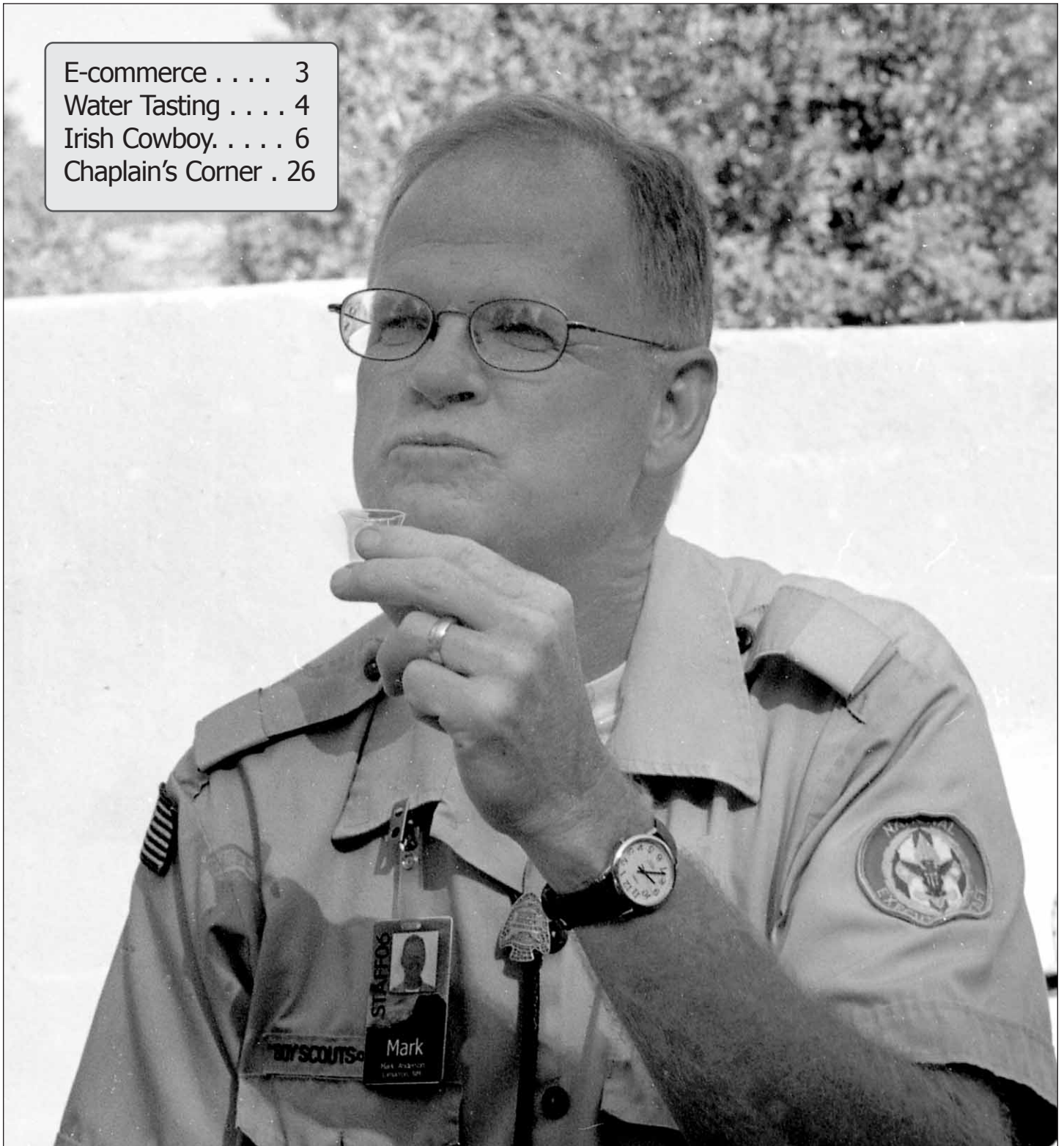


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Miles From Nowhere...

By BENJAMIN FOOTE

Philnews Manager

Ode to the Food Wall

O Great Wall of Food
We sing you songs of praise
Your generous abundance knows no
bounds

O bountiful cornucopia
Of tasty trail food treats

Your mighty ramparts protect us
From hunger and from boredom
For standing in your Presence
Is both shopping trip and pilgrimage
A simultaneously spiritual and nutritional
adventure

When the cock crows
When the lark sings
But slumber claims me still
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Part of this complete breakfast

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Storing up for a long, Real World winter.

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expressed in this column do not
necessarily represent those of
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or the Boy Scouts of America.**

On the cover:

Mark Anderson contemplates the fla-
vor of Pueblano's water.

PHOTO BY MARGARET HEDDERMAN

NPS Photographer

Trading Post website Continues to be a Hit

BY ANGELO POMPEO

PhilNews Staff

Every day at the Trading Post, regardless of the season, is busy, action-packed, and somewhat stressful.

At the same time, the people who love Philmont from across the country and around the world can sit back in their pajamas, surf the web while they should be working, or use any free minute they have to log on and get all the gear, patches, and souvenirs they need.

Each morning in the warehouse begins with sorting through about 50 web orders from the day before. The Trading Post staff then begins finding, sorting, and packaging the orders before they are shipped all over the country and occasionally to a foreign country.

"We even got one from Japan" said Lynnae Chavez the warehouse's mail order assistant.

"When we went live on the web in August of 2004, we didn't have the beautiful, fully furnished website I dreamed of," said Shelley O'Neill, Trading Post Director. "But we went with what we had and it has slowly grown into what it is today.

Last year, toothoftimetraders.com brought in nearly \$250,000. This year they are already nearing the quarter million dollar mark. The site made \$70,000 in June alone

according to off-site sales manager Debbie Fernandez.

Crews never even thought of buying their gear at Philmont when I became director in 1996,said O'Neill

. "We sold patches and souvenirs, out of date stoves, and stuff like that. Soon after I took over, Mark Anderson and I sat down and decided where we should go. We realized that only one of the items on Philmont's equipment list could actually be found here at the trading post.

"Then we built the new store and warehouse that r really helped. We now sell all the equipment list items in the store, and we carry everything a scout could need for a 10 day trek. Then the website came along and made even easier for customers to get the things they need."

The website's designer and manager, Michael Sutter, resigned on good terms Friday, July 7th pursuing similar work with a company in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He is largely responsible for the attractiveness and success of the site. He said the system he left is mostly self-sufficient but can't just be left alone.

"They way I left it, the site will be fine for two or three months while they hire a replacement," said Sutter. "Learning the new system was the biggest chal-



Debbie Fernandez sorts through the day's mail orders in the warehouse.

lenge for me, but it should be an easy transition for the next person.

The Tooth of Time Traders hope to continue their booming web sales by adding features such as a virtual pack.

"The customer could click on any of the pockets and find out what we offer to fill each one," said O'Neill. " It also teaches them how to pack and they could get everything they need from us. They could even buy the pack if they wanted."

Welcome staff & guests to Philmont's 68th season.



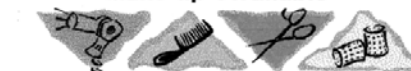
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Water Tasting

BY KATE SHIPLEY

Philnews Staff

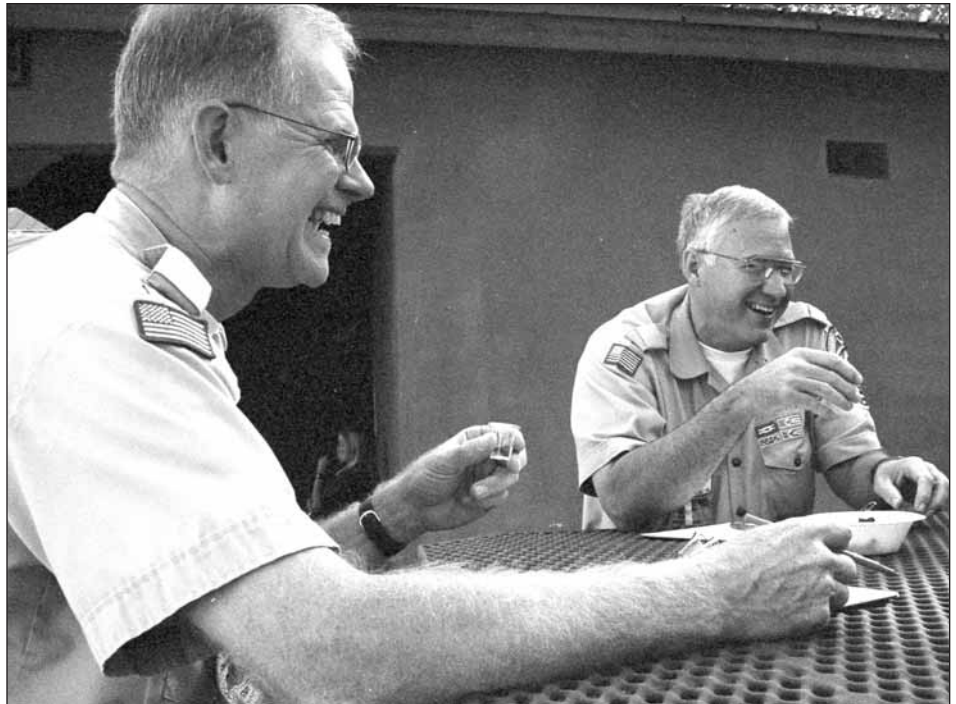
Should you hike on to the next camp to fill up your water bottle? Or is this as good as it gets?

Water is a tasteless, odorless and colorless substance ... in its pure form, but here at Philmont, the situation necessitates chemical additions to the water supply to make it safe to drink. No one wants giardia.

Therefore, to answer your questions, the PhilNews conducted an independent, unbiased taste testing of 10 back-country water samples last Friday.

Jackie Clark, John Van Dreese, Steve Willis and Mark Anderson (profiled on facing page) were chosen for their known expertise in the area of irrigation, hydration and moisture issues to be the judging panel.

The camps were chosen at random, and the tasting was done blind, which means the judges did not know which camp's water they were tasting.



Mark Anderson and Steve Willis joke during the water tasting.

PHOTO BY KIMBERLY BANZHAF, *Photo Manager*

The judges deliberated individually and then rated each camp's water. They then chose an overall winner.

Surprisingly, Black Mountain was their number one choice for its crisp, clean taste, although the status of their sample's potable-ness

has since come into question. Carson Meadows won an Honorable Mention.

The PhilNews thanks the chaplains for providing the cups and the food wall for providing the palette cleansers.

The Scorecard: Comments and Ratings from the Judges (scores out of five)

4 - Black Mountain "Best I've lived through." Steve Willis

3.75 - Carson Meadows "Subtle bouquet, slightly campy taste." John Van Dreese

3.75 - Clear Creek "Tastes like a Flintstones vitamin was in it." Jackie Clark

3.75 - Pueblano "Hike on to the next water source." Steve Willis

"Refreshing, the perfect aperitif for tropical GORP." John Van Dreese

3 - French Henry "I think this water had legs in it." Jackie Clark

"Used to anesthetize campers." Steve Willis

2.75 - Ponil "I don't know if it's the cup that tastes bad or if a diaper was in the bottle." Jackie Clark

2.75 - Fish Camp "What can I say? It's wet." John Van Dreese

"Don't go near a magnet after drinking this water. Avoid lightning storms." Steve Willis

2.5 - Clark's Fork "Neutral-- would be great with half-strength Gatorade and ibuprofen." Mark Anderson

2.5 - Harlan "Slight chlorine taste. I feel that this sample will be pure and great for washing clothes." Mark Anderson

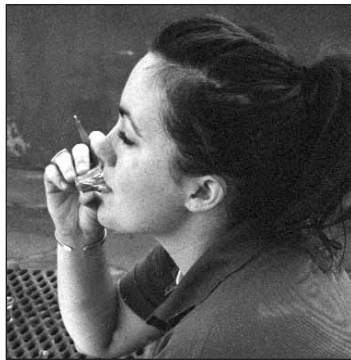
"Nails. Rusty nails. Very rusty nails." Steve Willis

2 - Cimarroncito "Certain piquant taste. Aftertaste to kill for." Steve Willis

Meet the Judges

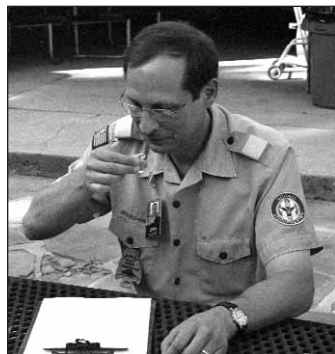
Jackie Clark
Backcountry Manager

Qualifications:
"I am made up mostly
of water, thus I am
an expert."



John Van Dreese
Associate Director
of Program

Qualifications:
"I've drunk water all
my life. A big fan."



Mark Anderson
Director of Program

Qualifications:
"Thirsty! Water is
always my second
choice when Dr.
Pepper is not avail-
able."

Steve Willis
Activities Manager

Qualifications:
"I have been drink-
ing water since birth
and am a very good
swimmer."



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From Ireland to Cimarron: Patrick Kelly

BY ERIC STANN

Philnews Staff

Patrick Kelly, a program counselor at Ponil from Waterford, Ireland, is one of Philmont's international staff members this summer. He talked with *PhilNews*'s Eric Stann about growing up as a Boy Scout in Ireland and working here at Philmont.

Why did you become a Boy Scout and what rank did you achieve?

My best friend when I was 12 years of age was in Scouting. One day I had his merit badge book and while I was flipping through it he said I should join Boy Scouts. I was hesitant, but then he bought me a uniform and gave it to me, and after that it was just history. I was in Boy Scouts.

I achieved the rank of Star Scout. I don't know what the equivalent of that is here. We have Tracker, Explorer, Star, National Scout, and then Chief Scout. Chief Scout is the same as Eagle Scout. Then there is one other award, the Melvin Award, which is only given out to eight people all in the same troop. While the other awards only focus on the individuals and what they can achieve, the Melvin Award focuses on your interaction with others. That competition has been going on for 50 to 60 years and our troop would always get in the top ten but we would never win. In 2000 my troop won it and eight of us got that.

What are the differences between the Boy Scouts in Ireland compared to those in the United States?

In Ireland it's on a much smaller scale. All total in the country we have about 52,000 Scouts altogether. There definitely doesn't seem to be such a good relationship between scout and

Scouting Alimnui in Ireland compared to here. So people who leave Scouting in Ireland don't really help out in the funding aspects compared to what I see here. Also there doesn't seem to be enough recognition for a Chief Scout compared to Eagle Scouts here. If you said to someone at home that you were a Chief Scout they wouldn't have a clue about what you were talking about. Another aspect that is lacking back in



Ireland is the emphasis on religion. There doesn't seem to be such a strong emphasis placed on religion at home as it is here. For example the National Catholic Committee on Scouting has the St. George Trek, and we don't have anything like that at home. My Scouting organization was the Catholic Scouts of Ireland, and recently we just merged in the last two years with the Scouting Association of Ireland which was non-denominational. So presently we are working on the religious programs but I don't know how far they have gone in that aspect of it.

As you were growing up in Ireland, were the Boy Scouts one of the major activities there for the youth?

I don't know about the youth in general. Our entire population in Ireland is only 5.2 million, and you could say 1.2 million of that is under the age of 16, but as I was saying we only had about 52,000 - 55,000 Scouts. So I don't know if it played a major role in what young people were doing. The main things people do is they play hurling - that's the national sport - and Gaelic football. Those are two main sports in which young people are involved in, if they are males. A lot of females take part in those events as well. Kids back home had a lot of things to do, same as they have here, but on a much smaller scale.

Do you have high adventure bases or summer camps in Ireland?

Not really. We have maybe three or four camps in the country owned by our Scouting Association. But then you have to remember Ireland is roughly the size of Maine, so we're tiny. Generally the troops will go somewhere in Ireland for the summer. They might rent a field or ask a farmer if they can use his land, and then set up camp there. Then they will find whatever there is to do locally around there. My troop went to England one summer for a summer camp. But my troop in Dublin is quite wealthy so generally they go someplace internationally every summer. Last summer they went to the Czech Republic and next summer they are going to go to the U.S. The only kind of high adventure trek we have is called a Mountain Pursuit Challenge. The Mountain Pursuit Challenge is four days, three nights of hiking. But it's nothing like spending ten days in the backcountry here at Philmont.

Why did you come to Philmont?

In 2003 I was working for the BSA at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation in Ohio, where I met the Rev. Rusty Cowden, who used to be a chaplain at Philmont for three years. So one day we were talking about Philmont and I was very interested in what he was saying so I applied to work here. I'm a medical student so I imagined I would be doing something in the Health Lodge. But then I received a FedEx package from Philmont saying that I would be working as a cowboy. I said, 'What? I don't know anything about cowboys!' and then they asked me to read about 20 books. But I'd like to say I'm very happy to be here at Ponil. We have electricity, gas, and cabins, and we're modern day. That's the main thing. We're not in a period of time where I can't shower or keep clean.

How do you like the types of western music here at Philmont compared to music in Ireland?

I'm kind of brainwashed here with western music. Back at home western music isn't really a big thing because we have our own pop and chart artists. Generally if I were home — I have to be honest — I wouldn't be listening to western music. But the girls at Ponil have taught me how to do western line dancing, and I'm pretty good at that I think.

Have you gotten to travel around Philmont this summer?

Yeah, I've been to a few places. I've been

to Miranda, Baldy Town, and French Henry, I hiked Baldy Mountain from there, and then on my last set of days I went hiking with a friend to Cyphers Mine — we stayed there overnight and didn't find any gold — and then from there we traveled to Sawmill, Cimarroncito, and down to Clark's Fork, where we had dinner. It was steak night.

What do you think of Philmont?

It's gigantic. There's so much variety in different places. Also I'm a radio celebrity. For example when I was in Clark's Fork eating dinner they recognized me as that guy that's always on the radio about the Health Lodge cases. Yeah I've had a few experiences like that which have been fun. In general, people are really nice at the backcountry camps.

How do you like working here at Philmont, so far away from home in Ireland?

I don't really have a problem being that far away from home. The only thing I miss about home while being here is not being able to know what is going on at home. I can't follow what goes on in the news at home, so whenever I'm back at base camp I'm always on the national news service website finding out what's been happening over there. I'm also the president of the medical society at home, so while

I'm here my committee has no contact with me except through e-mail. There's a lot of stuff that goes on for doctors and students during the summer, and I don't know what's going on. I also call my parents when I get down to base camp, but otherwise I don't think I miss much else about Ireland. Except lamb. We don't have lamb here. I want the Commissary to send up lamb here to Ponil so we can have roast lamb. Either that or I will go up to Rich Cabins and steal one.

What are your plans after working here at Philmont?

When I finish here on August 21, I fly back home to start work at St. Vincent's University Hospital in Dublin. I'm a med student, and I have to go back to school for another two years before I graduate as a medical doctor in general medicine. Then I plan on spending anywhere between eight to twelve years specializing in pediatric surgery.

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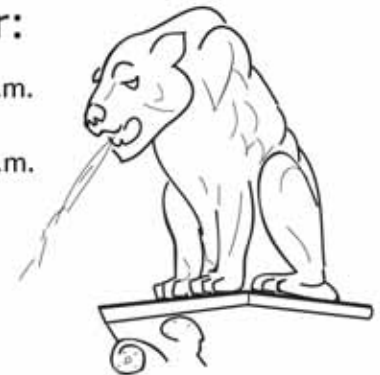
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Pictures of Omar the Camel and Villa Custom socks also available!

Leaving Early?

“If I leave earlier than my contracted last day, does it hurt my chances of getting hired next year?”

Yes, it very well may hurt your chances of being rehired, depending on the reason for your early departure and whether or not you followed Philmont’s procedures. If you must leave earlier than specified in your Terms of Seasonal Employment, you must provide written documentation from your school or employer. *Early Leave Requests* must be submitted by July 31 for consideration. Legitimate reasons for an early departure include: education, dormitory responsibility, school activity or job.

Any staff member who wishes to depart Philmont before August 10 is required to write a letter of resignation to accompany the *Early Leave Request* form. Such requests may jeopardize chances for re-employment, job choices, or recommendations, depending on the reasons given. Because the person you rode out here with is leaving early is not necessarily a valid reason for you to leave early. There are over 1,000 staff currently employed at Philmont and they come from all parts of the country...so look into sharing a ride with some one else or check into the availability of public transportation through our Logistics staff before you request an early leave. *Early Leave Request* forms are available through the personnel office at Camping Headquarters.

Philmont Fall & Winter Staff Opportunities

Don’t want to leave? Why not work at Philmont through the year!

Camping Headquarters is currently accepting applications for positions with the Autumn Adventure Program Staff, Fire Rehab Staff, Philmont Training Center Staff, Program Staff, Trading Post Staff, Dining Hall Staff and Kanik Winter Program Staff. Application forms are available at CHQ and should be **completed and returned by Wednesday, July 26th.**

Staff for **Autumn Adventure** will need to be available from approximately September 1 through October 31. Autumn Adventure is a Fall program that allows crews to plan a customized itinerary and hike the backcountry with a staff guide. Staff applicants who are also available to work the winter Kanik program are preferred.

Staff for **Kanik** will need to be available for training November 1 through 7, and for staffing the program from December 26 through March 31. Kanik is Philmont’s cold weather camping program and includes ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, hiking, use of winter tools and equipment.

Additionally, staff is needed for Tent Crew (August 22 through 31), Trading Post, Dining Hall, Training Center, and Wrangler.

This is a great opportunity to be a part of the “behind the scenes” action that makes the Philmont magic come alive. Applicants should understand that they will be expected to perform many different duties if hired for these positions. Please contact Betty Brown or John Van Dreesse at Camping Headquarters for an application or for more information.

SUBMITTED BY JOHN VAN DREESE
Associate Director of Program

What's Going On Around the World...

Israel, Hezbollah face off

On Wednesday, July 12, a crisis erupted in the Middle East when two Israeli soldiers were kidnapped by Hezbollah, a Syrian-backed militant group located in Lebanon. Israel immediately responded by bombing Hezbollah positions in southern Lebanon and moving troops into that area to create a buffer zone for the first time since 2000. The conflict escalated, and Israel continued air strikes on Lebanon every night, while 1,300 Hezbollah rockets were launched at cities in Israel. As of Tuesday, this exchange had led to the deaths of 25 Israelis and over 200 Lebanese. Tensions continue to run high after Iran threatened Israel with serious repercussions if it attacks Syria. The White House supports Israel's attempt to protect itself, while European leaders criticize Israel for using "disproportionate force." Tens of thousands of American and European citizens are evacuating Lebanon. In Israel, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert says the attacks will go on until two captured Israeli soldiers are freed, Hezbollah is disarmed and the Lebanese army controls the south of Lebanon.

Heat wave strikes US, Europe

Over the past week, high temperatures have swept across the United States and Europe, causing concern for heat-related deaths. At least 10 Americans, two Dutch and one French woman have died so far. In the United States, relief from the heat is expected by this weekend. In New York City, temperatures hit 95 in Central Park. Needles, California was the hottest spot in the nation, reaching 109 on Tuesday. In Britain, the government is taking extra measures to protect the elderly and other vulnerable citizens. The heat is threatening northern Europe's wheat crop just days before the harvest, causing prices to rise. In Holland, firefighters handed out water to drivers stuck in traffic jams.

One red paper clip = three-bedroom house?

One year ago, blogger Kyle MacDonald started with one red paper clip and the dream of owning his own home. He claimed that through the power of the internet he could trade up until he acquired a house. Using Craigslist, he first traded the paper clip for a fish-shaped pen. He kept going, and got a ceramic knob, a camping stove, a generator, a beer keg and Budweiser sign, a snowmobile, a trip to the Canadian Rockies, a supply truck, a recording contract and then a year's rent in Phoenix. Then Corbin Bernsen from "L.A. Law" stepped in and offered MacDonald a paid speaking role as a trade. MacDonald knew that to keep this odyssey pure, he would have to trade something worthwhile for the role, so he traded his year's rent for an afternoon with Alice Cooper. Then he took that and swapped it for a Kiss snow globe. This move may have shocked MacDonald's followers, but Bernsen has amassed a collection of 6,500 snow globes. MacDonald made the trade, and by this time, the town of Kipling, Saskatchewan, offered him the house, essentially in exchange for his fame. MacDonald will live there, writing a book and working on other projects.

Discovery safe back on Earth

The space shuttle *Discovery* and its six astronaut crew safely touched down Monday morning at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Mission control had raised weather concerns shortly before the landing, but gave the go-ahead to the crew at almost the last minute. Shuttle Commander Steve Lindsey said he and his crew accomplished the 13 day mission's two objectives - completing the post-*Columbia* testing of the shuttle and its redesigned fuel tank and preparing the way for NASA to restart building work on the International Space Station. *Discovery's* heat shield was examined shortly before re-entry using a laser and camera system,

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and when no signs of damage were revealed, the shuttle was given the clearance for re-entry. *Discovery's* flight was only the second space shuttle flight since the 2003 space shuttle *Columbia* disaster.

Bush uses expletive in conversation with Blair

At the Group of Eight summit Monday, Bush was caught off-guard when an open microphone picked up an expletive he used while conversing with British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Apparently Bush was not expecting an open mic to pick up his remarks to Blair about his frustration over the UN's stance on the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict. Bush told Blair, "See the irony is what they need to do is get Syria to get Hezbollah to stop doing this s*** and it's over." Earlier Monday, a call for the deployment of an international force in southern Lebanon to help calm the crisis was given by Blair and the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

Quake off Java triggers tsunami, 80 dead

At least 80 people were killed in a tsunami that was triggered by a major earthquake off the coast of Java at around 4:19 a.m. ET Monday. Red Cross officials

believe most of the deaths were caused by the tsunami, but some people may have died in the initial earthquake or trampled in the rush of people trying to scramble to higher ground as the waves approached. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center reported that a tsunami was generated but that it did not appear to be a widespread threat to the region. The hardest hit area by this tsunami was Pangandaran Beach, where officials recovered 38 bodies. According to the USGS, three major aftershocks were felt in the following three hours after the earthquake.

Runner-up in Mexico's election demands recount

Former Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador rallied hundreds of thousands to Mexico City this past weekend, for the second weekend in a row, in an effort to gather public support for the appeal of the official July 2 Mexico presidential election count. In the official count, president-elect Felipe Calderon led by about 244,000 votes, or roughly 0.6 percent. In a speech given in the capital's central square, Obrador called for his supporters to enact a peaceful civil resistance campaign.

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More World News!

FBI agent testifies to using terror suspect's help

An FBI agent testified Monday that the agency initially sought the help of terror suspect Jose Padilla to help prevent what intelligence sources called a possibly imminent al-Qaeda attack. Agent Russell Fincher testified at a pretrial hearing for Padilla that Padilla met him in May 2002 at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport believing Padilla could give him information on all of al-Qaeda's plans. During the five hour interview Padilla talked freely about his criminal past. But when his story didn't add up, Fincher asked Padilla to testify before a grand jury about his connections, and Padilla was later arrested on a material witness warrant. A month later Bush declared Padilla an "enemy combatant" which placed him in military custody. Padilla stayed in custody until November, when he was charged in an existing terrorist case. Fincher testified in this trial's pre-trial hearing.

Suicide ruled cause of death in NY building blast

Dr. Nicholas Bartha died late Saturday from burns suffered in a July 10 explosion at his Manhattan town house. His cause of death was ruled a suicide, said a spokeswoman for the New York City medical examiner. He was suspected of blowing up his town house in order

to avoid selling it in a divorce settlement. He was the lone occupant in the house when it blew up, the apparent result of a tampered gas line leading into the home's basement. Police are investigating whether or not the tampered gas line, which allowed gas vapors to flow freely for hours, caused the explosion. Even though Bartha was pulled alive from the rubble, police were unable to speak to him at the hospital before he died because he was placed into a medically induced coma. In an e-mail days before the blast, Bartha warned his wife that he would only leave the house if he was dead. Bartha lived and worked in the four story building.

Long time pianist for Sinatra dies at age 91

Bill Miller, the pianist who accompanied Frank Sinatra for more than 40 years, died last Tuesday while being hospitalized in Montreal for a heart attack and a hip injury. He was 91. Miller began his long relationship with Sinatra in 1951. For the past eight years he had been working with Frank Sinatra Jr, who called Miller, "the greatest singer's pianist there ever was." Meredith Miller, Bill Miller's daughter, said Miller helped Sinatra translate the notes on the page into memorable songs.




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Congress, White House set to collide over stem cells

The U.S. Senate is expected to pass the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, which would remove limits to federal funding for stem cell research enacted by President Bush in 2001; the bill has already been passed by the House. The White House has promised to veto the bill — Bush's first veto in five and a half years as President. Polls show that about two-thirds of Americans support stem cell research, which is said to have enormous potential for medical research, including the possible cures for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other neurological diseases. Former first lady Nancy Reagan appealed to lawmakers on behalf of her late husband, who died of Alzheimer's in 2004. Opponents of the bill say that destroying human embryos for scientific research is immoral. Neither body of Congress is expected to muster the two-thirds majority necessary to override the President's veto. Two other bills are also in the works: the first would promote research on stem cells derived from sources other than embryos; the second would ban so-called "fetal farming," the practice of developing fetuses then aborting them to use for scientific research. Both bills face little or no opposition, and are expected to be signed by the President.

Cruise ship accident injures 93

The *Crown Princess* tipped sharply off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Florida injuring 93 passengers, 16 of them seriously. The ship was headed for New York when it developed a rudder problem. It took a "heavy roll" and listed hard to one side only two hours after its departure from Port Canaveral. Chaos ensued, with tables overturned, broken glass and frenzied passengers. Witnesses say people were running for life jackets and scrambling to find children. Princess Cruise Lines, which runs the *Crown Princess*, said the ship is still watertight and passengers were safe onboard while the ship remains docked at Port Canaveral. The *Crown Princess* was on a nine-day tour of the western Caribbean that began in New York and was on its last port of call before returning there.

Doctor, nurses face murder charges from Katrina

A doctor and two nurses are accused of administering lethal drug cocktails to four patients in the chaos following Hurricane Katrina at a flooded New Orleans hospital. Four patients were given lethal doses of morphine two days after Katrina hit on August 29. They are facing charges of second-degree murder.



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ESPY Award Winners

Lance Armstrong became the first athlete to host the ESPY Awards. He also won the Top Male Athlete Award for the fourth consecutive year. The Top Female Athlete went to golf star Annika Sorenstam for the eighth time. Tiger Woods topped them both with his 17th ESPY's, as he was named Best Golfer. The Pittsburgh Steelers reunited with Ben Rothlisberger, in his first major public appearance since the motorcycle accident, as they accepted Best Team award. Head Coach of the Steelers, Bill Cowher also won the ESPY for Best Coach. Albert Pujols, Shaun Alexander, and Shaun White all took home two ESPYs. Pujols, the St. Louis Cardinal slugger won Best Baseball Player and Best International Athlete. Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander won Best Football Player and Best Record-Setting Performance, for the 28 touchdowns he scored this season. Gold Metal winning snowboarder, Shaun White was named best U.S. Olympian and Best Male Action Sport Athlete.

But even in the presence of numerous stars, the night may have belonged to Jason McElwain, the autistic basketball manager from Greece Athena High School in upstate New York, who won the Best Moment Award for his 20 point performance in his teams last game of the season. He played four minutes, after managing all season. He hit six three-pointers, and was carried off the court by his teammates and the fans.

Other winners included, USC vs. Texas in the Rose Bowl; Best Game, Vince Young; Best Championship Performance, Chris Paul, New Orleans Hornets' Best Championship Performance, Tedy Bruschi, New England Patriots; Best Comeback. Best Male College Athlete; Reggie Bush, USC, Dwayne Wade, Miami Heat; Best NBA Player, Sheryl Swoopes, Houston Comets; Best WNBA Player, Roger Federer; Best Male Tennis Player, Venus Williams; Best Female Tennis Player, Best MLS Player; Landon Donovan, Ronaldinho, Brazil, Best Soccer Player, Best NHL Player; Jaromir Jagr, New York Rangers, Best Boxer; Oscar De La Hoya, and Best Driver; Tony Stewart.

Yankees closer Mariano Rivera reaches milestone

With two runners on and no outs in the eighth inning, 54 thousand Yankee fans roared as the game's best closer, Mariano Rivera entered the game. Rivera became only the fourth player in baseball history to record his four hundredth save after getting out of two jams and recording six outs. He has the most saves all with one team, almost 100 more than anyone. If he continues his dominance, and outstanding clutch performance, he will be arguably the best closer in history.

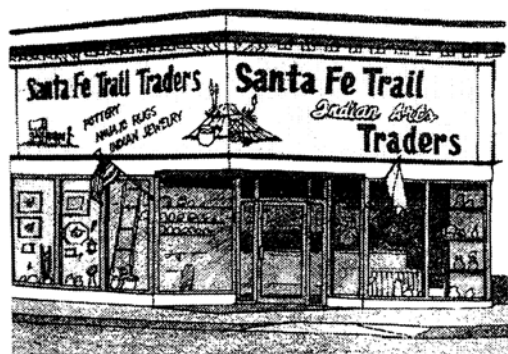
With the win, the Yankees completed their first sweep of the defending World Champion Chicago White Sox since 2002. Over the same stretch of time, the Red Sox dropped three out of four to the Oakland A's, allowing the Yankees to come within just half a game from the division lead.

Tour de France

On the Tour's last rest day, after 1,664 miles of racing, the 156 cyclists, who survived crashes and scorching heat are able to rest aching muscles, nurse scrapes and sores, and focus on the 607 miles to the finish line in Paris, and the next three crucial days in the Alps.

American Floyd Landis relinquished the lead to Oscar Peneiro of Spain, but remains in second place, trailing by only 1 minute 29 seconds. He figured that holding the lead would put too much pressure on his team, he let it go a cou-

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ple days before the rest day and hopes to catch Peneiro in the last three mountain time trials. He has beat Peneiro in the two time trials they've raced thus far. Landis will have until Saturday to reclaim the yellow-jersey. He will have added motivation from ex-teammate and Tour Champ Lance Armstrong being in attendance cheering on him on in his bid to keep the Tour de France Crown in America.

USA Soccer Coach will not return

In a move that nearly every American soccer fan could see coming since the World Cup, USA Soccer Coach Bruce Arena was officially released. Many knew that without a deep run in the World Cup, Arena's days were nearing end. Arena had a successful 12 year run with the US team, but most feel that it is far too much time for any coach. Aside from that, the ideal replacement has become available and just returned to the United States. Although Juergen Klinsmann quit coaching the German team last Wednesday, while fighting through tears at the farewell press conference, insisted he had no interest in taking the US national team job, experts say it is almost a "sure bet" that he will be the new coach and leader of US Soccer. The delay in accepting this position is out of respect for the German fans and players that he left last week. US Soccer President, Sunil Gulati said, the team needs a newness, a freshness, and a new voice from the sidelines; the US can't afford not to hire Klinsmann and must do everything in its power to make it happen.

MLB Standings

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Boston	56	36	.609	-	6-4
NY Yankees	55	36	.604	0.5	9-1
Toronto	52	41	.559	4.5	5-5
Baltimore	44	52	.458	14.0	5-5
Tampa Bay	39	55	.415	18.0	2-8
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Detroit	62	31	.667	-	6-4
Chicago Sox	58	34	.630	3.5	5-5
Minnesota	52	40	.565	9.5	6-4
Cleveland	41	52	.441	21.0	2-8
Kansas City	32	61	.344	30.0	3-7
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Oakland	49	45	.521	-	5-5
LA Angels	48	45	.516	0.5	9-1
Texas	48	46	.511	1.0	6-4
Seattle	44	50	.468	5.5	2-8

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
NY Mets	56	37	.602	-	7-3
Atlanta	45	47	.479	11.5	9-1
Philadelphia	42	50	.457	13.5	4-6
Florida	41	51	.446	14.5	5-5
Washington	40	55	.421	17.0	3-7
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
St. Louis	52	41	.559	-	7-3
Cincinnati	49	45	.521	3.5	5-5
Milwaukee	46	49	.484	7.0	4-6
Houston	45	49	.479	7.5	3-7
Chi Cubs	36	56	.391	15.5	6-4
Pittsburgh	33	62	.347	20.0	4-6
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
San Diego	50	43	.538	-	7-3
LA Dodgers	47	47	.500	3.5	3-7
San Francisco	47	47	.500	3.5	4-6
Arizona	46	47	.495	4.0	6-4
Colorado	45	48	.484	5.0	2-8



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7/22 **Panic! At the Disco** - 8 p.m., Fillmore Auditorium, Denver

7/23 **Widespread Panic** - 4 p.m., Winter Park Resort, Winter Park

7/25 **Rascal Flatts** - 7 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood

7/28 **311** - 7 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

7/29 **Ween / Flaming Lips** - 7 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

7/31 **Steely Dan / Michael McDonald** - 7:30 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

8/02 **Soul2Soul II with Tim McGraw and Faith Hill** - 7:30 p.m., Pepsi Center, Denver

8/06 **Death Cab for Cutie** - 8 p.m., Fillmore Auditorium, Denver

8/07 **Death Cab for Cutie** - 8 p.m., Fillmore Auditorium, Denver

8/09 **Nickelback** - 8 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood

8/15 **Family Values Tour 2006 / KBPI Infest with Korn, Deftones, and more** - 4:30 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood

8/15 **Def Leppard / Journey** - 7:30 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

8/18 **Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Mars Volta** - 7:30 p.m., Pepsi Center, Denver

8/26 **Trapt and Seether** - 8 p.m., Colorado State Fair, Pueblo

8/28 **Earth, Wind & Fire** - 7:30 p.m., CityLights Pavilion, Denver

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~*Marshall McLuhan*

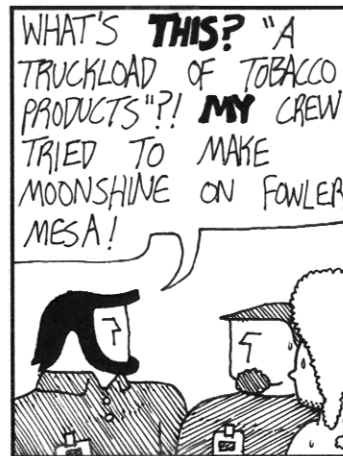
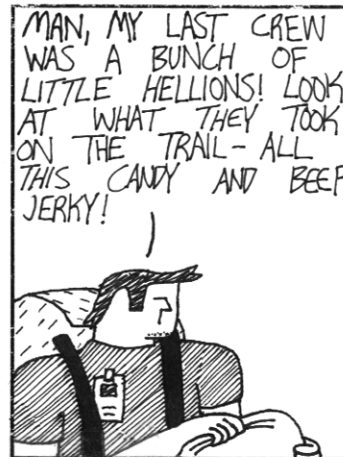
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This year the PSA will give out five \$1,000 scholarships. The purpose of the scholarships are to assist current staffers coming back next year that might need more money for school than what a Philmont salary provides.

Requirements

1. **Must complete the application and the rest of the requirements by August 21. In the application the selection committee is specifically looking at the two short answer essays and the recommendation from the applicant's current Philmont manager.**
2. **Must be a current PSA member. If the applicant is not a member, please see the information on page 19 of the *PhilNews*.**
3. **Must be a current 2006 Philmont staff member.**
4. **Must turn in a 2007 Philmont Staff Application before leaving the Ranch for the summer.**
5. **The selection committee meets September 15–17 to make the decisions.**
6. **The scholarship goes directly to the educational institution, usually in October.**
7. **If the applicant is working in the backcountry, he or she can I-camp the PSA to request an application.**
8. **Previous winners can apply if they meet all the above requirements.**

629-M3	Buffalo Trails	9	3	10:00 AM	Pete Lammie
629-M4	Buffalo Trails	8	4	10:00 AM	Josh Gehman
629-N	Dan Beard	8	3	8:00 AM	Heather Wilson
629-O	Central Wyoming	?	?	?	Patrick
629-P1	South Plains	7	4	9:00 AM	Sean Casey
629-P2	South Plains	7	5	9:00 AM	Judd Walker
629-Q1	Baltimore Area	8	4	8:00 AM	Maryanne Pickett
629-Q2	Baltimore Area	9	3	8:00 AM	Stuart Miller
629-Q3	Baltimore Area	9	3	8:00 AM	Mike Crawford
629-R	Coronado	?	?	?	Matt
629-S	Greater Southwest	9	3	11:00 AM	Tim Summers



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Medium

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Hard

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	6				4	9		
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	5				1		3	
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Category (Circle One):

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Staff Activity	Camper Activity
Sunrise & Sunset	Double H
Humor (no vulgarity)	Black & White
Digital Creations	

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Across

1. canis latrons
5. state tree
8. ____ or
Consequences
10. secret city
11. NM state
park
13. Home of the
Rams
16. nearest
Wal-Mart loca-
tion
18. New Mexico
politically
19. Here's to
Thee
23. ski resort
town
26. desert mon-
ster
27. state capital
28. symbol on
the flag
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Taos and Las
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32. sandy
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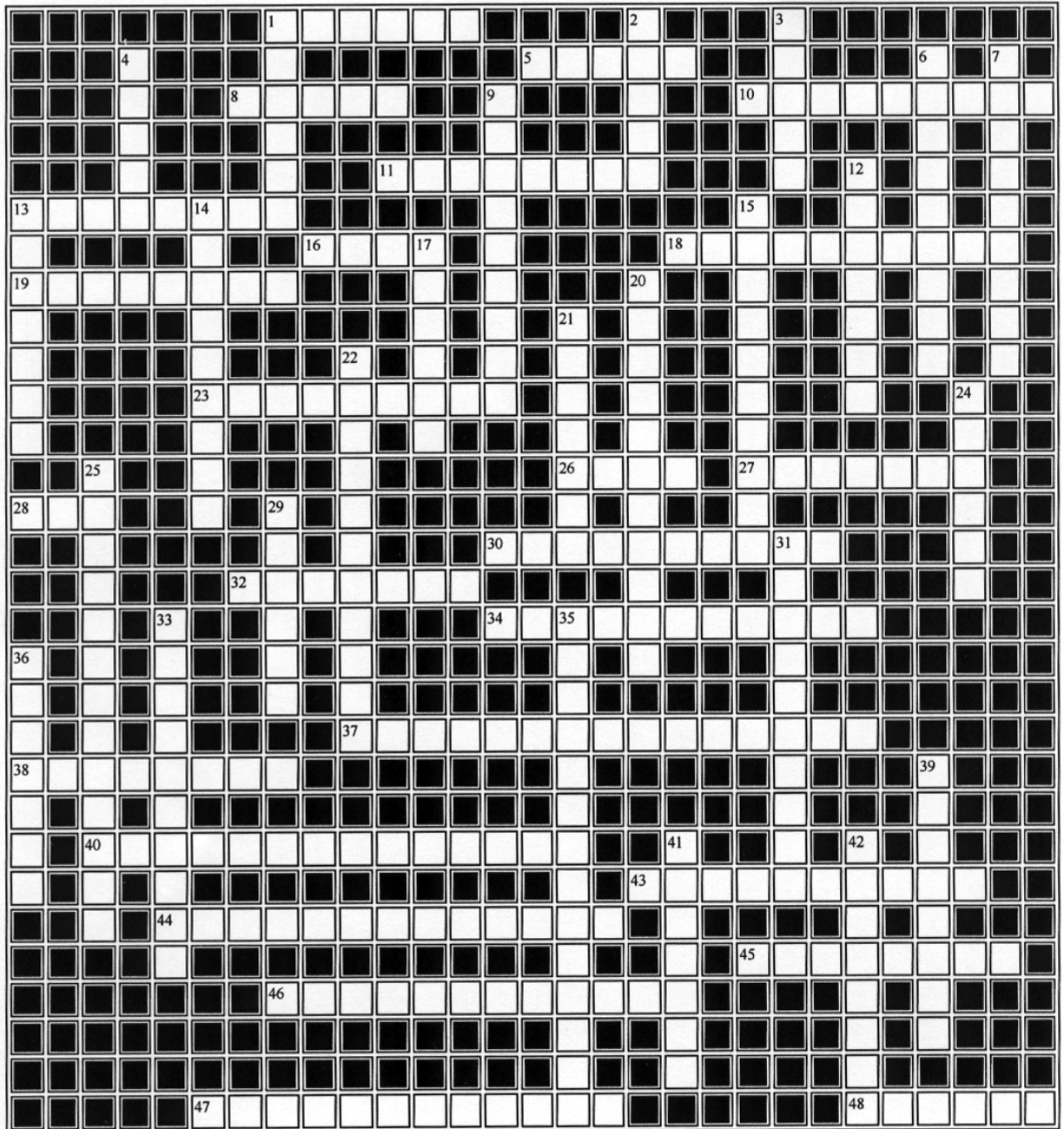
27. Taos, Red
River, Angelfire
38. land pirate's
transportation
40. our branch
of the Rockies
43. NM National
Monument
44. state's largest lake
45. source of energy source
46. continent crossers' path
47. star with house in Taos
48. nearby ghost town

Down

1. national forest
2. UNM mascot
3. mud bricks

4. state flower
6. canyon attraction
7. Native American god with flute
9. NM gem
12. NM town visited by aliens
13. nearby volcano
14. big river
15. Governor Bill _____
17. watermelon national labs
20. alliterative cactus
21. cause of extreme fire danger

22. most populous city
24. artist who loved New Mexico
25. world famous attraction
29. descendants of the Anasazi
31. famous export
33. state bird
35. state fish
36. cliff dwellers
39. rapidly spreading blaze
41. highest peak
42. site of the Caverns



Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS)

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The program cost is only \$370. The Scouts will hike approximately 150 miles throughout the entire Ranch and into the Valle Vidal National Forest. Conservation projects will be done in different locations. Projects include trail building, streambed management and meadow encroachment. There are five sessions this summer and openings are still available for each. Treks are not coed but there are sessions available for both genders. There are four male sessions and one female session. Dates for the male crews are 6/17, 7/8, and 7/15; the date for the female crew is 7/22. Shuttles from Denver, Albuquerque, and Raton are available if needed.

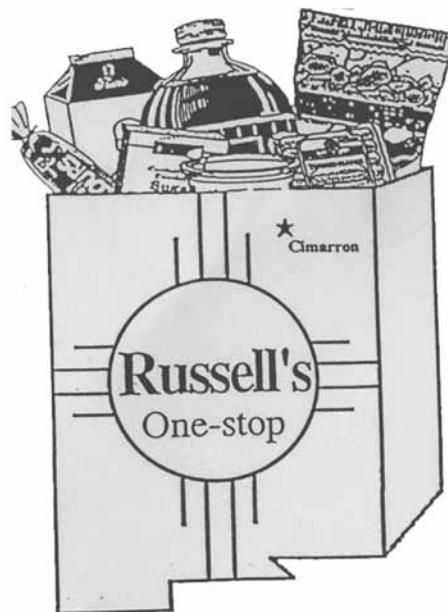
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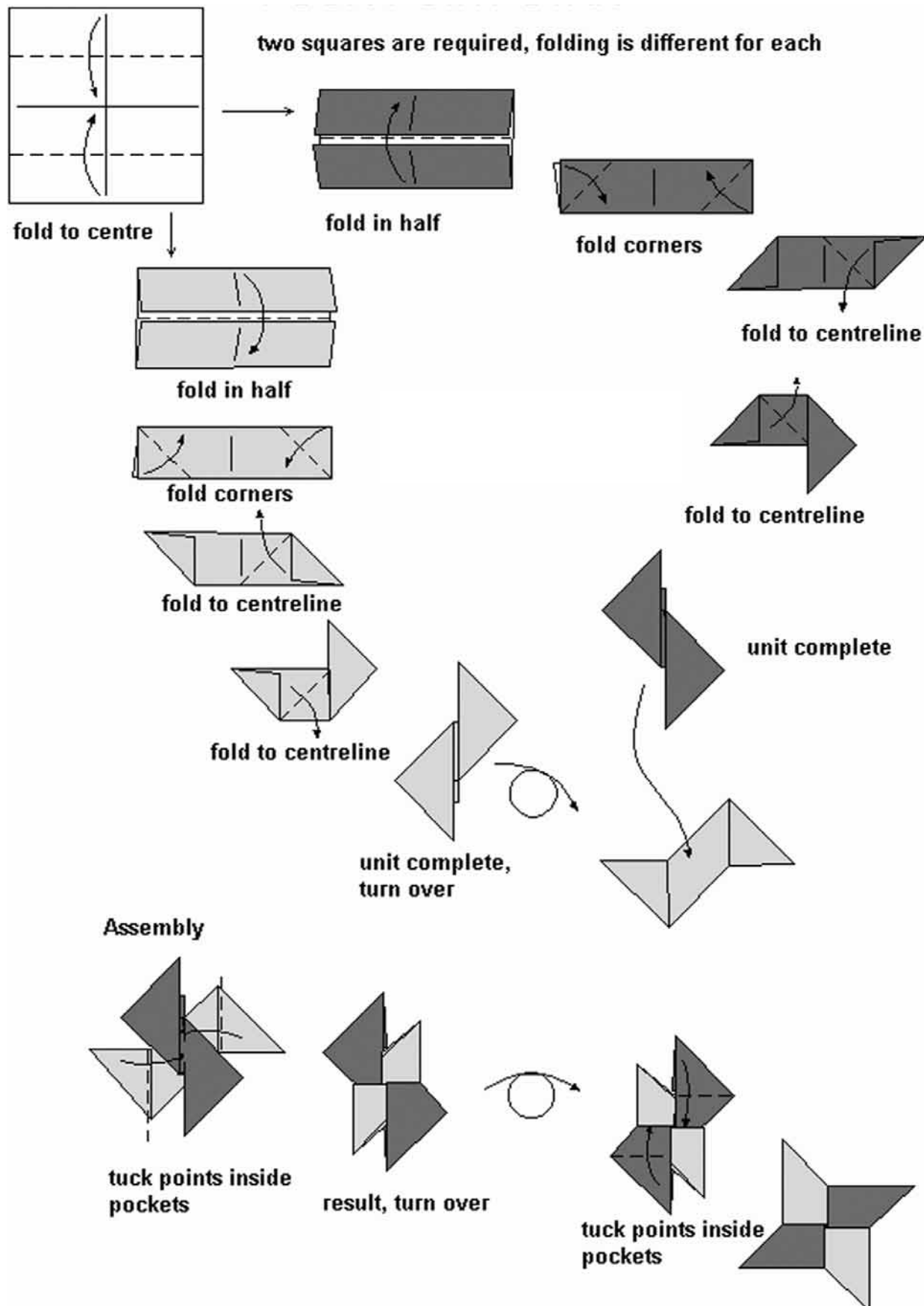
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Everything we learn is useful

BY RICHARD DAVIES

Protestant Chaplain

We all know that the biblical King David started as a shepherd, and we all know that he was well known as a musician and singer/songwriter.

Have you ever thought about the connection between these two facts and about their significance?

Watching sheep on a lonely mountainside was a boring job. David had to make a decision. He could just sit and be bored, and in the process become a boring person, or he could use the time to develop a skill. If he chose to develop a skill, he had to choose what skill to develop.

I've been reading a book about cowboy songs, and that book points out that not all cowboys sang during their lonely, boring nights.

All they had to do was keep some noise going so that the cattle, being used to noise, wouldn't get spooked when they heard some unexpected natural noise.

Some cowboys practiced singing, but some cowboys practiced their cussing. Either kind of noise was effective with the cows.

I suppose David could have spent his time cussing at the sheep instead of singing to them. The sheep wouldn't have known the difference. David decided to practice singing.

He also decided to practice with the slingshot, and he got to be pretty good with both skills. Probably all he was doing was trying to fight boredom, but these skills became vital to his subsequent career.

Of the two skills, music was more important than fighting. Before David

became king, the king was a man named Saul. King Saul had mental problems, and today we would have a name for his problems.

We might call his problem "depression," or we might call it something else, but in our time we have a lot more names for mental problems than they did in ancient times. Back then they just said he had an "evil spirit."

They knew one thing about it, and the thing they knew was that music helped Saul when he felt bad.

Music was hard to get, though. They didn't have recordings back then. The only way to have music was to have someone play it on an instrument.

So King Saul's advisors looked for someone they could get to come and play a musical instrument for the king.

The person they found was David.

The advisors came to King Saul and this is what they said about him: He is "a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the Lord is with him." (I Samuel 16:18)

All of these qualities were important for the future King David, but the skill that got him into the palace was music. He didn't have an easy time becoming king (read the story in the biblical books of First and Second Samuel), but without the music he wouldn't have had a chance to become king.

We are often disappointed when we reach out to seize an opportunity. In the Boy Scout program, we dream of going to summer camp to work on a particular merit badge, but the class is full and we have to fall back to our second choice.



In college we want to take particular class, but it is full, so we have to take second choice.

At Philmont we want a certain job, but we get assigned to a second choice.

When this happens, pause to say a prayer asking that God will bless your second choice.

Ask God to help you develop skills that will make you more useful to God in the future. Maybe God wanted you to have the second choice for a good reason.

After all, not many people put "shepherd" at the top of their list of possible career choices. David had potential to do a lot more than sit on a rock watching sheep. God wanted him to watch sheep so he could develop skills that God would need him to have.

If you ask me, I can tell you about times in my life that God has pushed me into a second choice, and then God has used the skills that I never intended to develop. Thank God for all skills.

All chapel services are held every night at 7 p.m.

Father Kevin M. Smith Catholic Chaplain

Fr. Kevin has been a Scout since the age of 8. Fr. Kevin first came to Philmont in 1990 when bishop appointed him to be the Diocesan Scouting Chaplain. He came for training at PTC and was invited over to the Camping side to lead services and he has been hooked ever since. In 1992 he came back to be an advisor on the St. George Trek, the first Catholic Youth Leadership Trek. Every year since then he has been on staff as a Philmont Chaplain and is now Director of the St. George Trek, which takes place every two years.

Fr. Kevin is a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on Long Island, New York. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on June 4, 1988 and is currently the pastor of the Church of St. Francis de Sales in Patchogue, New York. Fr. Kevin is also a Fire Chaplain. On September 11, 2001 he responded to the World Trade Center as the second tower was collapsing. He spent many weeks working with the rescuers at Ground Zero and in the months that followed he led many memorials and funerals for the friends

and parishioners he lost that day. He is a specialist in Acute Traumatic Stress Management counseling. He holds a BA in Psychology, a Master of Divinity Degree, and is also an Emergency Medical Technician.



Fr. Kevin is a member of the Executive Board of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting since 1992. He is the Region 2 Chaplain with responsibility for the dioceses in New York State and Puerto Rico. As the director of the St. George Trek, Fr. Kevin brings together Catholic youth from all over the country to meet each other and hike together and to learn more about Christian leadership and what God may be calling them to do with their lives. It has been, and will continue to be, a very rewarding experience.

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~ *Emily Dickinson*

CHQ Activities Calendar

Friday	July 21	Kickball	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 22	Movie Night	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	July 23	Basketball	8:00 p.m.
Monday	July 24	Bratwurst	11 - 1 p.m.
Tuesday	July 25	Movie Night	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 26	Tie dye	3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 27	Ice cream Night	8:00 p.m.
Friday	July 28	Frisbee	8:00 p.m.

PTC Evening Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Opening Program 8:15	Handicrafts 6:30 Cracker Barrel 7:00	Western Night 6:30	Movie Night 7:30	Handicrafts 6:30 Cracker Barrel 7:00	Closing Program 7:30	No events scheduled

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