute keyboard conversations.

On 7 June Eugene convinced 33 percent of the judges at the Royal Society in London that it was human.

Smart TVs subverted by radio attack

BBC News

Millions of smart TVs can be hijacked by burying attack code in signals broadcast to the net-connected devices, security experts warn.

The attack exploits loopholes in widely used technology that helps smart TVs receive tailored adverts.

Once hijacked, the TVs could be made to send messages on behalf of attackers, find other vulnerable devices in a home or launch other attacks across the net.

Detecting and stopping the attack would be difficult, said the researchers.

The attack uses the Hybrid Broadcast Broadband TV (HbbTV) standard that is widely supported in smart television sets sold in Europe.

Tesla boss Elon Musk hints at technology giveaway

BBC News

Tesla boss Elon Musk has given the strongest hint yet that the firm is considering “freeing” its patents to help speed up electric car development.

When asked by the BBC’s Theo Leggett if he was considering giving technology away, Mr. Musk said “you’re on the right track.”

Mr. Musk said he hoped to break down technological barriers to help speed up electric car adoption.

The firm will deliver the first five of its Model S cars to the UK on Saturday.

Mr. Musk told the BBC: “We don’t want to cut a path through the jungle and then lay a bunch of landmines behind us.”

Earlier this week, Mr. Musk told Tesla shareholders that in order to speed up the pace of adoption of electric cars, Tesla was “playing with doing something fairly significant on this front which would be kind of controversial with respect to Tesla’s patents.”

Windows 8 a ‘threat’ to China’s security

BBC News

Microsoft’s Windows 8 has been branded a threat to China’s cybersecurity in a state-backed news report.

China’s CCTV broadcast a strongly critical story in which experts suggested it was being used to grab data about Chinese citizens.

The report comes only days after China banned the use of Windows 8 on many government computers.

Separately, other Chinese media firms called for tech firms that aided US spying to face “severe punishment”.

In the story Prof Yang Min of Fudan University was quoted as saying that Windows 8 posed a “big challenge” to the nation’s cybersecurity efforts,

“Microsoft would no longer open its Windows 8 source code to the Chinese government,” he said.

Verizon accuses Netflix of misleading consumers

BBC News

US telecommunications giant Verizon has issued Netflix with a “cease and desist” letter.

The letter came after the streaming video service reportedly told consumers Verizon was behind slow connections.

“There is no basis for Netflix to assert that issues with respect to playback... are attributable solely to the Verizon network,” Verizon wrote.

Netflix responded that the firm was trying to “provide more transparency” to consumers.

“This is about consumers not getting what they paid for from their broadband provider,” said Netflix.

In March, Netflix chief executive Reed Hastings hit out against internet service providers (ISPs) such as Verizon for demanding a fee to maintain video quality.

Health

Aspirin ‘not best’ for preventing strokes

BBC News

Doctors are being told not to routinely prescribe aspirin for a common heart condition that increases stroke risk.

Guidelines from the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) are set to recommend other drugs instead for patients with an irregular heartbeat, called atrial fibrillation.

Warfarin or similar blood-thinning medicine is best, says NICE in draft advice to be finalised this month.

The advice will affect hundreds of thousands of patients.

But experts say most doctors already follow the advice to prescribe blood-thinners other than aspirin and that the guidelines are “playing catch-up” - this is the first time they will have been updated since they were first issued in 2006.

Breast cancer survivors ‘do not exercise enough’

BBC News

Exercise can aid recovery after breast cancer but many women are not active enough, a study suggests.

Being active is known to be beneficial but US researchers, writing in the journal Cancer, said they had found many women did too little.

Only a third met recommended activity levels.

UK breast cancer groups said women here also needed more support to keep active after having the disease.

The American study looked at the pre and post-diagnosis exercise levels of 1,735 women aged 20-74 who had breast cancer between 2008 and 2011 in North Carolina.

In the US and the UK, adults are recommended to do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity each week.

Sleep’s memory role discovered

BBC News

The mechanism by which a good night’s sleep improves learning and memory has been discovered by scientists.

The team in China and the US used advanced microscopy to witness new connections between brain cells - synapses - forming during sleep.

Their study, published in the journal Science, showed even intense training could not make up for lost sleep.

Experts said it was an elegant and significant study, which uncovered the mechanisms of memory.

It is well known that sleep plays an important role in memory and learning. But what actually happens inside the brain has been a source of considerable debate.

Malnutrition ‘damages gut bacteria’

BBC News

Child malnutrition has long-term effects on gut health that affect development even after treatment, a study suggests.

A team studied the gut health of malnourished children in Bangladesh.

Writing in the journal Nature they said the bacterial make-up was not fully restored to normal after food supplements were given.

They say the finding might explain why children often fail to grow normally even after treatment.

The World Health Organization estimates severe acute malnutrition affects about 20 million children worldwide.

Moderate acute malnutrition, a less serious form of the disease, is more prevalent in South Central Asia, where it affects 30 million children.

Ebola death toll hits 208 in Guinea

BBC News

Some 208 people have now died from the Ebola virus in Guinea after a deadly spike in recent days, world health officials say.

At least 21 people died and 37 new cases of suspected Ebola were found between 29 May and 1 June, bringing the total number of cases in the West African country to 328.

Of these, 193 have been confirmed by laboratory tests.

There is no cure or vaccine for Ebola - one of the world’s deadliest viruses.

More than half of the new deaths were in the southern Guekedou region, where the outbreak is centred.

Three confirmed and 10 suspected new cases were recorded in neighbouring Sierra Leone over the same period.

Environment/Science

Male faces ‘buttressed against punches’ by evolution

BBC News

A new theory suggests that our male ancestors evolved beefy facial features as a defence against fist fights. The bones most commonly broken in human punch-ups also gained the most strength in early “hominin” evolution. They are also the bones that show most divergence between males and females. The paper, in the journal Biological Reviews, argues that the reinforcements evolved amid fighting over females and resources, suggesting that violence drove key evolutionary changes. Jump media playerMedia player helpOut of media player. Press enter to return or tab to continue. Fossil records show that the australopiths, immediate predecessors of the human genus Homo, had strikingly robust facial structures.

Rats shown to feel regret over bad decisions

BBC News

Rats experience regret when their actions make them miss out on better food options, a study has found. It is the first time regret has been identified in mammals other than humans. Researchers created situations where rats had to choose whether to wait a set amount of time for a food reward, or move onto another one. Those that moved on and found the next offering was even worse showed regretful behaviour. The study was conducted by neuroscientists based at the University of Minnesota, US; their findings are reported in Nature Neuroscience. It suggests thoughts similar to regret can affect the future decisions rodents make and dispels the belief that regret is unique to humans.

Climate change helps seas disturb Japanese war dead

BBC News

Rising sea levels have disturbed the skeletons of soldiers killed on the Marshall Islands during World War Two. Speaking at UN climate talks in Bonn, the Island’s foreign minister said that high tides had exposed one grave with 26 dead. The minister said the bones were most likely those of Japanese troops. Driven by global warming, waters in this part of the Pacific have risen faster than the global average. With a high point just two metres above the waters, the Marshall Islands are one of the most vulnerable locations to changes in sea level. The 29 atolls that make up the Marshall Islands are home to around 70,000 people. The corals that have formed the island chain are highly vulnerable to the surrounding seas.

Blind cavefish are able to ‘count’

BBC News

Blind cave-dwelling fish are able to discriminate between different quantities, scientists say. The fish, found beneath the deserts in Somalia, learned to identify the greater of two groups of sticks placed at opposite ends of a tank. Researchers say it is the first time non-visual numerical abilities have been shown in fish. They do not know whether the sightless fish have inherited the skills or evolved them to find food. The findings are published in The Journal of Experimental Biology. Previous studies have shown that fish, mammals and birds can determine quantities and solve different numerical tasks. The Italian-based research team chose the fish, Phreatichthys andruzzii, because they have evolved for two million years in completely dark caves and have lost their sense of sight.

Upset at UN climate talks as ministers go missing

BBC News

Negotiators and campaigners have reacted angrily to the failure of many environment ministers to attend UN talks in Bonn. They say governments gave an undertaking last year to come here and update plans to cut emissions. But so far, around 50 ministers have turned up, with representatives from the UK, France and Brazil notably absent. Over 130 turned up in Warsaw for the last major talks session. “Obviously as negotiators we are disappointed that ministers haven’t turned up,” said Ambassador Ronny Jumeau from the Seychelles. Normally ministers only attend the annual Conference of the Parties (COP) and their officials attend the other negotiating sessions.

Business

Indian government announces rapid economic reforms

BBC News

India’s new government has unveiled a programme for rapid economic reforms aimed at creating jobs and boosting foreign investment. The announcement by President Pranab Mukherjee included plans designed to simplify taxation and reduce inflation. Industrial reforms included attracting private investment to the coal and defence sectors. He also spoke of India’s hopes for good relations with neighbours and pledged to tackle violence against women. The President’s parliamentary address was made to lawmakers elected in Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s landslide victory last month.

Japan growth data revised upwards

BBC News

Japan has revised up its growth figures for the January-to-March period, due to stronger growth in business investment. The Cabinet Office said the economy grew 1.6% during the period, up from its initial estimate of 1.5%. That translates into an annualised growth rate of 6.7% - up from the initial figure of 5.9%. Many analysts had expected a downward revision. Japanese consumers and businesses increased their spending during the period ahead of April’s sales tax rise. According to the revised figures, business investment rose 7.6% during the period, from the previous quarter, revised up from a preliminary 4.9% increase.

Sony ‘overtakes’ rival Nintendo in console sales

BBC News

Sony has overtaken Nintendo for the first time in eight years, based on the total number of game consoles sold. Sony sold 18.7 million systems in the last financial year - which ended in March - compared to Nintendo’s tally of 16.3 million video games machines. The data was first reported by Japan’s Nikkei business news site. It is based on figures published by Nintendo ahead of a shareholders meeting, and a previously released earnings statement from Sony. The news is not surprising. Sony’s PlayStation 4 has emerged as the bestselling “new-gen” console. But demand for Nintendo’s Wii U - with its touchscreen controller - has lagged far behind the original Wii, which was the most popular hardware of the last generation.

China’s trade surplus rises to \$36bn in May

BBC News

China’s exports grew in May but a drop in imports signalled a possible weakening of demand in the world’s second-largest economy. The country’s exports rose by 7% in May compared with 12 months before. But imports fell by 1.6% on a year earlier. It meant the nation’s trade surplus widened sharply to \$35.9bn (£21.4bn), from April’s \$18.5bn, the General Administration of Customs said. The figures will add to recent concern about the state of the Chinese economy. It has shown signs of weakness amid poor data from the manufacturing and retail sectors. The country’s commerce ministry had hoped the trade picture would pick up in May.

US jobs show strong growth in May

BBC News

Employers in the United States added 217,000 jobs in May, slightly below what analysts had been expecting. The US non-farm payroll figure was well below April’s revised number of 282,000 jobs, but it was still the fourth month in a row of solid gains. The unemployment rate in May remained at 6.3%. Job gains have averaged 234,000 a month over the past three months, compared with 150,000 over the previous three months. It’s hoped the current labour market figures show that the US economy has emerged from its winter slump and is set to strengthen its recovery later in the year. “That suggests the first quarter was an anomaly in terms of what the economy was and we are back to a decent pace of job creation,” said John Canally, an economist at LPL Financial in Boston.

US Presidents

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Cleveland	Ford	Jackson	Hayes	Obama
McKinley	Taft	Monroe	Harding	Truman

Hunger Games

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Primrose	Tribute	Jabberjay	Bowandarrow	Capitol
Peacekeepers	Theseam	Peeta	Sword	Rebellion
Berries	Districts	Effie	Cornucopia	Village

European Countries

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Romania	Croatia	Latvia	Monaco	Ukraine
Sweden	Serbia	Belarus	Andorra	Greece
Moldova	Montenegro	Estonia	Kosovo	Turkey
Hungary	Albania	Macedonia	Slovakia	Luxembourg

Harry Potter

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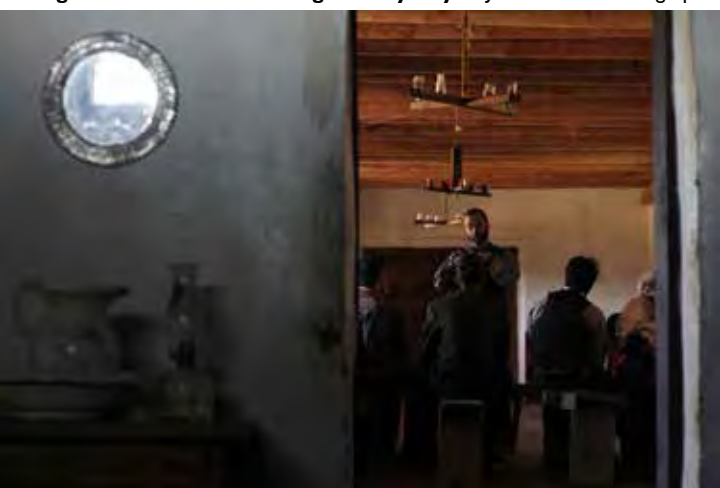
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Logan Smithey practices blacksmithing. Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer



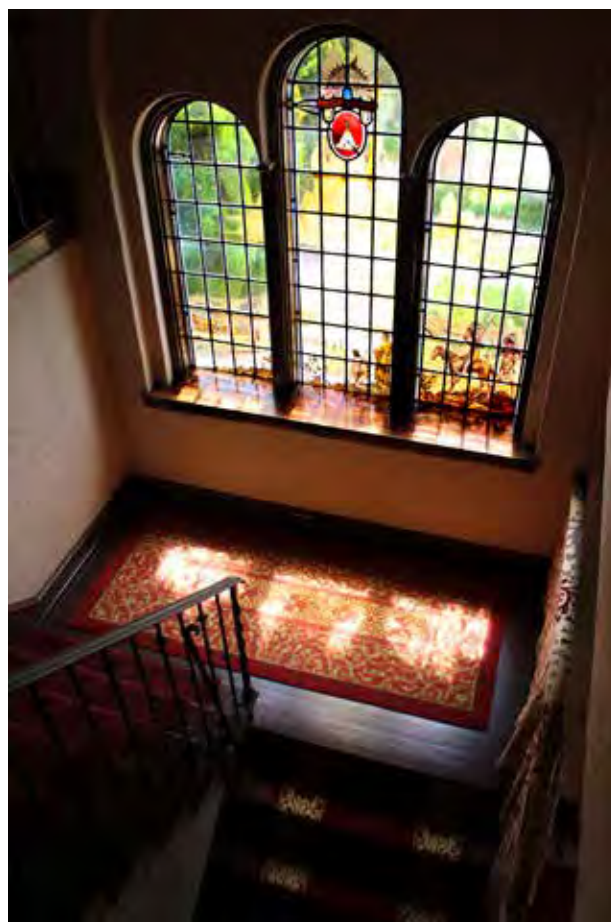
Staff gather for a talk on Living History Day. John Mitchell/Photographer



Tom Crofton gives acting tips. Doyle Maurer/Photographer



Staff scatter to the backcountry. Christine Henri/Photographer



Light streams in from a Villa window. Erin Irwin/Photographer



Animal bones hang at Pueblano. Bethany Nilson/ Photographer



Dandelion seeds blow to the wind at Miranda. Morgan Court/Photographer



Barn Swallow at Services. John Mitchell/Photographer



David O'Neill and family at CD Campfire. Cassidy Johnson/Photographer