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Outing in Scouting

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

Unit and council leaders from all across the country attended an outdoor-oriented training conference at the Philmont Training Center from June 15 through the 20.

The conference was intended to provide adult leaders with the necessary skills to begin implementing outdoor programs that are the mainstay of Scouting philosophy. Participants enjoyed

five days of hands-on, outdoor program intended to give them ideas for outing at their home units.

The conference began eight years ago after PTC participants began remarking that the courses didn't always take advantage of the outdoor activities the Ranch had to offer.

"The feedback said 'we want to do the same stuff the kids do,'" said Joe Glasscock, the coordinator for the conference. "So we began building a program around the

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Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer

Larry Bahler, Putting More Outing In Scouting instructor, helps Karen Heiss shoot an arrow on June 19 at PTC.

PhilNeighbors

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

Beginning in 1990, Philmont partnered with Vermejo Park, LLC. and gained permission to the Greenwood Tract. Greenwood opened up a direct route from Baldy Country to the Valle Vidal. The connection saved crews from an indirect course that added days and miles, and prevented bottle-necking from happening in the North country near Dan Beard.

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Scott Allen/Staff Writer

Kelley Watson, Outfitting Services staff, models the Kelty Coyote 80 Liter.

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Since the beginning of man, it has been our desire to travel. The curiosity of what lies on the other side



Scott Allen/Staff Writer

Kassidy O'Donnell, Outfitting Services staff, models the Kelty Coyote 80 Liter pack.

has driven us to explore the uninhabited. Humans yearn for something new and experience is the threshold for adventure. Here at Philmont, thousands of people come from all around

PhilFashion: Who Wore it Better?

to fulfill that desire to explore nature's domain. The thirst for compelling views are coupled with one's will in order for a never-forgetting experience to be completed in America's largest youth camp, but first, fancy, head-turning gear must be obtained.

That is where the kind-hearted people of Camping Outfitting Services comes in. They help assist the campers and staff in getting the backcountry necessities: food, tents, bear bags, dining flies, backpacks and gas. They are ready and willing to help those adventurous souls become prepared for their outdoor adventure with various options of gear to choose from. This week, they showed off some new backpacks that are available

for this summer.

Backpacks are key to being prepared in the backcountry while maintaining the number one rule: look good. They help hold all of the needed gear and have gotten more and more comfortable over the past decade. Sporting the new internal frame, Kelty Coyote 80 liter backpack are Camping Outfitting Services staff Kassidy O'Donnell and Kelley Watson. Both of these young women have exemplified the correct way to wear the new backpack. Here's what they have to say about the new backpack, their fashion inspiration and some styles they've seen around the Ranch.

What do you like about the pack?

Watson: "It's tight and very comfortable."

O'Donnell: "It's so new and it still has that new pack smell. I feel like I can strut around the mountainside."

Who's your fashion inspiration?

Watson: "Zoey Deschanel is my fashion inspiration because she's awesome."

O'Donnell: "Jimmy Hendrix because of his uniqueness. He wears whatever he wants to wear."

What would you tell campers about fashion?

Watson: "Green on green never goes."

O'Donnell: "Comfort is key."

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June 27-July 5

Friday, 27	Saturday, 28	Monday, 30	Tuesday, 1	Thursday, 3	Friday, 4	Saturday, 5
8 p.m. Friday Floats at the SSSAC	8 p.m. Tau Day celebration at the SSSAC (pie and ice cream provided)	11 a.m.-1 p.m. Brat Day at Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Dodgeball at Baldy Pavilion Photo Contest begins; turn submissions in to registerphilmont.org/photocontest	8 p.m. Humans vs. Zombies at Baldy Pavilion	11 a.m.-1 p.m. Independence Day BBQ at Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Saturday Shakes at the SSSAC

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.” – **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

“Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.” – **Jesus**

“Your perceived self-failure will become a catalyst for profound re-invention.” – **Conan O’Brien**

“When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down ‘happy.’ They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life.” – **John Lennon**

“Paris is always a good idea.” – **Audrey Hepburn**

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Join us for a Workshop at the Craft Center

Call extension 1267 to reserve your spot or text 407-749-2722 with your name, department, the date and workshop you want to sign up for.

June 25 at 1:30 p.m. - Wood Turning with Lathe (beginner); limit seven; cost \$10; walk away with a small wooden ornament

July 16 at 1:30 p.m. - Welding (beginner); limit ten; cost \$8; walk away with a welding project

July 23 at 1:30 p.m. - Wood Turning with Lathe (beginner); limit seven; cost \$10; walk away with a small wooden ornament

July 30 at 1:30 p.m. - Welding (beginner); limit 10; cost \$8; walk away with a welding project

August 6 at 1:30 p.m. - Welding (beginner); limit ten; cost \$; walk away with a welding project

August 13 at 1:30 p.m. - Wood Turning with Lathe (intermediate); limit six; cost \$10; walk away with your creation

Bear Safety Tip of the Week

Never set up an isolated tent. One is the tastiest number! Bear behavior leans toward the path of least resistance. Therefore, a Philmont bear may identify an isolated tent as food options with reduced risk. Remember to orient all tents in clusters at least 50 feet away from any point in the Bearmuda Triangle.



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outdoor stuff ... and very little classroom time.”

Participants split their days in order to maximize their exposure to various outdoor activities. A typical classroom day involved them learning new ideas at locations all over the Ranch.

“We spent Tuesday morning at Rayado learning about Project Wild and then did Leave No Trace at the Chase Ranch,” said Larry Bahler, the lead faculty.

Each half-day module was dedicated to a particular activity. Leaders would participate in a sampling of the activities, then the instructors would offer them resources to facilitate their home units involvement.

“We would tell them how to get qualified for it, emphasize that they have to plan ahead, make sure they have qualified leadership and instructors,” said Bahler.

While Bahler noted that it was easier for large units to marshal resources for high adventure, aquatics, or shooting sports, small units can engage in these activities

as well.

Councils will often have climbing or shooting committees that will assist units in either training or participating in activities.

“We’re here to remind adults that three-fourths of the word Scouting is outing,” said Bahler.

Staff were often on hand to facilitate the class’ activities in the backcountry.

“The support we have gotten on both sides of the road has been tremendous,” added Bahler, regarding the staff’s willingness to assist the conference and its participants.

For participants, the conference provided access to new ideas for activities with their home units that they wouldn’t have access to locally. Some class members were even introduced to the idea of trekking in the Philmont wilderness.

“I had never heard of Philmont before I came out here,” said Ryan Dunnam, a Venture Crew advisor from the Palmetto Council in S.C.

Other participants found the



Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer
Larry and Denise Bahler

collection of like-minded Scouters to be the best asset for finding new ideas. Leaders spent the week picking the brains of their classmates for tips on how to prepare Scouts for trips like Philmont or other high adventure activities.

“The networking is outstanding,” said Kevin Dockery, a nine year Scoutmaster from Warsaw, Mo.

Philmont’s location in the Sangro de Cristo Mountains accented the outdoor aspect of the training program.

“What better way to get people excited for the outdoors than being in the premier location for Scouting?” said faculty member Bill Montgomery.

Philmont Museum Bike Giveaway

To register, fill out a form with your name, email and zip code at the Philmont Museum



Drawing will be Nov., 10, 2014
Winner will be notified by email

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Who do you think is the most fashionable staff at Philmont?

Watson: “Christine Salisbury ... go Christine! Her style is fun and very go-getter, like she is.”

O’Donnell: “Mark Anderson because he’s always so consistent and looks classy in his Class A uniform.”

Weird fashion among crews?

Watson: “There’s always those with the Justin Bieber look with their beats on, flat bill hat, high socks and shades.”

O’Donnell: “The mohawks you always see, those are always very interesting.”

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Mark's Minute: Be an Intensively Active Listener

Mark Anderson

Director of Program,
Unit 2

Are you an intensively active listener?

When Theodore Roosevelt became President after the death of William McKinley on Sept. 14, 1901, he conducted his first cabinet meeting six days later.

He asked each secretary for advice and counsel. He did not sit back and listen passively as the briefings were made, but was intensively active in the way he listened. He asked many questions, and he drew out instructive details from the presentations.

When two people talk about something important – a topic entailing risk and reward, hazard and opportunity – much more than a transfer of

information must take place. There needs to be an active creation, transmission and processing of information which stimulates feedback that, in turn, creates more information.

As each person listens, they must listen like a leader. This means that they must be at least as active as the talker, engaged with the message and allowing the words to spark ideas. They must ask questions that will produce information that is relevant to the conversation.

As each of us accomplishes our responsibilities this summer we must do so with the help and support of others.

Waite Phillips wrote, “Regardless of ability, no one individual can accomplish and complete anything worthwhile without direct or indirect

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cooperation from others.”

To accomplish and complete worthwhile efforts, we must be intensively active listeners. This applies to our interactions with our coworkers, participants and guests.

We must remain engaged throughout the process. Passive listening severely compromises the process of productive communication and cooperative efforts.

Become an intensively active listener!



Samantha Waidler/Photography Manager 2011

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The value of the partnership became much more than just a short-cut. The 11,216 acres of stunning terrain, arresting vistas and notable history provided Scouts with scenery and a homesteading experience found nowhere else on the Ranch.

Rich Cabins is the former homestead of Joe Rich and

his siblings. The staff camp offers opportunities for Scouts to learn and try their hand at homesteading. The cabin, barn and spring house provide an atmosphere that reveals the challenges and lifestyle that come with pioneer life. Currently, Rich Cabins remains the only living history camp on a neighboring property.

The cabin restoration program at Philmont rose from the need to restore the significant buildings at Rich Cabins. Staff members developed technical skills from restoring the cabin and barn. These skills have been used to successfully restore buildings across Philmont and as well as on the “Ponil Partners” land.

Logging roads provided routes through the Greenwood. However, after special permission was granted and five summers of trail work, a trail from Baldy Mountain and Copper Park to the Valle Vidal now traverses the Greenwood Tract.

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The elevation within this special land ranges from 7,635 to 12,181 feet. Scouts learn Leave-No-Trace principles which are mandatory on the property. Conservation efforts enacted by Scouts on the land include: wildland fire support, invasive species eradication and working with the Cimarron Watershed Alliance to improve the quality of local streams and rivers.

The partnership with Vermejo Park, LLC. benefits both parties and contributes to a better experience for all who come to Philmont.



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Staff work on cabin restoration at Rich Cabins in 2013.

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The Ranger Mile:

Early-Season Adventures in the Valle Vidal

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.

Matt Hart
Associate Chief Ranger

Many staff members will only venture north into the Valle Vidal Unit of Carson National Forest to climb Little Costilla Peak, or perhaps to ride mountain bikes at Whiteman Vega. For those seeking a break from the heavier-trafficked trails of Philmont's property, however, there are countless opportunities for solitude and adventure elsewhere in the Valle, especially with Little Costilla closed for elk calving season until July 1. For any visits, be sure to review your navigation skills and low-impact procedures beforehand. Stop by the Ranger Office with any questions about low-impact camping or cross-country hiking.

Ponil Park: Located at the junction of Seally and North Ponil Canyons, this 19th-century cemetery site is an ideal destination for a quiet night of low-impact camping. Thanks to our wet early season, the North Ponil is verdant and flowing, while views of Little Costilla to the northwest and Black Mountain to the south provide a striking backdrop to the wide, ponderosa-lined canyon. To get there, hike down the North Ponil Canyon from the Whiteman Vega parking area (off Cerresoso Road), or approach from the west via Seally

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.

Canyon. Pitch tents at the edge of the trees, hang low-impact bear bags, and if you keep your voices down, you may have company from an elk family coming to drink in the evening.

McCrystal Creek: Flowing southwest out of the Costilla high country, McCrystal Creek is a lush and rarely-visited playground, but those who make the trip often describe it as one of the prettiest hikes in the Valle. For staff experienced in cross-country travel, a visit to Whiteman Vega can precede the hike. From the staff yurt, travel north into the sprawling meadow above camp. Upon reaching the windmill at its center, follow the southernmost of

three stream beds northwest into a long finger meadow. After a quick but steep uphill, you'll drop into McCrystal Canyon. Enjoy a gradual, four mile descent alongside the stream then cut south past the Forest Service campground to Ring Place or continue to follow the creek to the Whiteman parking area. If you're not looking to travel cross-country, simply enjoy an out-and-back hike along the creek!

Shuree Ponds and Middle Ponil Creek: With the USFS Cimarron Campground located nearby, Shuree Ponds can be a popular spot during summer, but it's also the gateway to some great hikes involving the Middle Ponil Creek. Drive past McCrystal Campground on Cerresoso Road and continue over Windy Gap before parking at the Cimarron Campground. Enjoy some time beside the ponds, or if you're looking to get away from people, start heading southeast along Middle Ponil Creek. A Forest Service road will soon join the creek bed and continue on toward the Baldy Country. Those looking for a loop route can eventually turn from the stream and follow another road east past wildflower-strewn Iris Park to Ring Place. Continue following the creekside road, however, and it will eventually turn to trail before descending all the way to Rich Cabins.

Continued Training Schedule

Continued Trainings or CTs are training sessions put on by ranger trainers nearly every night of the summer from 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. 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 27 and 30
June 28

June 29
July 1 and 5

Topic

GPS/Navigation #2
Geologist Ed Warner: Geology, Ecology, Forestry and Range Management
LNT/WPG
Astronomy

Carson National Forest – Community Meeting

You are invited by the Carson National Forest to attend a Forest Plan Assessment Community Meeting on Saturday, June 28, from 2-4 pm at the Cimarron Watershed Alliance Office located next to the Cimarron Smokehouse and across from the Village Park (312 E. 9th Ave.)

The Forest Plan serves as the "vision" for the forest and provides broad management guidelines to help the Carson National Forest realize that vision. This meeting is part of the first steps in the plan revision. Come prepared to discuss these questions:

1. What do you appreciate

most about the Carson National Forest? Why and how do you use the forest? Why is the forest important to you and how do you think it is different now than in the past?

2. Think about the Carson National Forest's impacts in the local area. What would you like to protect or improve? How do you hope the forest will serve future generations?

3. Are there other ways your community can benefit the forest or the forest can benefit the community?

All Philmont Staff are encouraged to attend this public meeting!

Submit Your Work to PhilNews

We are accepting poems, short stories, photos and artwork.

Either I-Camp or email any articles you wish to be considered. Please submit all articles by Friday to be in the following Friday's issue.

Email: philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org



Ponil Park

Chris Zapple/Ranger Trainer

Chaplain's Corner

Meet the Chaplains

Fr. Arthur Nave
Catholic Chaplain

As a Catholic priest, it is an honor and privilege to be able to serve at Philmont this summer.

Even though I am only here for two and half weeks, I am enjoying myself immensely as a Philmont chaplain.

I began in Scouting in 2001 as a chaplain for my local Scout camp, Camp Geronimo in Payson, Ariz.

I was ordained a Catholic priest in 2008 after nine years of seminary.

I am currently the Parochial Administrator (pastor) of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Peoria, Ariz.

Outside of my parish work I volunteer with the Arizona

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Department of Public Safety as a chaplain, along with my work with Scouting at the regional and national levels.

My hobbies include doing jigsaw puzzles, camping, hiking, biking and swimming.

I look forward to getting to know and visit with everyone and being able to assist any way I can.

See you on the trail.

Philmont Staff Association Announces Third Annual Writing Contest

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) is holding its third 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 ten 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.”

All submissions must be submitted by email, as a Microsoft Word attachment to an email. Email all submissions to wsmith@worldmag.com by midnight, July 20, 2014. Please limit all submissions to 1500 words.

PhilStars: Coming to a sky Near You

Week of June 27-July 3

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

As the month of June comes to an end, Mars is quickly moving. After sunset, it will be in the Southwest sky and close to both the moon and Spica, the bright star of Virgo, on July 5. Venus is the morning star, and in late June/early July Mercury will join and appear below Venus.

The oak moon, which has been dominant since June 10, will remain until July 7. The Celts believed the oak was connected with spells for protection, strength, fertility, money and success.

June 27: The new moon will occur at 2:10 a.m. MDT. The Bootids meteor shower will also occur and while it isn't very reliable, it gives gazers a chance to see a shooting star. They will be seen near the Big Dipper and can be observed until July 2. This will be a perfect chance for night photography.

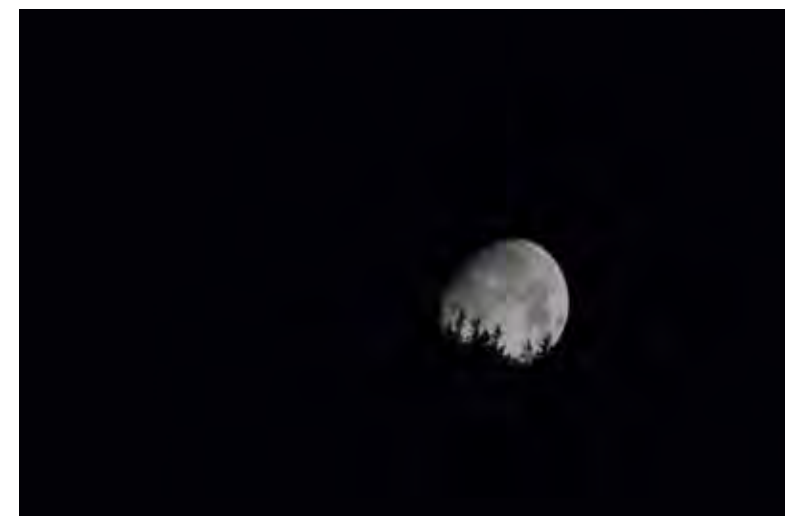
June 28: At 5:10 a.m., 45 minutes before sunrise, the Pleiades, or Seven Sisters, will be seen in the East-Northeast section of the sky above Venus with Aldebaran below. The Pleiades is an open star cluster and Aldebaran is an orange

giant star; both are in Taurus.

June 29: The young moon, which resides in the West-Northwest sky, will be near Jupiter with Castor and Pollux (the Gemini twins) 30 minutes after sunset, at 8:55 p.m.

June 30: As the waxing crescent moon grows, it will head west towards Regulus and away from Castor and Pollux.

July 1: At 9:25 p.m., an hour after sunset, the moon will be near Regulus, the brightest star in Leo. The sickle will be above Regulus and looks like a backwards



Waxing Gibbous moon at Baldy Town.

Scott Allen/Staff Writer

question mark.

July 2: Venus will be in the East-Northeast sky an hour before sunrise, at 4:55 a.m., with the Pleiades above and Aldebaran below.

July 3: In the West-Northwest section of the sky, Jupiter will disappear in the

evening twilight, but it will reappear in the morning sky in August. Pollux and Castor will appear to the right of Jupiter.

The week of June 25-29: Rocky Mountain Star Stare in Westcliffe, Colo. (three hours from Philmont). For more information go to <http://www.rmss.org/>

Dallas On Days Off: Local Backpacking

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

Staff who have hiked every peak and seen every stream in the Philmont area but are still looking for new wilderness to explore have a variety of options, all within a few hours of the Ranch.

A backpacker can summit Wheeler Peak in one day if he or she starts early. Drive out the night before and either spend the night in Taos or at a campground at the head of the Bull-of-the-Woods Trail.

The hike is 16 miles round trip and should be completed before the frequent afternoon thunderstorms hit. Hikers should make sure to fill out the summit book at the peak of the mountain.

Another shorter route is the Williams Lake Trail. Although only seven miles round-trip, the hike finishes with a steep uphill and scree.

On both routes, the first few miles are on private property; staffers should be aware of any signs posted on the route.

The Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado is only a three hour drive away. The Sand Dunes rise almost 750 feet out of the ground, forming mounds that dominate the landscape. Staff members can rent or purchase sand boards at various retailers.

Another attraction is Medano Creek, a stream that flows through the dunes. Visitors can build sand castles or laze around at the closest beach to Philmont.

Staff may also be interested in the Latir Peak Wilderness. The 20,000 acre designated wilderness is deep within the Carson National Forest and contains spectacular scenery, wildlife and 12,000 foot peaks. Only a two hour drive away, backpacking options include a fourteen mile hike that

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puts you over mountains and around lakes.

Also in Colorado lies Fishers Peak, just outside of Trinidad. The Mesa is surrounded by private land, but the peak can be reached through Sugarite State Park in Raton, N.M.

Staff members should bring a map and compass as the last few miles don't have a trail.

Outside of the navigation issues, the 9,600 foot peak is only a four mile hike.

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Conquering New Heights

Scott Allen and Emet Blood
Staff Writers

Since the beginning of the 20th century, rock climbing has captivated souls from all around the world. In the past 50 years, its popularity boomed and in 1968 Philmont started offering it as a program thanks to some daring camp counselors.

It all began at Cimarroncito. Here, on the outcropping of rocks settled just over the hill that overlooks the camp, a group of staff decided to climb. At the time, rock climbing wasn't well known to most people. Instead of firing the climbers, Ranch management asked them to help design a climbing program for the next generation of youth.

"It's crazy to think it all started here, right where these rocks are," said Kyle Pickett, rock foreman at Cimarroncito. "They were given the opportunity to bring rock climbing to the Ranch."

Since then, rock climbing was implemented at Dean Cow in 1972 and Miners Park in 1976. Together, these three rock climbing camps help crews conquer new heights, literally. They work hard, getting up around 6 a.m. to get things ready for the crews. Paul Marsh, camp director at Miners Park, said that some days it's really busy so they may be occupied all day.

"When we get our crews, we figure out when they want to go climbing and schedule it in so all crews get the opportunity," Marsh said. "We are trying out the early morning



John Mitchell/Photographer

Joey Stern, participant of crew 614 7C, descends the rock face at Dean Cow on June 16.

climbing. There are five people at the rocks including the head climber, Evan Davies. I stay at the main cabin with one other program counselor who helps out with porch talks and the commissary."

Not only can the climbing get hectic, but it can be stressful too. Spending all day on top of an exposed rock can be exhausting, yet the climbing staff finds ways to keep a positive attitude and help participants do something they may have never thought they could do. Danny Brennan, program counselor at Dean Cow, said that his favorite part is observing the Scouts who are hesitant to put on a harness and climb, but are ecstatic once they get their first climb done and are eager to do another. Jimmy Fritze, camp director at Dean

Cow, agrees.

"I really enjoy helping participants get over fears and interacting with staffers, advisors and participants," Fritze said. "We try to facilitate an environment where individuals can overcome obstacles both externally and internally."

Acrophobia, or the fear of heights, can be experienced all over the Ranch. Whether trudging up the incline toward Baldy, looking over the edge of Lovers Leap or periodically glancing at the ground as you traverse a rock face at one of the climbing camps, the stomach can quickly sink, but the breathtaking views will remind the participant why they climbed up a steep rock face. Zachary Kays, crew 614-7C, was a first time climber who experienced some of this while at Dean



Christine Henri/Photographer

Robert Turner, program counselor at Cimarroncito, instructs Scouts on how to properly fasten their harnesses.

Cow.

"It was a little nerve-racking looking down at the top, but overall it was really fun," Kays said.

Another Scout, Will Thomas of

crew 613-L2, got to enjoy some of the amazing views. Thomas, who climbed at Cito, was excited once he repelled back down.

"That climb was fantastic," Thomas said. "The best part was the view of the valley from the top. It was gorgeous."

A few things have changed in the past few years. Miners Park is now a commissary so participants get to enjoy milk and fresh fruit when they arrive. Dean Cow recently had owls nesting on one of the climbing routes, but they left before Scouts arrived. Cimarroncito has a brand new indoor bouldering gym that is in the former commissary cabin. Things at the climbing camps continue to improve and go up, just as a climber on a rock face.

All of the climbing camps are within a 90 minute hike from the nearest turnaround so staffers are encouraged to come out and enjoy some of the views that only the mountain goats get to experience.



Morgan Court/Photographer

Eddie Stern, participant of Crew 614-7C, rock climbs at Dean Cow.



Doyle Maurer/Photographer

A group of Scouts takes turns climbing around the traverse wall at Miners Park.

Logging an Experience of a Lifetime

Scott Allen and Emet Blood
Staff Writers

Crater Lake and Pueblano are the two living history logging camps located in Philmont territory.

Historically, men at logging camps would make spar poles for moving timber out of the woods. High climbers would climb to the top of a spar, sometimes 200 feet tall, to install a pulley and climb back down. Then a "steam donkey," or steam powered winch, was used to pull the cables which would lift timber, enabling the felled trees to be moved back to a processing camp where they would be made into construction lumber, railroad

ties or mine props.

The idea behind spar climbing as an activity is to enliven a part of history. It shows participants what kind of work loggers had to do daily and how tough it was. The job was quite dangerous and although it is fun for campers, the activity does bring a level of respect and appreciation for the men who did this for a living. Today, great measures are taken to ensure the safety of participants.

"The average life expectancy of someone who signed a contract as a spar-pole climber was seven years," said John Ignatowski, camp director at Crater Lake.

When Scouts arrive in

camp, the first words given by the interpretive staff are similar to what an employer would have said: "Welcome to the camp. These are the jobs available." It's an attempt to bring the participants into character for the activities.

The second activity available at these camps is tie cutting, where participants process a certain sized log into a railroad tie. The hope is that the activity will give participants an interest in working with one's hands and further appreciate that the work back then was not easy.

The evening program for these logging camps starts with advisors' coffee and then a campfire. The campfire is full of old-time music and original skits inspired by the camps historical interpretive year in the early 1900's.

This year, the camps are really focusing on bringing to life the history of the camps. The campfire is an example of what loggers did at night to celebrate another day of survival and the love of life.

At the end of the campfire, the camp director gives a short speech dedicated to inspire reflection among the participants. The hope is to help participants search within themselves for what they are grateful for, what they intend for their lives and to think about who they want to become.

On one such night, there



Doyle Maurer/Photographer

Noah Schraut of expedition 613-S2 reaches the top of a spar pole at Crater Lake on June 15.

was a hail storm. The night after, the Crater Lake's campfire got rained out, but instead of ending the program, the staff moved all the campers into the cabin, lit the stove and some lanterns and kept the music and the evening program going.

"It was a lot more intimate," Ignatowski said.

The staff at Pueblano are also looking to get more in-depth with their crews. They have brought the lumber-tying closer to the cabin in order to get more participants involved. Steve Weis, camp director at Pueblano, said they are also changing a few things with the evening campfire.

"We've changed the campfire since last year," Weis said. "Before, it was more goofy stuff and we've tried to take a more historical approach."

So, whether you find yourself in the South country or North country, Philmont has the opportunity for both the staff and participants to enjoy the history and activities that existed in these logging areas before the land became what it is today.



John Mitchell/Photographer

Josh Grindley, a participant in Crew 614-S, climbs a spar pole at Pueblano on June 16.



Jonathan Ignatowski, Crater Lake camp director Doyle Maurer/Photographer

Weekly Advice Column

Ask Camping Services

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

About how many crews do you work with a day?

Outfitting Services handles approximately 80 crews a day, while also furnishing staff with all the materials needed to safely enjoy the backcountry.

Why are some of the pots dented? Can you give us a newer one?

Sometimes they get beaten up from being in the backcountry, and no we cannot give you a newer one. That is why it is important to take good care of the equipment you are given. Sometimes a staff member will squeeze the pot to make it rounder to placate a crew.

Why do we have to put up bear bags?

Bears have huge noses and strong sense of smell. It is important that bears do not become accustomed to obtaining food from backpackers. We are willing to give you extra bear bags, if needed.

Why can't we play on the bungees?

You will stretch them out and make them easily breakable.

Why are you giving me a Frisbee?

The "Frisbee" is a strainer to aid cleaning after meals.

Can we use our own equipment?

It is a ranger's responsibility, not Outfitting Services staff, to ensure that the crew's personal equipment is adequate. However, any crew that brings bear rope that is less than a quarter inch must use a Philmont issued bear rope.



Cassidy Johnson/Photographer
Scott Zerull, Camping Outfitting Services staff

Do we need Micropur?

Yes, water purifying devices can break and you can put Micropur in your water to make it drinkable.

What can staff rent out?

Staff can use anything here. However, staff have to use the 2012 tents. The new tents are for campers. Staff can rent packs at no extra charge, but an extended rental must be approved by Mark Anderson. We can rent external frames pretty freely.

What is available at the food wall?

Mostly things found in trail meals. This year we also added fruit such as oranges, apples and pears. We order items specifically for the food wall.

How do you choose what to order?

We want everyone to like what is available. We just set up a request board with a list of everything that we can order. Whatever items have the most tallies will be ordered within reason, we need to have variety.

Why can only two items be taken from the food wall per day instead of three?

People were coming in multiple



Cassidy Johnson/Photographer
Sam Spalding, Camping Outfitting Service assistant manager

times a day, taking more than three items. We wanted to conserve the food a bit better.

Can staff get trail meals for their days off?

Yes, as long as staff bring their backcountry permit, they can get as many meals as they need for their days off. We order enough food to give trail meals to anyone who needs it. However, the participants are priority. We discourage staff from taking meals that we're giving to crews that day.

What is your favorite part of working at Outfitting Services?

We can all agree that it is Christine Salisbury, Camping Outfitting Services manager, our boss. We're working hard to change the face and raise the reputation of Outfitting Services and Christine is changing everything around here to improve the atmosphere. We sat down as staff and made goals to turn this place around. The other day, two advisors were singing along with the music we were playing. It feels great when I'm sitting at a meal and I hear people talking about how great and fun Outfitting Services is.

Ask Infirmary

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

There's always someone on duty: a medic, driver and radio person.

What does the Infirmary do?

We see patients as they come in and do re-check. We make sure they can go out on the trail. If they need something, they send them to the Infirmary and we try to get them taken care of. We check blood pressure and we're responsible for the well being of everybody on the Ranch: the staff, all of the participants and everyone at the PTC. As the radio calls come in to the radio room, the medics and the doctors will access them over the radio to see if we need to go get the patients and bring them down for further treatment. So, we generally end up seeing about ten percent of everybody that comes to Philmont.

What are some frequently asked questions that you get?

We get a lot of questions over the phone before they come. They deal with height and weight, blood pressure, asthma, medications, can they come if they are on certain medications, etc.

What are the Infirmary's hours of operation?

The front door is open 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and the back door is 24/7.

Has anything changed recently?

We're one of three infirmaries in New Mexico and we got our final license three years ago.

How is an infirmary different from a health lodge?

An infirmary has a specific group of people that they take care of. We can do more: we have a trauma room, we can do IVs, we can stabilize people and get them out. We have 15 in-house beds where we can keep patients. A health lodge is more like a first aid station that gives out Aspirins and we can do more than that here. The care is a little more in-depth with an infirmary than it is with a health lodge.

How many staff are at the Infirmary?

We have 45 total with re-check, the medical support drivers, nurses, doctors and medical students.

What's the favorite part of your job?

Working with the people. The doctors, medics and the whole staff in general is like the rest of Philmont, it's a family and everybody gets along really well.



Cassidy Johnson/Photographer

Participants go through Medical Re-check before beginning their trek on Thursday, June 19.

History Blurb: The Geological Side PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarship

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

The cultural history of Philmont is portrayed at the various museums and interpretative camps. However, there is a geological history that tells the story of how the mountains encompassed within Philmont, the Cimarron Range, developed.

The Cimarron Range is a southeastward-extending arm of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains that began forming between 50 and 60 million years ago. The elevation of the Range fluctuates between 7,500 and 12,441 feet.

The landscape can be divided into five categories: gravel-capped lowland plains, smooth-sided rocky benchlands, rough hummocky hillsides, rugged mountain country and high marshy meadowlands. Water, climate, erosion and other surface

factors affect these divisions.

Molten lava flow from nearby volcanoes capped ridges and peaks. Basalt, an igneous rock from cooled lava, tops Crater Peak, Rayado Peak, Urraca Mesa and Fowler Mesa.

Another rock that has transformed into icons of Philmont is dacite porphyry. An igneous rock, dacite porphyry materializes from cooled magma and makes up almost all of the ridges and cliffs at Philmont. When the rock resists erosion, ridges and cliffs are created, and when it succumbs to erosion, valleys are made. Once the rock has been exposed to air by erosion, dacite often weathers into thin columns. Prominent rock formations composed of dacite consist of the Tooth of Time, Cathedral Rock, Lovers Leap, and the Palisades at Cimarron Canyon State Park.

Subsurface motion morphed the landscape into what is seen today. An upthrust of Precambrian metamorphic rocks displaced sedimentary rocks at the Fowler Pass Fault. Much of the Southern country developed from this upthrust. Geological folds formed from deformation sculpted the peaks and valleys hiked on by Scouts.

North country matured from stacks of intrusive sills and dikes. The intrusions of dacite porphyry into sedimentary layers are exposed throughout the Northern mountains up to Baldy Mountain.

Rivers and streams cut canyons into the rough countryside, and weathering continues to mold the landscape.

The mountains that are home to Philmont have an extensive past that slowly assembled over millions of years and isn't close to stopping.

The Philmont Staff Association Seasonal Staff Scholarship program has steadily grown over the past seven years. More dollars for college expenses have been awarded each year, and more Philstaff have submitted applications for these funds. Both trends continued last summer. 120 summer staff applied for the PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarships in 2013. Thanks to our members' generosity, the PSA awarded a total of \$45,000 to 46 recipients last year.

The Philmont Staff Association is working hard to make 2014 an even bigger year for the Seasonal Staff Scholarship program. There will be more funds available for you to use for school expenses. However, you need to apply. Forms are available around

the ranch, including the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center and the PSA office. Scholarship awards of \$500 for 1st year staff, \$1,000 for 2nd year staff, and \$1,500 for 3rd year staff will be made for the Fall of 2014 – Spring of 2015 academic year. Payment of the scholarship will be distributed directly to the school. Applications are due August 31, 2014.

Over the past five years, \$150,000 has been awarded to Philstaff. First-year staff to seasoned veterans, Wranglers to PTC staff to Rangers, freshmen to graduate school students, the Philmont staff has been well represented amongst the scholarship winners. All college and post-secondary education students are encouraged to apply this year.

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Plants at Philmont

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

Here at Philmont, staff and participants are surrounded by beautiful wildlife. The following is a guide for those interested in identifying the local flora and fauna of the Ranch.

Opuntia fragilis, or Prickly Pear Cactus, prospers in dry deserts, grasslands and piñon-juniper forests. Prickly Pear flourishes on hillsides, canyon bottoms and lower desert basins. At Philmont, this plant can be found around Base Camp, Zastrow, the Ponil Canyon country, Abreu and the Cathedral Rock area.

The Prickly Pear Cactus stands between four and six feet tall and is typically eight to ten feet wide. The perennial plant is formed from attached plate-like pads that grow from a dense base. Thorn clusters evenly blanket the thin, green pads. Glochids, barbed spines, mix with the larger thorns. The

plant's fruit primarily grows in a cone-shape on the edges of the flat pads and reaches approximately two inches in length.

Yellow flowers bloom from the fruit and span up to three inches in late spring to early summer. The petals are occasionally tinted red. Each flower lives for one day, opening at sunrise and closing at midday when the heat becomes unbearable. Seeing a flower in full bloom is a rare and lucky occasion, but don't get too close. The flower may be enthralling, but the thorns are painful.



Morgan Court/Photographer
***Opuntia fragilis*, or Prickly Pear Cactus**

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."

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Mountaineering Scholarships for Philmont Staff

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

A new mountaineering opportunity for Philmont staff is being developed between the Mountaineering Foundation of Chicago and the Ranch's administration.

The foundation is offering scholarships for Philmont staff members to attend a certified mountaineering school. Any staff member is eligible to apply

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for the scholarship, as long as he or she passes the Philmont screening. After the screening, staff members are free to attend a mountaineering school of their choice as long as it is American Mountain Guide Association approved. However, the Foundation has stipulated that whoever receives the scholarship must return to Philmont and begin to pass on the knowledge they received at the school to Scouts and staff alike.

The foundation was created out of the Chicago Mountaineering Club in order to promote climbing technique, safety and knowledge, and manage the Clubs land in Devils Lake State Park in Wisconsin. They also maintain one of the largest climbing libraries in the United States. However, as the 30 year agreement on the club's campground came due, the

foundation realized they would be better served by selling the land and dedicating the funds to other purposes.

After selling Devils Lake campground for almost \$600,000, the foundation set out to further its goal of expanding 'flatlander', or Midwestern, climbing knowledge. To do this, they wanted to provide a scholarship for a member of a flatlander mountaineering club to attend certified guide school. The member would then return to his club and share his newfound knowledge and expertise.

Much to the foundation's surprise, however, there is no equivalent to the Chicago Mountaineering Club in the Midwest area.

"All of the clubs had either disbanded or turned into purely rock climbing groups," said Jack Gorby, the foundation's chairman.

A lack of clubs to invest in frustrated the foundation's efforts. The plan to pass out scholarships was shelved for a couple years until a few of the foundation's members remembered their experience at Philmont. Gradually, the idea developed to provide Philmont staff members with the financial means to attend mountaineering school.

Despite the change from Midwestern clubs to Philmont, the foundations mission hasn't changed.

"The underlying spirit is to return skills for mountaineering back to Philmont," said Gorby.

The foundation has dedicated to the Philmont scholarship fund. They are looking for responsible candidates who are willing to not only gain mountaineering knowledge but pass that knowledge on to Philmont staff

"There are school across the country to fit any staff member's needs ranging from certification in alpine, rock and top rope climbing."

and Scouters.

While the final details of the scholarship haven't been worked out, the funds are in place for three or four staff members to apply and then attend a certified mountaineering school of their choice. There are schools across the country to fit any staff member's needs ranging from certification in alpine, rock, and top rope climbing.

Applications will be available soon for staffers to complete and submit to Steve Nelson, Philmont's comptroller.

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Wanted: Whiskers

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

This week's facial hair style is inspired by Napoleon III with a twist: your not so average handlebar mustache coupled with a single chin braid.

This is a one of a kind look and a complement to an already outstandingly friendly face.

Twisted stache sides are noticeable as they come from the ever-memorable Salvador Dali. The truest form of unique individualism is obvious due to the suave combo.

The single braid on the chin reminds us of Samuel L. Jackson's role in Jackie Brown 1997.

Some folks use wax to tighten the twist on the curl in their upper-lip fur. It is advised that for the look you use an all natural wax and be sure to comb out that stache you've got to avoid any remaining clumps.

Salvador Dali was known for his undeniable confidence in being 100 percent himself, 100 percent of the time. If you

"Salvador Dali was known for his undeniable confidence in being 100 percent of himself, 100 percent of the time."



Doyle Maurer/Photographer

"Only took a week." - Ian Sandoe

want to be a certain way, do it. You need to remember, as cliché as it sounds, a wolf does not concern himself with the opinions of sheep.

This style is truly a combination of attention grabbing uniqueness. What unique look can you bring to the world?

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

Photo Contest Rules

Photos must be submitted between 8 a.m. July 1 and 11:59 p.m. July 21.

1. Entrant must be the photographer who took all photos he/she submits.
2. Entrant must be currently employed by Philmont Scout Ranch.
3. Entered photos must have been taken on Philmont property, in a Philmont program area or be scenes of Philmont landscapes.
4. No digital alterations (e.g "Photoshopping") are permitted, except in the Digital Creations category.
5. Each submitted photo must be in a digital format, between 2MB and 40MB in size. No printed photos will be accepted.
6. To be considered in the contest, all photo entries must be submitted to: registerphilmont.org/photocontest
7. Prior to judging, all photos will be printed in an 8x10 format. (Some cropping may occur.)
8. All entered photos will become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.
9. A maximum of three photos per entrant, per category may be submitted.
10. Photos stamped with date, time, copyright, titles, text, watermarks and/or special graphic treatments are generally not considered.
11. Over \$600 in prizes will be awarded to contest winners. Three winning photos from each of ten categories will appear in the PhilNews, on PhilmontScoutRanch.org and be displayed in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center. The best photos will decorate 2015 Philmont publication covers.
12. Entrants must include a title and the location from which each photo submission was taken.
13. 2014 contest categories: Camper Activity, Digital Creations / Black & White, Flower & Plants, Humor, Landscape, Porch View, Staff Activity, Storms & Rainbows, Sunrise or Sunset, Wildlife.

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Ask the Participants

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Trevor Wertz, 17, on his first trek at Philmont.

Christine Henri/Photographer

“Cyphers Mine was my favorite staff camp. The program was really fun.”

“The river crossings going to Cyphers Mine was my favorite part of the trek all-in-all.”

“We didn’t experience anything out of the ordinary, but the time we spent hiking was awesome. It changes lives.”



Dan Wertz, 15, on his first trek at Philmont.

Christine Henri/Photographer

“I really enjoyed Zastrow; the orienteering there was a lot of fun. We got to go all over while we were there. Trail Peak was my favorite part of the whole trek, it was really neat.”

“We got lost a few times, but we got to use triangulation. My only advice is don’t lose your smellables.”



Nathaniel Johnson on his trek at Philmont.

Bethany Nilson/Photographer

“My favorite staff camp was Black Mountain because we got to shoot some black powder rifles and one of our crew members had a hook for a hand for a night thanks to the blacksmith.”

“My favorite part of the trek altogether was the second to last day. We were pushing hard. We did five mountain peaks in the week and we finally just chilled for three hours at the stockade and then hiked the Tooth. We stayed the night and hiked back to Base Camp.”

“No matter who you are or how you feel, going to the top of a mountain and seeing all of Philmont is inspiring and breathtaking.”



Zach Schneider, 17, on his first trek at Philmont.

Bethany Nilson/Photographer

“I really liked panning for gold, and there was a staff group at one of the mining camps who did a Stomp performance. It was one of the best musical shows I’ve seen.”

“My favorite part of the trek was on Window Rock and when we got up there we really bonded as a crew. I felt like it was a really special moment for me at Philmont.”

“You should become a foreman. The foreman are the toughest people here at Philmont. They just constantly put in their all!”

What's New This Week:

The Redesigned Trading Post Merchandise Website

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

In March of this year, the Tooth of Time Traders redesigned and reworked their merchandise website.

The new website features a completely altered layout, user friendly inventory selections and product photos for easy comparisons and examinations. The new layout and design were headed by Casey Migacz, the Tooth of Time Traders e-commerce manager.

"We really began work in September of 2013," said Migacz. "We went live with the website on March 20."

Migacz built the navigation features for customers that allows them to switch between web pages and products. He also did all of the categorization of products, dividing each category into styles and sizing that would be easily accessible to the customer. With the voluminous

amount of new and old products in the store, the categorization itself took close to 50 hours.

Migacz was not alone in this endeavor. Bryan Hayek, the department manager of News and Photo Services (NPS), worked on the design and helped take the product shots.

"He would do all the physical design and the code, then I would come back in and say if we needed to change it," Migacz said.

The end result is an accessible and attractive online presence for the Trading Post. Anytime a customer opens up the site, they are presented with a drop down menu that divides products by categories and still further subcategories. Once a customer clicks on a desired category, the page loads with all the examples of that type of product. The merchandise is accompanied with marketing shots done by NPS that includes the available sizes and

styles of that gear.

Major changes from previous versions of the site include a new Quicklook feature that brings up the features and photos of the product without moving the customer to a new page. The site also contains a reference system that points customers in the direction of other products they might prefer. The last three items that every customer looks at are also recorded in order to point the consumer back in the direction of their product searches lest they forget what they were searching for.

Although the website has just completed a total overhaul, Migacz is already looking for things to improve.

"I always want feedback," said Migacz, "We're always striving to get better."

He is especially focused on the custom t-shirt design feature. By this time next year, he hopes to



Morgan Court/Photographer

Casey Migacz, Tooth of Time Traders e-commerce manager

streamline the ordering process that brings in over \$300,000 a year to the Trading Post.

He is also interested in improving Philmont product reviews, like the Thunder Ridge Tent.

"Since we can only sell products that have Philmont on them, we want our customers to be able to review them," said Migacz.

Online traffic to the website has already seen a significant improvement.

"People are getting to the site from places that have no connection to Philmont," Migacz added.

In addition to deals that are posted for the yurt, the Trading Post has dedicated two emails a month towards advertising sales.

The website is already drawing national and international following.

"We had buyers from Japan and Puerto Rico, and we make a lot of online sales to Texas and California," said Valentina Garcia, the mail order merchandise clerk.

PHILMONT MUSEUMS

Philmont Museum - Seton Memorial Library

Exhibits include Partners on the Ponil, Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp and Selected Works of E.T. Seton. The Seton Memorial Library houses the personal library and artwork of Ernest Thompson Seton. Native American jewelry, art, collectibles and one of the largest book selections in the county can be found in the Museum Gift Shop. **Open Daily 8—5:30**

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Recipes of the Week

Potato Skins

- Ingredients**
- 6 small to medium sized potatoes, rinsed clean
 - 8 oz of sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
 - 8 slices of smoked, thick cut bacon, cooked and crumbled
 - 1/2 stick of unsalted butter
 - 6 tbsp sour cream, optional
 - Salt for taste
 - Pepper for taste

- Directions**
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
 2. Poke the top of each potato with a fork and place on a baking sheet. Cook in the oven for 1 hour. Once cooked, remove from the baking sheet, and place on a plate to let cool for about 15 minutes.
 3. Cook bacon, low and slow on the stove, for about 15-20 minutes.
 4. Once potatoes are cooled, use a sharp bread knife and cut lengthwise.
 5. With a small spoon, being careful, scoop out about 70 percent of the potato, as you still want some potato in your boat.
 6. Next, melt your butter in the microwave. Get your broiler heated to high. Brush the butter on the inside and outside of each potato skin and place them back onto the baking sheet. Season the inside of each skin with salt and pepper.
 7. Place them under the broiler for 8-10 minutes until the insides get a bit crispy from the melted butter.
 8. Remove, and place generous amounts of cheddar cheese into each skin, topping with bacon pieces. Place these back under the broiler for about 3-4 minutes until the cheese is nice and bubbly. Carefully remove from the oven.
 9. Place a dollop of sour cream on top if you would like, and enjoy!



Cassidy Johnson/Photographer

Seven Layer Taco Dip

- Ingredients**
- 1 (1 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
 - 1 (16 ounce) can refried beans
 - 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
 - 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
 - 1 (16 ounce) jar salsa
 - 1 large tomato, chopped
 - 1 green bell pepper, chopped
 - 1 bunch chopped green onions
 - 1 small head iceberg lettuce, shredded
 - 1 (6 ounce) can sliced black olives, drained
 - 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

- Directions**
1. In a medium bowl, blend the taco seasoning mix and refried beans. Spread the mixture onto a large serving platter.
 2. Mix the sour cream and cream cheese in a medium bowl. Spread over the refried beans.
 3. Top the layers with salsa. Place a layer of tomato, green bell pepper, green onions and lettuce over the salsa, and top with Cheddar cheese. Garnish with black olives.

Chili

- Ingredients**
- 1 pound lean ground beef
 - 1 cup chopped onion
 - 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
 - 3 tablespoons chili powder
 - 2 teaspoons minced garlic
 - 14.5 ounces peeled and diced tomatoes
 - 15 once can kidney beans, drained
 - 1 cup tomato sauce
 - 1 cup salsa
 - 1/4 cup taco sauce

- Directions**
1. In a large saucepan or stockpot, cook ground beef, onion and red pepper until beef is browned.
 2. Drain off excess fat.
 3. Stir in the chili powder, garlic, bay leaf, diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, salsa and taco sauce.
 4. Lower heat and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally.
 5. Stir in beans just before serving and heat through.

US/Canada News

Italy police ‘solve’ 1909 Petrosino Mafia murder

BBC

Police on the Italian island of Sicily believe they have solved a Mafia murder mystery dating back to 1909. Joe Petrosino, a New York police officer, was shot dead during a mission to the island to collect evidence. The revelation coincided with the arrest of 95 suspected members of two clans involved in extortion rackets in the island’s capital Palermo. One of those arrested had been recorded boasting that his father’s uncle had carried out the killing, police say. Domenico Palazzotto was overheard telling a colleague that “the uncle of my father was called Paolo Palazzotto; he killed the top policeman killed in Palermo” on the orders of Cascio Ferro. Ferro was a boss in Sicily’s Cosa Nostra whose operations extended to the US, Ansa news agency reports.

Sgt Bowe Bergdahl moved to outpatient care on Army base

BBC

The US soldier held captive for five years by Taliban-linked militants has moved to outpatient care on a Texas military base. Sgt Bowe Bergdahl will no longer be in hospital all day, but specifics of his location will not be made public. “His reintegration process continues with exposure to more people and a gradual increase of social interactions,” an Army spokesman said. He has not spoken about his ordeal publicly since his release on 31 May. Sgt Bergdahl, 28, was swapped for five prisoners in a US military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, a move that sparked a heated political row. Fellow soldiers have also argued Sgt Bergdahl knowingly wandered away from his unit while deployed in Afghanistan in June 2009.

Kevlar inventor Stephanie Kwolek dies

BBC

The inventor of Kevlar, the lightweight fibre used in bulletproof vests and body armour, has died aged 90. Stephanie Kwolek was a chemist at the DuPont company in Wilmington, Delaware, when she invented the stronger-than-steel fibre in 1965. It was initially intended to be used in automobile tyres. In a statement, DuPont chief executive Ellen Kullman described Kwolek as “a creative and determined chemist and a true pioneer for women in science.” Kwolek is the only female employee of DuPont to be awarded the company’s Lavoisier Medal for outstanding technical achievement.

Canada Orsainville airlift inmates recaptured in Montreal

BBC

Canadian police have recaptured three prisoners who escaped by helicopter from a jail outside Quebec City earlier this month. Police said they were detained at a home in Montreal in the early hours of Sunday and more arrests were likely. The three, Yves Denis, 35, Denis Lefebvre, 53, and Serge Pomerleau, 49, were due to face trial on murder and drugs charges. They are set to appear in court on Monday. The prisoners fled on 7 June in a helicopter which landed in the yard of the Orsainville detention centre, on the outskirts of the city. A judge had relaxed the three high-security prisoners’ jail conditions, allowing them to be in the jail yard at the same time, so they could better prepare their defence, Canada’s CBC reports.

Casey Kasem memorial held in Los Angeles

BBC

A memorial for the late DJ Casey Kasem has been held in Los Angeles. Mourners at the small, private ceremony in Bel Air heard recordings of Kasem’s old radio shows, including his famous American Top 40. Kasem, who was also the voice of cartoon Shaggy in Scooby-Doo, died in Washington state last week, aged 82. He had suffered from Lewy body disease, a form of dementia, and had recently been at the centre of a bitter family court battle over his care. His death came days after a judge allowed the star’s daughter Kerri to withhold food, liquid and medication from her father against the wishes of his wife of 34 years, Jean.

World News

Iraq crisis: Kerry vows ‘intense support’ to counter Isis

BBC

US Secretary of State John Kerry has vowed “intense and sustained support” for Iraq after meeting key politicians in the capital, Baghdad. He said attacks by Sunni militants were a threat to Iraq’s existence, and the next days and weeks would be critical. The insurgents are expanding their control of towns in the north and west. They are bearing down on a vital dam near Haditha, and have captured all of the border crossings to Syria and Jordan from government forces. The key airport in the northern town of Tal Afar has also fallen, with some reports saying the town itself has been captured. Heavily armed Iraqi troops are protecting the dam near Haditha. Its destruction would damage the nation’s electricity grid. Residents told BBC Arabic that rebels had surrounded the town but had not yet entered it.

Sudan death sentence woman ‘freed’

BBC

A Sudanese woman sentenced to death for abandoning her Islamic faith has been freed from jail, her lawyer has told the BBC. Meriam Ibrahim’s death penalty was overturned by an appeal court, the official Suna news agency reported. She is married to a Christian man and was sentenced under Sharia law to hang for apostasy in May after refusing to renounce Christianity. Her husband, Daniel Wani, said he was looking forward to seeing her. He wanted his family to leave Sudan as soon possible, Mr Wani, who is a US citizen, told the BBC Focus on Africa radio programme. The death sentence for Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, who gave birth to a daughter in prison not long after she was convicted, sparked international outrage.

South Korean ‘killer soldier’ captured

BBC

A South Korean soldier who killed five members of his unit has been captured after a failed suicide attempt, defence officials say. The soldier, identified only as Im, shot himself in the chest and was being sent to hospital, they said. His capture ends a tense stand-off in a forest near his outpost by the border with North Korea. On Saturday evening Sergeant Im shot and threw a grenade at soldiers before fleeing with his rifle and ammunition. Seven others were injured in the attack but are expected to live. It is not clear what the motive behind his attack was. The incident sparked a massive manhunt, with thousands of troops deployed to block possible escape routes, guard the border between North and South Korea, and protect areas where civilians live, officials said.

Ukraine separatists ‘to join truce’, rebel leader says

BBC

Pro-Russia rebels in eastern Ukraine say they will observe a ceasefire until Friday morning, responding to the Ukrainian forces’ unilateral ceasefire. The rebel announcement was made in Donetsk by Alexander Borodai, a leader of the self-styled “Donetsk People’s Republic” which is defying Kiev. On Friday, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko announced a 15-point peace plan and declared a week-long truce. Mr Borodai was speaking after attending preliminary peace talks in Donetsk. The high-level talks also involved representatives of the other breakaway region - Luhansk - and Viktor Medvedchuk, an opponent of the Kiev authorities who is close to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Egypt trial: Outcry over al-Jazeera trio’s sentencing

BBC

The seven-year jail terms handed out to three al-Jazeera journalists accused of supporting Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood have led to an international outcry. US Secretary of State John Kerry described the sentences as “chilling and draconian”. James Harding, the BBC’s Director of News, said it was an “act of intimidation against all journalists.” Peter Greste, Mohamed Fahmy and Baher Mohamed were convicted of spreading false news on Monday. The trio had denied the charges and are expected to appeal against the verdict. The White House said that jailing journalists because their reporting did not fit the government “narrative” was “a blow to democratic progress in Egypt.”

Entertainment

'Prehistoric Sistine Chapel' gets world heritage status

BBC

A cave in southern France dubbed the “prehistoric Sistine Chapel” has been added to Unesco’s World Heritage list.

The 1,000 drawings carved in the walls of the Decorated Cave of Pont d’Arc, or Grotte Chauvet, are 36,000 years old and include mammoths and hand prints.

Cave experts only discovered it in 1994 as the entrance had been concealed by a rockfall 23,000 years earlier.

It was one of several cultural and natural wonders granted the status by a committee of delegates in Doha, Qatar.

UN cultural agency Unesco said the cave, located in the Ardeche region of France featured “the earliest and best-preserved expressions of artistic creation of the Aurignacian people”, who were believed to be the first modern human culture in Europe.

Clint Eastwood’s Jersey Boys fails to top box office

BBC

Clint Eastwood’s film adaptation of hit musical Jersey Boys has only managed to debut at number four at the North American box office.

Kevin Hart comedy Think Like A Man Too topped the box office chart.

Eastwood’s film, about Frankie Valli’s group, based on the Tony award-winning musical, took just \$13.5m (£7.9m) over the weekend.

It featured a mainly unknown cast aside from Christopher Walken and got mixed reviews.

Las Vegas ensemble movie Think Like a Man Too took \$30m (£17.6m) in a slow weekend, narrowly beating 22 Jump Street, which took \$29m in its second week of release.

Dreamworks’ animated sequel How To Train Your Dragon 2 slipped to third spot with \$25.3m (£14.8m), ensuring that the weekend’s top three were all sequels.

Ellen DeGeneres wins eighth talk show Emmy

BBC

The Ellen DeGeneres Show has received its eighth Daytime Emmy award for outstanding entertainment talk show.

CBS soap The Young and the Restless picked up best drama series, while its star Billy Miller won for best lead actor in a drama series.

Good Morning America won best morning programme.

The Steve Harvey Show was named outstanding informative talk show, while Harvey also won the best game show award for Family Feud.

For the first time this year, the Daytime Emmys offered awards for Spanish language shows - winners included Telemundo’s Un Nuevo Dia as best morning programme.

The ceremony, which aired on TV until last year, was only streamed online this year. The move reflects dwindling audiences for daytime television.

Sir Tony Robinson leads tributes to actress Patsy Byrne

BBC

Sir Tony Robinson has led tributes to British actress Patsy Byrne, best known for playing Nursie in Blackadder, who has died aged 80.

Sir Tony played dim-witted sidekick Baldrick in the show and cast Byrne in his Maid Marion and Her Merry Men series.

He told BBC Radio 5 Live she had been like a mother to “her boys” on the Blackadder set.

“Patsy was just a real confident centre of all the scenes,” he said.

“She had unerring skill to make the daftest, silliest thing sound absolutely real and absolutely plausible,” he added.

“I was so fond of her as a person and so in awe of her capabilities that when I decided I wanted to introduce a mother to Maid Marion, my first choice was Patsy.

The Bunker Diary wins children’s book prize

BBC

Young Adult author Kevin Brooks has won 2014’s Cilip Carnegie Medal for The Bunker Diary, his fictional diary of a kidnapped boy held hostage in a bunker.

It took Brooks a decade to get the teen novel published, as it was originally rejected for its “lack of hope”.

Canadian Jon Klassen’s This is Not My Hat, which sees a thieving fish get his comeuppance, was also awarded the Kate Greenaway Medal for illustrated books.

Voted for by UK librarians, the medals are the oldest children’s book awards.

Previous Carnegie winners including CS Lewis, Terry Pratchett, Arthur Ransome, Penelope Lively and Philip Pullman; while Quentin Blake, Shirley Hughes and Raymond Briggs have all been awarded the Greenaway.

Sports

US football fans joyous then deflated

BBC

The heartbreak was etched on the faces of USA football fans as a last-gasp equaliser by Portugal denied them a place in the last 16 of the World Cup.

The game finished 2-2 as Portugal’s Silvestre Varela scored in the final seconds of the game.

“It was a thriller,” said US coach Jurgen Klinsmann.

“Everybody who had a chance to be today in Manaus will talk about this game for a long time.”

The US now needs at least a draw against Germany in Recife on Thursday.

American League

AL East	W	L	GB
Toronto	43	35	-
Baltimore	40	35	1.5
NY Yankees	39	36	2.5
Boston	35	42	7.5
Tampa Bay	31	47	12
AL Central			
Detroit	40	32	-
Kansas City	40	36	2
Cleveland	37	39	5
Minnesota	36	38	5
Chicago Sox	35	42	7.5
AL West			
Oakland	47	29	-
LA Angels	41	33	5
Seattle	41	36	6.5
Texas	35	40	11.5
Houston	33	44	14.5

National League

East	W	L	GB
Washington	40	35	-
Atlanta	38	37	2
Miami	38	38	2.5
NY Mets	35	41	5.5
Philadelphia	34	41	6
Central			
Milwaukee	47	31	-
St. Louis	42	35	4.5
Cincinnati	38	37	7.5
Pittsburgh	38	38	8
Chicago Cubs	31	43	14
West			
San Francisco	45	31	-
LA Dodgers	42	36	4
Colorado	34	42	11
San Diego	33	44	12.5
Arizona	32	47	14.5

World Cup Results

Wednesday, June 18

Cameroon/Croatia: 0/4
Australia/Netherlands: 2/3
Spain/Chile: 0/2

Thursday, June 19

Colombia/Ivory Coast: 2/1
Japan/Greece: 0/0
Uruguay/England: 2/1

Friday, June 20

Italy/Costa Rica: 0/1
Switzerland/France: 2/5
Honduras/Ecuador: 1/2

Saturday, June 21

Argentina/Iran: 1/0

Nigeria/Bos-Herce: 1/0
Germany/Ghana: 2/2

Sunday, June 22

USA/Portugal: 2/2
Belgium/Russia: 1/0

South Korea/Algeria: 2/4

Monday, June 23

Australia/Spain: 0/3
Netherlands/Chile: 2/0

Technology

Android and Windows to get ‘kill switch’

BBC

Google and Microsoft will add a “kill-switch” feature to their Android and Windows phone operating systems.

The feature is a method of making a handset completely useless if it is stolen, rendering a theft pointless.

Authorities have been urging tech firms to take steps to help curb phone theft and argued that a kill-switch feature can help resolve the problem.

Apple and Samsung, two of the biggest phone makers, offer a similar feature on some of their devices.

The move by Google and Microsoft means that kill switches will now be a part of the three most popular phone operating systems in the world.

In an attempt to tackle the issue, policymakers have launched an initiative called Secure our Smartphones.

US government leaks names of potential Bitcoin buyers

BBC

A list of potential bidders for an auction of government-seized bitcoins has been accidentally leaked.

The US Marshals Service inadvertently revealed the email addresses of all interested parties while emailing them about the process.

It apologised for the mistake, which it said “was in no way intentional.”

The US government plans to auction about 30,000 bitcoins - currently valued at about \$17.4m on June 27.

The crypto-currency was seized by the FBI during a raid in October on the internet marketplace Silk Road.

The seized bitcoins are part of the civil forfeiture and criminal action brought against Silk Road owner Ross William Ulbrich.

Amazon Fire Phone offers 3D views and gesture controls

BBC

Amazon has unveiled its first handset, offering 3D visuals - thanks to four face-tracking cameras on its front - and gesture controls.

The Fire Phone allows its user to change an image’s perspective by moving their head, rather than creating “pop-out” effects.

The owner can also scroll through a webpage or bring up menus by tilting the smartphone in their hand.

Chief executive Jeff Bezos announced the phone at a press event in Seattle.

One industry watcher had doubts about what was on show.

“We’ve seen similar gesture controls on Samsung’s Galaxy range, and not many people use them,” said Francisco Jeronimo, a mobile devices analyst at market research firm IDC.

Lego fuses real and virtual worlds

BBC

Construction toy firm Lego has blended the real and the virtual with bricks that can be built and then transferred to online games.

It is part of a trend among toy manufacturers to straddle the two realms and appeal to children immersed in the digital world.

Users can choose to build four game sets which come with a special plate to build them on.

The creations can be photographed and imported into free games.

“Children have always imagined their Lego creations as immersive worlds which come to life for hours of role-play and adventure,” said Ditte Bruun Pedersen, senior design manager at Lego Future Lab.

“Recently, smartphones and tablets have become a popular platform for empowering game mechanisms that kids love. Lego Fusion brings these two favourite play patterns together.”

Unlikely hit app Yo is ‘hacked’ by students

BBC

Messaging app Yo, which in the past week has rocketed to the top of the app download charts, has been hit by a hack.

Creator Or Arbel told technology news site TechCrunch the app was having “security issues.”

The app allows users to send a message saying “yo” to friends - and nothing else.

It has been branded “pointless”, but has nonetheless raised \$1m (£600,000) in investment.

TechCrunch said it was contacted by three college students who said they had uncovered a flaw in the app.

“We can get any Yo user’s phone number (I actually texted the founder, and he called me back),” the students told TechCrunch.

Health

Sunbathing ‘may be addictive’ warning

BBC

Spending time basking in the sun’s warming rays may have addictive properties, claim researchers in the US.

Their study, published in the journal Cell, showed that sunlight led to the production of endorphins in the skin.

The Harvard Medical School team said their experiments on mice showed repeated UV exposure led to addiction in the animals.

Other scientists said describing it as “addiction” was a step too far.

There have been previous suggestions that people can get addicted to the sun.

A study of university students using tanning salons suggested around one in three met the definition for addiction.

Dementia is ‘one of greatest enemies of humanity’

BBC

A “big, bold global push” is needed to beat dementia, David Cameron has told a summit in London.

He pledged to accelerate progress on dementia drugs, by increasing funding and making new drugs more accessible.

The prime minister was speaking to an audience of 300 experts who have pledged to find a cure by 2025.

He wants a team of experts to report back to him by October on how drugs companies can be encouraged to develop new dementia medicines.

In his speech, the prime minister told experts that dementia is one of the “greatest enemies of humanity.”

“We are renewing our commitment to say by 2025 we want to find a cure to dementia. We should treat this as a disease rather than as some natural part of aging,” he said.

Diabetes gene ‘raises risk tenfold’

BBC

A genetic susceptibility that gives a tenfold increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes has been discovered.

The gene mutation, found in the population of Greenland, will give clues to the different causes of the condition, say Danish scientists.

The research, published in Nature, adds to evidence genetics plays a role in the chances of developing diabetes.

Other factors included lifestyle, with obesity and a bad diet increasing risks, said a diabetes charity.

Several susceptibility genes have been linked with diabetes, meaning that if an individual is carrying one of these genes they face a greater risk of developing diabetes.

Danish researchers say the new mutation is present in almost one in five of Greenlanders.

Goggles help surgeons ‘see’ tumors

BBC

Scientists are continually seeking new ways of targeting cancer - and the latest is high-tech goggles.

Currently doctors treating cancer have two main approaches - bombard the tumour with drugs and radiotherapy or cut it out.

The second option is very common but not always successful - because it is often also impossible to tell where the tumour ends and healthy tissue begins.

To try and combat this surgeons often remove tissue surrounding the tumour, but cancerous cells often remain, necessitating further surgery.

But a new goggle technology being developed in the US lets surgeons “see” which cells are cancerous and which are healthy, increasing the chances that they will be able remove all cancer cells in one operation.

Microwave helmet ‘can spot a stroke’

BBC

Scientists say they have devised a helmet that can quickly determine whether a patient has had a stroke.

It could speed diagnosis and treatment of stroke to boost chances of recovery, the scientists say.

The wearable cap bounces microwaves off the brain to determine whether there has been a bleed or clot deep inside.

The Swedish scientists who made the device plan to give it to ambulance crews to test after successful results in early studies with 45 patients.

When a person has a stroke, doctors must work quickly to limit any brain damage.

If it takes more than four hours to get to hospital and start treatment, parts of their brain tissue may already be dying.

Environment/Science

Titan: Clue to 'Magic Island' mystery on Saturn moon

BBC

Scientists have outlined their best explanations for a mysterious feature dubbed the "magic island", which has been spotted on Saturn's moon Titan.

The Cassini spacecraft captured the "island" during a flyby, but it had vanished by the time of the next pass.

The bright splodge is seen in Ligeia Mare, one of the seas of methane and ethane found at Titan's north pole.

Icebergs, waves and gas bubbling up from the sea bed are all possibilities, the scientists say.

The study by an international team has been published in the journal Nature Geoscience.

Saturn's largest moon shares much in common with Earth, such as a substantial atmosphere and a seasonal cycle. Wind and rain shape the surface to form river channels, seas, dunes and shorelines.

Honeybee shortage threatens crop pollination in Europe

BBC

In more than half of European countries, there are not enough honeybees to pollinate crops, according to new research.

Scientists believe that a boom in biofuels has sparked a massive increase in the need for pollination.

The shortage is particularly acute in Britain which has only a quarter of the honeybees required.

Researchers believe that wild pollinators including bumblebees and hoverflies are making up the shortfall.

The study is published in the journal Plos One.

The number of honeybees in the UK and elsewhere has been in decline in recent years, with both pesticide use and disease being blamed for losses.

Across Europe though, overall numbers of honeybee colonies increased by 7% across 41 countries between 2005 and 2010.

MPs say UK government 'too slow' on marine conservation

BBC

The development of conservation zones to protect the seas around the UK has been too slow, a group of MPs has said.

Last year, the government designated 27 marine conservation zones in the UK, while a further 37 zones could be designated by the end of 2015.

However, 127 areas are recommended for protection and the Environmental Audit Committee criticised a "lack of government commitment" on the issue.

The government said it was doing "more than ever" to protect marine habitats.

Marine conservation zones have been set up to conserve "nationally rare" or "threatened" habitats and wildlife in inshore waters, as well as in offshore seas around England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Virunga Park oil hunt in DR Congo halted

BBC

The hunt for oil is to be halted in Africa's oldest national park in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, a UK-based oil firm has said.

Virunga National Park is a Unesco World Heritage site and home to more than 200 endangered mountain gorillas.

Soco International made the concession after the WWF filed a complaint that the company was violating good business practice guidelines.

The world conservation group has now agreed to drop its case against Soco.

In a joint statement, Soco and the WWF said they looked forward "to working responsibly with the Democratic Republic of Congo and its people to ensure that future development benefits both people and the environment."

Winter floods: MPs criticise funding priorities

BBC

The government got its funding priorities wrong on river maintenance before last winter's floods, say MPs.

Members of the all-party Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Efra) select committee said keeping waterways clear had been a "Cinderella" activity.

Funding levels for maintenance remain "at a bare minimum" and more money must be found for dredging to avoid a repeat of the winter's devastation, MPs said.

The government said many lessons had been learned and measures put in place.

The record levels of rain that fell on parts of England and Wales meant that the winter of 2013/14 was the wettest in over 200 years.

Around 7,000 properties were flooded, with parts of Somerset under water for three months.

Business

Alstom board votes to accept General Electric bid

BBC

The board of French rail and energy group Alstom has unanimously voted to accept an offer from General Electric.

US conglomerate GE is bidding \$17bn (£10bn) for Alstom's energy business. The deal still needs regulators' and Alstom staff representatives' approval.

The French government agreed to support the deal, which will involve the state buying a 20% stake in Alstom, and other steps to protect French interests.

A rival offer from Siemens-Mitsubishi Heavy Industries was rejected.

GE chief Jeff Immelt said the deal would be "good for France, GE and Alstom".

If approved, the deal is expected to be completed in 2015. Reports say it would be GE's largest ever industrial acquisition.

China rejects shipping alliance

BBC

China has rejected a shipping alliance initiative aimed at saving the industry money, despite approval from the US and the EU.

The "P3 Network" was intended to operate in a similar way to code-sharing deals between airlines.

The idea was to allow the world's top three container-shipping operators by volume to cut costs by sharing ships and port facilities.

A successful alliance would have seen about 250 ships participating in P3.

The idea, announced last year, came from a proposed collaboration among three shipping groups: Maersk from Denmark, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) from Switzerland and CMA CGM from France.

Oil around nine-month high of \$115 on Iraq fighting

BBC

Violence in Iraq has sent oil prices close to a nine-month high.

Brent crude fell 27 cents to \$114.79 a barrel, after reaching \$115.71 on Thursday, the highest since September 2013.

Oilfields south of Baghdad, which export at least 2.5 million barrels per day of oil, are still unaffected. But the fighting in the north poses a risk to supplies, while foreign oil companies are beginning to pull out staff.

Paul Horsnell, head of commodities research at Standard Chartered bank, said: "The market has priced in existing geopolitical risk."

Global spare capacity in oil production is at about 2%, he said, meaning that a spike in demand of more than 2% will outstrip production.

Eurozone recovery not strong enough, says IMF

BBC

The recovery in the eurozone is not strong enough, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

That's the assessment IMF head Christine Lagarde is delivering to eurozone finance ministers at a meeting in Luxembourg.

The IMF also says the European Central Bank (ECB) should consider buying financial assets with newly created money, if inflation remains low.

But the IMF's regular eurozone health check sees some signs of progress.

"Strong policy actions have laid the foundations for economic recovery," it says.

However, it also says that the recovery is not robust, and that economic activity is still below pre-crisis levels. Some countries, including Germany and France, have got back to those levels, though the eurozone as a whole has not.

Argentina's Fernandez de Kirchner wants creditor talks

BBC

Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner has said her government would negotiate with all the country's creditors.

It comes amid signs that Argentina may start talks with investors who refused to take part in two restructurings.

Argentina has been in a bitter row with hedge funds which are demanding full payment for bonds they bought after the country defaulted.

"We want to pay 100% of creditors," the president said on Friday.

Argentina has for years refused to even consider talks with so-called "hold-out" creditors whom Ms Fernandez has called "vultures."

The country has been in a 12-year fight in the US courts with hold-outs who declined to participate a 2005 and 2010 revamp of debt securities.

Clue

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

Ballroom	Colonel Mustard	Knife	Mr. Boddy	Rope
Billiard room	Evidence	Library	Peacock	Wadsworth
Blackmail	Green	Lounge	Pipe	White
Butler	Hall	Mansion	Professor Plum	Wrench
Candlestick	Kitchen	Miss Scarlet	Revolver	Yvette

Greek Gods

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

Aether	Artemis	Dionysus	Hephaestus	Ourea
Ananke	Athena	Erebos	Hera	Poseidon
Aphrodite	Chaos	Eros	Hermes	Tartarus
Apollo	Chronos	Hades	Hestia	Thanatos
Ares	Demeter	Hemera	Hypnos	Zeus

Roman Gods

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

Apollo	Genius	Liber	Minerva	Sol
Ceres	Janus	Lucina	Neptune	Tellus
Diana	Juno	Luna	Orcus	Venus
Feronia	Jupiter	Mars	Pales	Vesta
Fortuna	Lares	Mercury	Saturn	Vulcan

Famous Painters

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

Beginner

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Difficult

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



Sun setting in the west on Friday, June 20. Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer



Steve Weis, camp director at Pueblano, role plays for evening campfire. Morgan Court/Photographer



A Philmont staffer enjoys the view from Cimarroncito. Christine Henri/Photographer



Participants wait to go on a horse ride at Clarks Fork. Cassidy Johnson/Photographer



Trevor Lombardi plays a guitar at Hunting Lodge. Bethany Nilson/Photographer



A cactus found near Miners Park.

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