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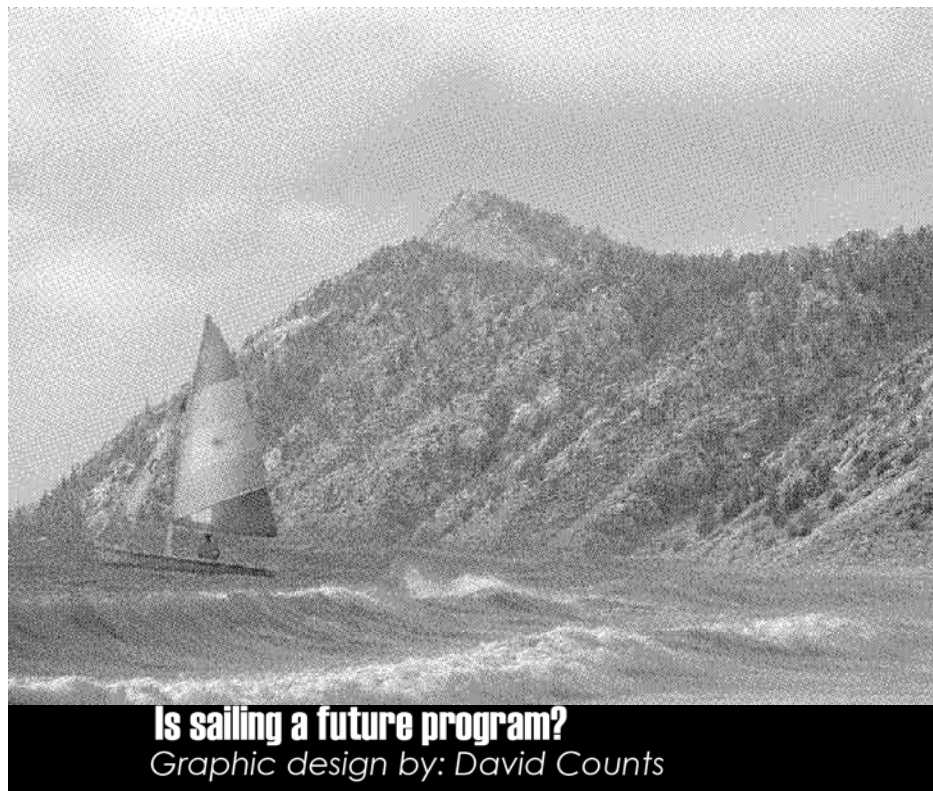
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Burning down the house with global warming.
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Editor's Note

By Margaret Hedderman, Philnews Manager

Apparently there's this thing called Global Warming; which threatens all life as we know it. I don't say this for dramatic effect – it's fact, or, at least a good deal of the world's population believes it to be. Whether you're next on the list for a smart car or getting the new H3 in Midnight Blue, we all share the common interest of protecting Philmont from disaster – natural or man-made.

From cutting back on the number of miles driven by Phil-vehicles to installing solar panels to introducing a recycling program, everyone seems to be more environmentally conscious these days – including the Philnews. That's why we've dedicated this issue solely to our natural habitat not because it's cool to be "green," but because we'd rather not see the Tooth of Time underwater. Okay, that was a bit dramatic, but already some Pacific islands are beginning to disappear because of rising sea levels.

Let's leave politics out of this. That's a whole other debate none of us would like to get into. Our sole purpose in this issue is to enlighten and inform on an issue that is not just Philmont-wide, but worldwide. So, please, read and enjoy with an open mind.

Mule Days



Photo by: Chris Dunn

By Robert Griffin

Mule Days started slowly on Friday, and our New Mexican weather presented some problems.

The day was mostly reserved for the vendors of the area to stop in and set up shop. With omnipresent horses, mules, and bison around and country music playing in the background, local craftsmen and women sold their goods; everything from handmade magnets to lovely turquoise necklaces. Miami, New Mexico's own Gene Klein — husband of Villa Philmonte curator Nancy Klein — was there displaying his intricate and gorgeous custom silver work. The Angel Fire Resort also had a kiosk set up, selling New Mexican merchandise, ranging from posters to t-shirts. One patron remarked that the resort's appearance helped lend more far-reaching legitimacy for the festival.

Unfortunately, the high winds that had been plaguing the Ranch over the last several weeks also plagued the event. Several kiosks were blown over in the weather — one irreparably damaged — while

vendors struggled to keep their tents and wares in place. A scheduled mounted shooting competition never seemed to get off the ground, and by late afternoon, only a handful of visitors and vendors remained at the rodeo grounds.

The day ended with even more stress, as the evening's mounted shooting demo and parade line-up was interrupted when one performer suffered from health problems. Ambulances and medical staff had to be called in, but all appeared okay. Despite the problems of first day, the Mule Days folks were in high spirits as the sun set and looking forward to another day of celebration.

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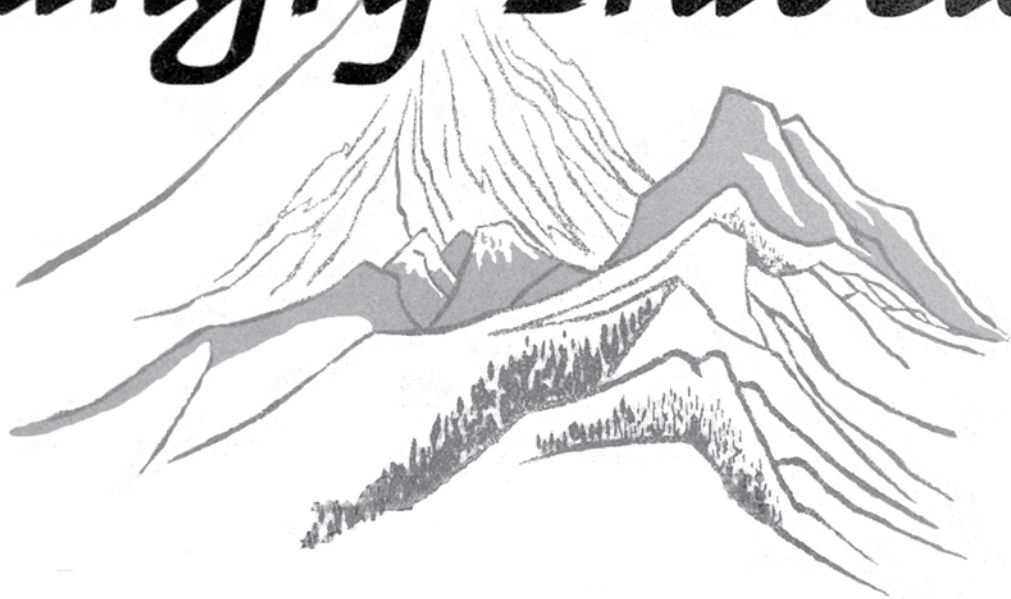
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What we've done so far

By Robert Griffin

It should go without saying that one of Philmont's priorities is to protect its precious resource, the backcountry. Though there is so much more to Philmont than the backcountry program, it is undoubtedly what the Ranch is most widely known for and great attention is focused on keeping it safe and healthy. Protection goes beyond just Leave No Trace practices or staying on trails, and it's not just the responsibility of management, but of anyone who uses the land.

Philmont has had to play a little catch up in those regards, however. Forest maintenance in the 1960s produced some questionable results, and the Ranch Committee imposed something of a ban on such activities until 1994. Since the moratorium has been lifted, ranch management has been working to make the woods healthy again.

"Forest practices have changed since the 60s and 70s as well," said Director of Program, Mark Anderson, "Which has improved the ability and care and the requirements that go into a timber project. Since 1994, every year we've done some timber treatment activity. Our focus has been to reduce the forest conditions around staff camps primarily."

In that time, they have also worked to reduce the amount of fuel found on the ground, making the woods less of a fire hazard. Additionally, the Ranch has worked to rehabilitate the burned areas of the North Country from the 2002 Ponil fire. While fire has caused problems in the past, it is also a healthy process for keeping the backcountry maintained.

"When you don't do prescribed burns, you've taken out a natural cycle – of our type of forest primarily," Anderson said. "So we have to do that carefully and that's a part of our timber treatment."

Protection of the land is chiefly the responsibility of the Conservation Department. Cons, along with its many sub-departments, is charged with taking care of, sustaining and building upon the backcountry. A number of treks help to build trails, while Work Crews help maintain those trails and the various Conservationists help with everything from reintroducing cutthroat trout to fighting erosion.

Conservation is also working to make a new generation of conservation-minded individuals who can help maintain the outdoors. The Roving Outdoor Conservation School – or ROCS – educates youth on the skills that help them to take care of the land and also leave no trace.

And beginning this summer, Philmont has created the position of Sustainable Resource Specialist within the department. The role, filled in 2007 by third-year staffer Jess Wertz, puts someone in charge of maintaining Philmont for the long term and minimizing the Ranch's carbon footprint.

Director of Conservation Cliff Galle does not believe Philmont's focus has changed with the creation of the position, however. He feels the programs Philmont has had in place for some time are merely being brought to the attention of the general staffer with Wertz's help. Solar panels, for instance, have long been

found in the backcountry.

"A lot of people tend not to think about that," Galle said. "They look at aluminum cans and things which over the years aren't being dealt with. But there's a lot of other activities that we do [for sustainability]."

Wertz points out that Philmont already has a form of recycling everywhere: the swap box. Those ever-present sources of free hand-me-down food are a great way to recycle left overs and participants and staff should make sure they are using them.



Keeping cutthroat trout happy and healthy with streambed restoration.

Photo by: Josh Feather, 2006.

The long-standing itinerary system helps spread the load of campers, minimizing impact, and Philmont is continually adding new camps – Anderson estimates nine new camps in as many years – to increase capacity and minimize wear and tear.

In addition to their internal practices, Philmont also partners with an organization known as the Sustainable Forest Initiative, a group of private, state and county forests who follow a set of guidelines to help establish a plan for sustainability.

“In our case,” Anderson said, “we established seven priorities of which program was the number one. Our forests are here for recreation, how do we make them healthy for recreation? And that’s always in the forefront of any timber activity that happens as you try to increase the sustainability of your forest land.”

It is also important for all of us to assist management and the Cons department in protecting the wilderness. There are a number of ways that we as users can assist in helping maintain our beloved backcountry.

“Be mindful of your LNT practices and be mindful of where designated camp sites are,” Galle said. “And hike on proper trails and don’t create new trails. If there’s a designated trail, stay on that trail. Because we want to keep the impact to a small inkling. Like in LNT they say ‘durable surfaces,’ and we’re trying to maintain a durable surface for you to walk on, and if you’re meandering off to different areas then that’s creating several impacted surfaces.”

Additionally, when camping, make sure to follow your bear procedures and camp in designated sites. Also, with our lack of extreme fire danger this season, we have the opportunity to build camp fires. Not only is this a rare treat for those who have been here a while, but it is a way to assist Philmont in keeping down the level of burnable fuel found on the ground, reducing the risk of fire.

The biggest help, however, is to keep track of any problem conditions you see in the backcountry – be it eroded trail or downed bear cables – and report

the problem and the location accurately to Conservation to help them maintain the land.

Though helping to sustain the backcountry may not be in our exact job titles, as long as we hope to use it, it’s our responsibility.

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Solar Adventures with Gary Richards

By Jordon Shinn

The road is so bumpy my that notes look like chicken scratch. Then we pass a sign - "Danger, Firearms In Use, Keep Out," on our right. We must be getting close. At 12:58 p.m., we arrive at Harlan, our first destination, and the main reason for my tagging along: this camp has a particularly complicated solar panel system, and is a great example of how they work.

Driving the truck is Philmont's Electrician, Gary Richards. As we pull up, it begins to pour; rain and hail pound the truck. "These ones will hurt," Richards says. He and his assistant, Nate Frastaci, jump out while me and my photographer, Andrew "Axe Man" Tyler, struggle to put on our rain gear before stepping out into the storm. I'm glad I don't have to carry the camera.

The cabin is dark and full of the camp's staff members. I find Richards and Frastaci at the sink checking the chlorine level in the water; a state regulation. Then I notice a girl, the Harlan camp director, Shelly Mann, standing nearby. "We had a horrible week last week with our showers," she says.

"Oh what, you don't like your water system," Richards replies, with a coy smile. After checking the chlorine level of the water in a small beaker, he pulls out a small cup to take a sample. Looking on, Axe Man accidentally stands in front of the light coming in from a back door, causing Gary to pour too much water into the cup. "It's got to be filled to the exact line," he says, pouring the cup out, throwing it in the trash and grabbing another one

from his bag. He came prepared.

By 1:06 p.m., he pulls out a yellow sheet of paper and begins filling it out. "Government paperwork here," he says. "Let's get this stuff out of the way; do the fun stuff first." Then to Mann he says, "Someone will be here in July, and someone will be here in August to take the same samples."

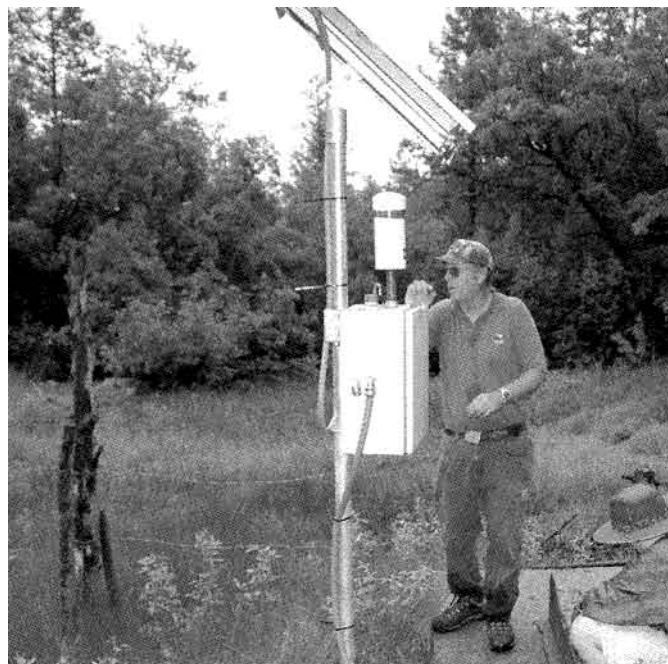
After that it's on to the fridge. "All your cold air is coming off these metal rods in the back," Richards tells Mann, as he explains how best to stock the fridge. As I listen, Mann says that one of her fridges isn't working. "Other than that, the other fridge runs great," she says.

Then Richards begins to examine the radios. "You've got one of the upgraded retro. systems, and should not have an problems as far as radio power," Richards says. "These things are so overbuilt."

I came here to explore the solar panels, and already I am beginning to see how the system works. The water is pumped from a nearby well by a solar powered pump, and these refrigerators and radios are also powered by solar energy.

Philmont installed its first solar panel 28 years ago as a test, just to see if they worked or not, "because the solar industry at that point was in its infancy," Richards explained in an earlier conversation. "30 years ago, we were running gas driven pumps in the backcountry."

And he would know. He's been a full time staff member at Philmont for 30 years and worked as a seasonal staff member for seven years prior to that. He's seen it all. Now there are 39 solar powered pump systems in operation in the backcountry, used to pump water



Gary Richards and Jordon Shinn with a solar panel.
Photo by: Andrew "Axe Man" Tyler

out of wells as far as 600 ft. deep, purify it, store it into water tanks and pump it to staff cabins. Other systems power radios, lights and refrigerators. We now move back out into the rain toward the reload shed, 30 yards away, to check its control panel. An array of solar panels sits on its roof. Just inside the door to the right is a large wooden chest, and above it on the wall is the solar power control panel. Richards removes the lock from the chest and opens the hatch. Four 12-volt solar batteries sit inside. "It's the only time you'll see these, Shelly," he says to Mann, who thought the box contained equipment for her camp.

Richards then looks at the control panel, "With all the lights on, we're drawing 8.8 amps." He says. "Basic principle says you got on this system roughly four to five hours a day, which is plenty."

"Yeah, we really only use them to clean up," Mann says. And as far as the battery chest and control panels go, "We don't touch any of it," Mann said. "All those boxes are locked and we don't have the keys to any of it."

Moving off the porch, we continue our inspection. The storm has stopped, and looking up at the cabin roof, I see another set of solar panels. These ones must power the fridge and the radio system.

"So we're going up to the water tank," Richards says, as we begin to move across the field in front of the cabin towards the nearby woods. The grass is ankle high and the ground is soaked. "Uh, I'm in sandals," Mann says, hesitating. Nor does she have on a raincoat. But after a moment, she shrugs it off, deciding to trudge on.

Reaching the woods, we pass some campsites and move onto a ridge, going uphill. At the top is a shed, and behind it, the water tank. I watch, as Richards unlocks the shed and opens its doors, revealing a large solar powered water pump. "There were a lot of snakes in here in the beginning of the summer," Mann says. "They're really bad in the cabin." Gary looks at another control panel outside the shed and says that the tank is full. "Normal max flow for this pump is four gal/min," he says, "Even though it is as cloudy as it is, this pump is still pumping water into the tank." I listen as he instructs Mann to check the pump every day. Pointing to the big

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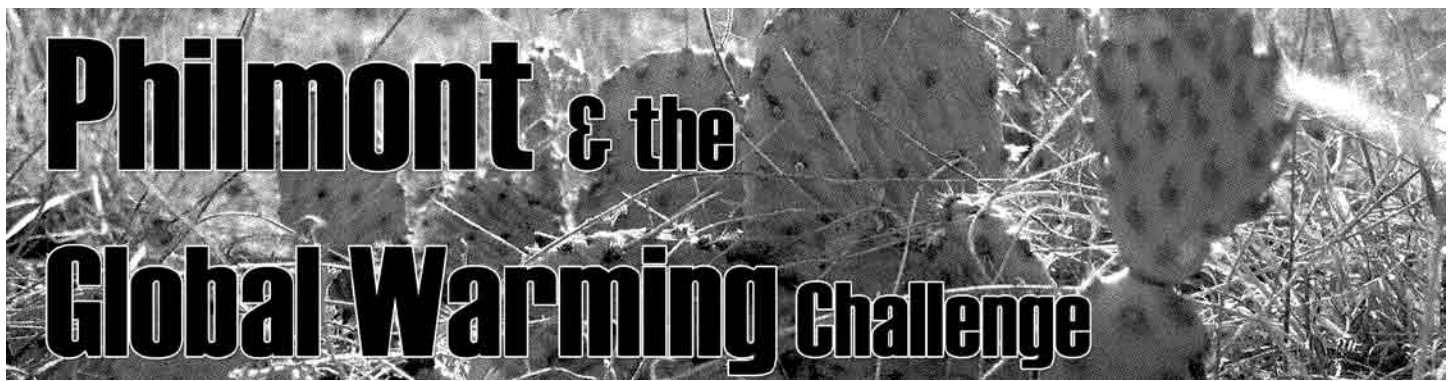
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By Jennifer Peters

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What exactly is global warming?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Web site the definition for Global warming is, "an average increase in the temperature of the atmosphere near the Earth's surface and in the troposphere, which can contribute to changes in global climate patterns. Global warming can occur from a variety of causes, both natural and human induced. In common usage, 'global warming' often refers to the warming that can occur as a result of increased emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities."

There are many common misconceptions concerning global warming as described on the Web site EnvironmentalDefense.org. The question over whether unnatural global warming even exists is a significant controversy in the world today. Will the benefits of becoming a less heat-trapping emission society cost too much? However, the biggest misconception about global warming is that we as individuals can not do anything to help the problem. Voting and getting involved with your local governments are an important part to changing the laws for future generations, but there are small things that can be done everyday to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Most scientists agree that global warming is occurring; the prevailing argument is over the rate at which it will continue to negatively affect the atmosphere. The global warming that is occurring today is caused by the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gases and the amount of trees that are cut down. The belief that it would be too expensive to convert to a more efficient energy supply and also be detrimental to the job market could be a consequential oversight by the American economy. Creating

new ways to power our needs may actually strengthen our economy. The less money we spend on power will give us the ability to spend money on other things. The key to upgrading our energy systems is to start slowly by integrating what we already have with newer technologies. Regulatory laws governing acceptable emission levels would actually create a whole new job market.

The G8 Summit is an unofficial forum for eight of the most industrially developed countries comprised of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, USA, and Russia discusses important international issues. The G8 Summit recommends a 50 percent reduction of the greenhouse gases (GHG) in the G8 countries by 2050. The G8 also calls for the most advanced technology to be used in all countries, no double-standards or disposing of pollution in less developed countries.

President Bush issued a statement on May 31, 2007, calling for ten to fifteen of the biggest energy consumption countries to discuss long-term goals for reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

"The United States takes this issue seriously," said Bush. He is also going to encourage other G8 countries to increase investments in developing clean energy sources.

Mark Anderson has hired Jessica Wertz as Sustainable Resource Specialist at Philmont to begin a recycling program that will be capable of accommodating a place as large as Philmont.

"The problem with recycling at Philmont is getting rid of the materials we are trying to recycle. Jessica (Wertz) is trying to help set us up (a recycling program) from start to finish," said Mark Anderson. It is (recycling) the right thing to do, it is just hard to do it."

said Anderson. Some of the things that Philmont is doing to try and lower our carbon impact: cut down the number of Phil-miles by 85,000 this year, wash dishes instead of using paper products, reusing commissary cardboard boxes, and using solar panels in some of the backcountry camps for water systems or radio power.

Fun Facts

One-third of the water used in most homes is flushed down the toilet.

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According to <http://members.aol.com/ramola15/funfacts.html>

Here's what you can do this summer at Philmont.

Turn off unnecessary lights.

Use natural light whenever possible.

Unplug cellphone and other charges when not in use.

Only run washers and dryers when full.

Wash clothes in warm or cold water, not hot.

Buy energy efficient light bulbs.

Choose recyclable products over disposable.

Walk, bike, or carpool whenever possible.

If it's yellow let it mellow. If it's brown, flush it down.

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The New Trail Crew Trek

By Jennifer Peters

Philmont's first ever Trail Crew Trek (TCT) session began on Sunday June 10, 2007 and second session will begin in later in the summer. The trek, which includes seven days of trail building and seven days of environmental education focuses greatly on "service through conservation."

The TCT is now working on the Flume Trail and it will connect the top of Wilson Mesa all the way down to Flume Canyon. The trail will be extremely important to Philmont because it stays entirely on Philmont property and in the event that fire hazards shut down Elliot Barker State property, Philmont will be able to continue with its itineraries without losing too much time.

The trail was originally created by Chope Phillips in the 1940s, and the Conservation Department worked on it in the early 1970s, but since then it was never finished or used. The Trail Crew Trek, which is not affiliated with the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, is a catalyst for the prestigious Silver Hornaday Award. The trek is actually a co-ed trek, led by two instructors, Chris Ives and Wendy Lanier, who will guide them throughout the whole time.

This session's trek is made up of three male participants and one female participant. During the first week, the trek will be learning to develop all of the elements of a good trail, for instance the grade (actual slope of the trail), interesting sights along the trail, and the possible maintenance problems that may

arise throughout the life of the trail.

"The trail should look like it's supposed to be there. You don't just bulldoze everything in the way; that doesn't look natural," says Luke Bertram as he speaks to the group. The TCT will also get the opportunity to use a burro they have lovingly named white tag 70 to carry dirt and other things off of the trail. Throughout the educational part of the trek, they will be able to listen to different speakers including Bob Ricklefs, Cliff Galle, Donnie Lunsford, Mike Sudmier, John Celley, and Luke Bertram.

"Trail building is an art and a science; it needs functionality. That is the science aspect of it, and the art aspect is having an eye for it," says Mike Sudmier. On the second day of the trek the group was learning how to use a clinometer, which measures grade, and a measuring wheel that measures distance.

"We must spend a lot of time getting the trail right- we have a lot of challenges out here," says Celley, "and always remember the resources that are available to you, whether its books or the internet, they can offer different ideas."

During my short visit with the TCT, a competition arose over who can guess the distances and grade of various points within the area and it must be said that yours truly, who is the journalism major of the group, won the first two of these rounds of this competition and was not allowed to compete in the last two rounds. If only I had known how good I was at survey

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The Saga of Young Matteo Jesus

Romero Garcia: Chapter 1

Submission by Michael Joseph Allen

Twenty years ago, one chill April morning, young Matteo Jesus Romero Garcia went fishing in the Galveston Bay. He hooked himself a whopping redfish, the size of a small nation. The fish fought and quivered, struggling to pull young Matteo from safety.

Nonetheless, Matteo was sharp and keen. Using his cunning intellect, he planted both feet, refusing to yield his position in battle. The redfish, still strong, forced young Matteo closer and closer to the water's edge. His right foot became saturated. The water was chilling like a hailstorm and hit his nerves like a thousand lances piercing his right limb.

Matteo stood strong and headfast. He felt as though the end was near until a light came from above. The blinding light was glorious as Young Matteo was lifted to a warm and dry abode. Then he saw her. If there had ever been or would be, this was love at first sight. A welcoming angelic being took young Matteo into her arms as he found comfort and resolve in her possession. This was the birth of young Matteo Jesus Romero Garcia, and the beginning of his story.



Photo by: Margaret Hedderman

Treasure Your Time at Philmont

By Gordon Gross, Protestant Chaplain

Twenty years ago this summer, Rusty Cowden (Chaplain Rusty) and I served together as the two Protestant chaplains. Dano and Bucko were two little brats just looking for mischief (do things ever change?) Otherwise, 1987 is just a blur about what happened that summer.

By the way, forty years ago – on the same days – we were both trekking Philmont, Rusty as a teen camper, I as a shaggy advisor. (My entire crew is coming here over the 4th of July from all over the country for a reunion!) How time flies!

As the guys from 701A (1967), Memphis, plan their reunion here, it's obvious that they treasure their time at Philmont! An e-mail from Phil Wiedemeyer starts: "What joyous memories have played in my mind for the last couple of weeks. It is just like going to the movies, only in black and white."

I'm not kidding you. In a flash it is going to be August, and you'll be checking out of here. It happens to me every year. I just really get settled in, and it's time to go home. A lot has happened, and that is what makes time go so fast. You will look back and say, "Wha' happen'?" TAKE TIME TO TREASURE THE MOMENTS.

There are a lot of secrets about what happens on a Rayado trek, but there is one that I think that I can safely share without Ranger "wrath" coming down on my head. Built into the non-stop action of Rayado is a big stop: alone with your thoughts... STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! and reflect... Take time out to think... Go back over the events of the past day or days... Relive them in your mind. Your feelings... Your thoughts... Your struggles... Your sense of victory and accomplishment... Log these thoughts, feelings, and observations. Save them. One of the things that will be helping our reunion are the notes of Scribe Russell Camp (now deceased.) He recorded what happened each day, what we did, and how we felt.)

Also take time to say a little prayer of thanks to God who put Philmont out here for your care, your

work, your enjoyment, and your play. In His infinite love you have the privilege of "doing" Philmont hand in hand with the Artist who created Philmont!

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In the last issue of the Philnews, Chaplain Rusty Cowden was mis-named Rusty Gordon; as were his children Bucko and Dano. We apologize for the mistake.



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The World News

Olympic Logo Removed from Website (6/5)

The group representing the 2012 Olympics in London took down the Olympic logo off of their website Tuesday to prevent epileptic seizures. A British charity called Epileptic Action reported that 10 people had complained about the logo, which featured the numbers 2012 written in creative shapes with flashing colors and movement. The logo cost \$796,000 to design and was unveiled Monday. Within 24 hours, a petition had been started to remove it.

Company Recalls Potentially Contaminated Meat (6/5)

United Food Groups LLC called for a voluntary recall of 370,000 pounds of ground beef, Wednesday, on suspicion of E. Coli contamination. The recalled products were shipped to Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The meat was sold under the brand names Moran's All Natural, Miller Meat Company, Stater Bros., Inter-American Products, Inc., and Basha's.

Girl Found After Missing for a Year (6/6)

A 15-year-old Connecticut girl who had gone missing in June 2006 was found after nearly a year Wednesday. Police were investigating the case at the home of 41-year-old Adam Gault when they discovered a secret room hidden behind a bureau. Inside the room, the police were shocked to find the girl hidden. They said it did not appear she lived in the room. Gault was arrested, along with Ann Murphy, 40, and Kimberly Cray, 26. The two women are also suspected in assisting Gault.

House Votes to Further Stem Cell Research (6/7)

The U.S. House of Representatives voted Thursday to loosen the restrictions on embryonic stem cell research. The bill passed 247-176 — with 37 votes coming from Republicans — but was 35 votes below the needed majority to override a promised veto by President Bush. The margin was increased from a vote on the same bill several weeks ago which fell one short of the needed two-thirds majority.

Senate Stands Against Immigration Bill (6/7)

The Senate voted 45-50 against limiting debate on an immigration bill which would tighten U.S. borders and legalize millions of currently illegal immigrants Thursday. The vote was 15 short of the necessary 60 to allow further discussion on the bill, potentially ending its chances of passage. President George W. Bush, who backs the bill, expressed confidence that it would eventually pass.

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Sports

Anaheim Wins Stanley Cup (6/6)

The Anaheim Ducks defeated the Ottawa Senators at home 6-2 Wednesday to win the first Stanley Cup Championship in franchise history. The Ducks Andy McDonald started the scoring with a goal 3:41 into the game and Anaheim was never tied again. Veteran Scott Niedermayer was named MVP of the series. The Ducks victory in five games makes them the first California team to win an NHL title.

Arizona Wins Women's Softball Title (6/6)

Taryne Mowatt threw more than 1,000 pitches and Arizona defeated Tennessee to win the Women's College World Series of Softball on Wednesday. Mowatt set a record by throwing 60 innings in the World Series, breaking the previous record of 53 set in 2005 by Michigan's Jennie Ritter. The game was scoreless until the 5th when Arizona scored all five runs. The Wildcats lost the first game of the best-of-three series to the Vols, but won the next two to take the championship. It is the eighth title in Arizona Women's Softball history.

Spurs Take Two-Game Lead (6/10)

The San Antonio Spurs won the first two games of the NBA Finals in easy fashion to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series over the Cleveland Cavaliers. In game one, Tim Duncan had 24 points and 13 rebounds and Tony Parker added another 27 points as the Spurs won 85-76. Parker scored 30 in game two to lead all scorers, while Duncan added another 23 points and Manu Ginobili had 25 to help the Spurs to a 103-92 victory. The Cavs' young super star LeBron James, playing in his first Finals, has been stifled by the Spurs defense, shooting a paltry 13 of 37 from the field in the first two games.

Gordon Gambles to Win Pocono 500 (6/10)

Jeff Gordon took a major gamble in the Pocono 500 on Sunday and escaped with his fourth win of the season. While leading early in the race, Gordon made a pit stop before the rest of the field, forcing him to fall behind. When the rest of the cars pitted, Gordon was able to retake the lead. However, the early pit stop had his car needing to pit again before the rest of the field as rain clouds began to form. Gordon and his team decided to stay out, with his brakes failing, and hope for the rain to end the race. On the 106th lap, the rain came and the caution flag was thrown. After a three-hour delay, the race was called and Gordon was given the victory. It was Gordon's fourth win at Pocono, but first since 1998.

Nadal Wins Third Straight French Open (6/10)

Rafael Nadal defeated Roger Federer 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Sunday. With the victory, Nadal becomes only the second man since 1914 to win three consecutive French Opens. Nadal remains undefeated in the event, going 21-0. Federer, meanwhile, continued his historic troubles on clay, committing 59 unforced errors — 32 more than his opponent. The French Open remains the only Grand Slam the No. 1 ranked Federer has yet to win.

Bonds Watch (6/11)

Barry Bonds returned to the lineup Thursday after sitting out with shin splints. As of Monday, however, the Giants outfielder had still not homered since May 27, leaving him at 746 career home runs, 10 short of breaking Hank Aaron's record for.

Baseball Stats

American League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Boston	40	22	0.65		Lost 1	4--6
NY Yankees	30	31	0.49	9.5	Won 6	8--2
Toronto	30	32	0.48	10	Won 2	6--4
Baltimore	29	34	0.46	12	Lost 2	3--7
Tampa Bay	28	33	0.46	12	Won 2	6--4

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Cleveland	37	24	0.61		Lost 1	5--5
Detroit	36	26	0.58	1.5	Won 2	6--4
Minnesota	30	31	0.49	7	Won 1	4--6
Chicago Sox	27	32	0.46	9	Won 1	3--7
Kansas City	24	40	0.38	15	Won 1	5--5

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	40	24	0.63		Lost 1	7--3
Seattle	33	26	0.56	4.5	Won 3	8--2
Oakland	34	28	0.55	5	Won 3	8--2
Texas	23	40	0.37	17	Lost 1	4--6

National League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
NY Mets	36	25	0.59		Lost 2	3--7
Atlanta	35	29	0.55	2.5	Won 2	4--6
Philadelphia	32	31	0.51	5	Lost 1	5--5
Florida	31	33	0.48	6.5	Lost 2	5--5
Washington	26	37	0.41	11	Lost 1	5--5

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Milwaukee	34	29	0.59		Lost 2	3--7
St. Louis	27	33	0.45	5.5	Won 2	4--6
Chicago Cub	27	34	0.44	6	Lost 2	6--4
Houston	26	36	0.42	7.5	Lost 1	5--5
Pittsburgh	26	37	0.41	8	Lost 3	3--7
Cincinnati	25	39	0.39	9.5	Won 1	4--6

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
San Diego	36	26	0.58		Lost 3	6--4
Arizona	37	27	0.58		Won 1	6--4
LA Dodgers	35	28	0.56	1.5	Lost 2	4--6
Colorado	31	32	0.49	5.5	Won 2	6--4

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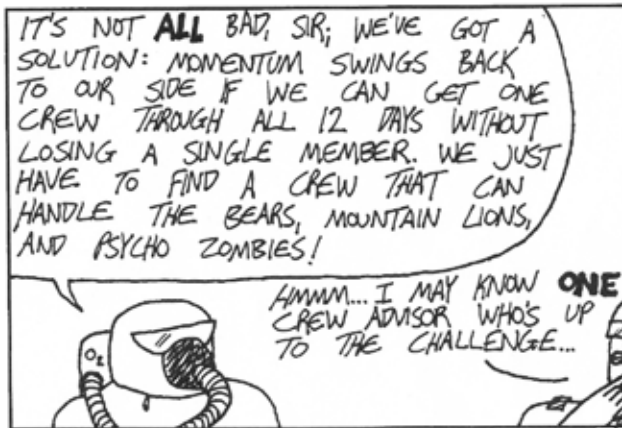
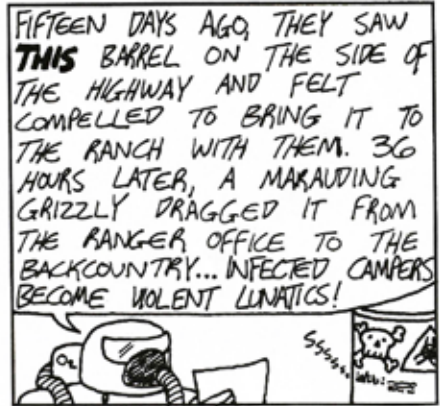
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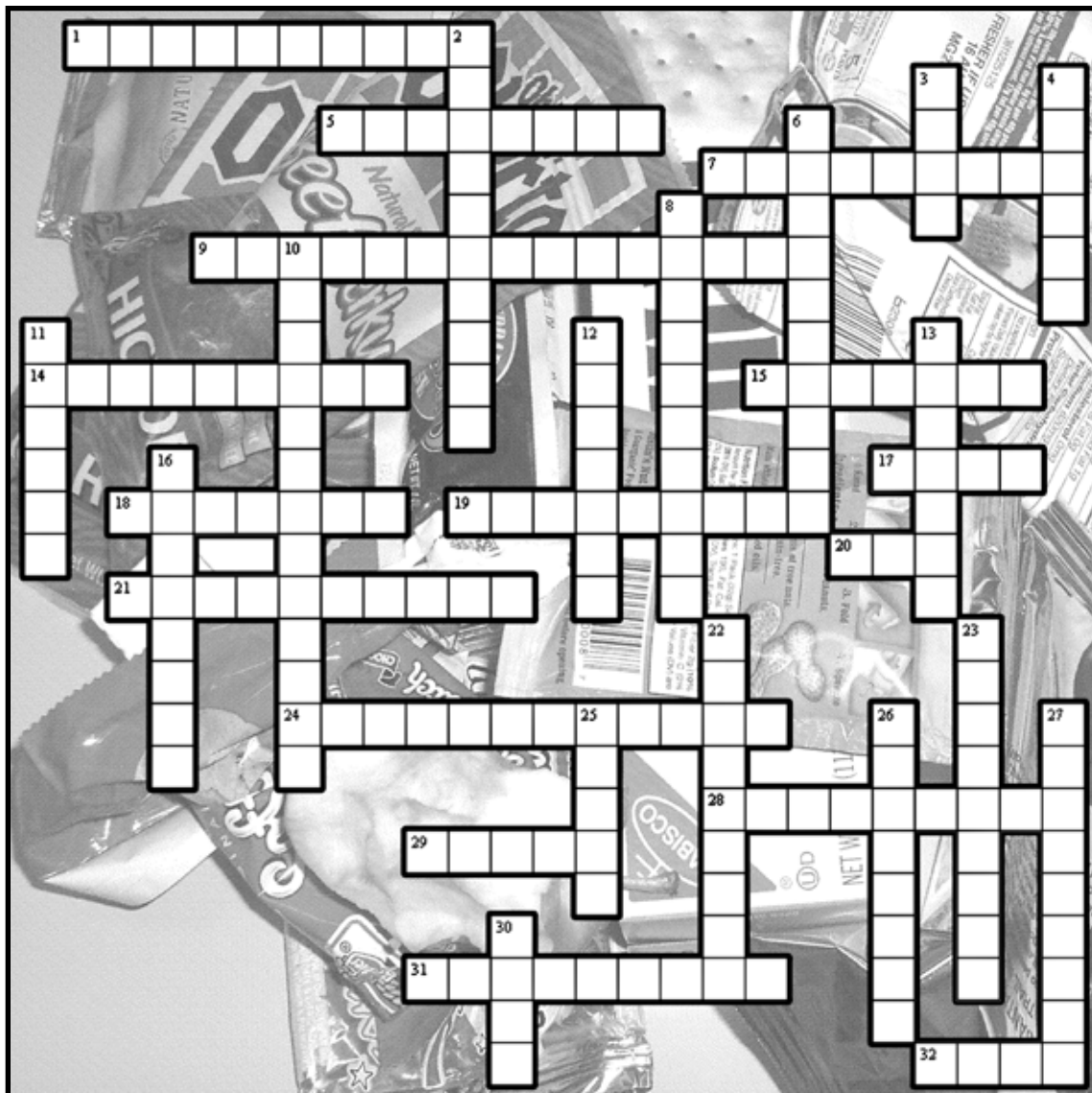
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Smellables - Crossword Style



ACROSS

- 1 If one happens to explore your tent, they'll make a POINT of letting you know.
- 5 _____ Clavin went to a _____ where everyone knew his name.
- 7 A smellable that makes you less smellable. Novel.
- 9 It may taste bad to you (and mosquitos), but that won't stop a bear.
- 14 Bushy-tailed critters.
- 15 Racoons love it so much, they'll eat straight out of the can.
- 17 Use it. Please. Just put it away.
- 18 If it's ever had Seminoleade in it, it's a smellable.
- 19 The theme of this crossword.
- 20 It's not what you keep pigs in, though that might be a smellable, too.
- 21 What you use to clean Philmont's icon mountain.
- 24 The razor should probably be put away, too, since it has this on it.
- 28 Don't use it and you'll be red as a lobster.
- 29 Keep it inside you.
- 31 A couple of them reached fame as rescue rangers.
- 32 Backcountry cabins need to worry about these cousins of Mickey the most.

DOWN

- 2 No matter what you call the fizzy stuff, it's still a smellable.
- 3 Grandma orders real potatoes.
- 4 It may relieve dry skin, but don't put it on burns.
- 6 At least if a bear gets to it, you'll know he'll have fresh breath.
- 8 The biggest reason you worry about this stuff.
- 10 Both jalapeno and regular go up in the bag.
- 11 It relieves headaches, but it will cause even more if you don't put it away.
- 12 If you go to the Cracker Barrell on Monday and Thursday night, careful not to get any on you.
- 13 Clever little bandits that love the stuff in this puzzle.
- 16 If Florida State had thought of it first, it would have been Seminoleade.
- 22 They're bleeding because you're not drinking enough water, but this will help.
- 23 They have both positives and negatives, but you may need them anyway.
- 25 Name of a PTC Pony. _____ Corn.
- 26 It's like the Force. There's a light side, a dark side, and it binds the universe together.
- 27 If you still call them chipmunks and ground squirrels, you haven't been to Philmont very long.
- 30 Reel magic is put on this.

Sudoku

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The purpose of Sudoku is easy, though the result can be difficult to reach. Each horizontal row must have each number 1 through 9, one number in each box. Likewise, each box in each vertical row must have a number 1 through 9. Finally, each of the nine bold-bordered boxes must have each number 1 through 9. Numbers cannot repeat in any row or box. Good luck!

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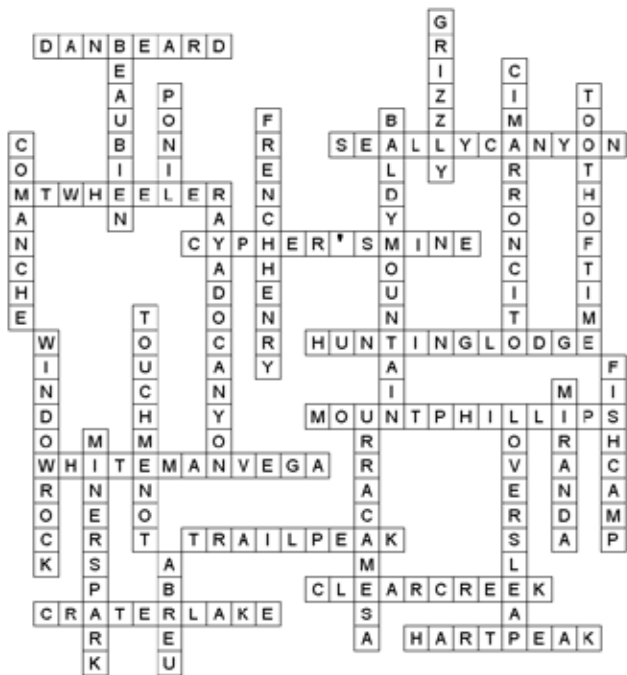
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Ranger Mad-Lib

Fill in the blank spaces with the indicated type of word. Then, put those words into the story below next to the corresponding number. Then read it to your friends.

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| 1) city:_____ | 31) adjective:_____ |
| 2) state:_____ | 32) food:_____ |
| 3) ing verb:_____ | 33) name:_____ |
| 4) room:_____ | 34) measure of time:_____ |
| 5) subject:_____ | 35) adjective:_____ |
| 6) verb:_____ | 36) thing:_____ |
| 7) animal:_____ | 37) subject:_____ |
| 8) game:_____ | 38) things:_____ |
| 9) ing verb:_____ | 39) measure of size:_____ |
| 10) adjective:_____ | 40) favorite National High Adventure |
| 11) thing:_____ | Base:_____ |
| 12) sound:_____ | |
| 13) name:_____ | |
| 14) action:_____ | |
| 15) action:_____ | |
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| 21) things:_____ | |
| 22) things:_____ | |
| 23) place:_____ | |
| 24) possession:_____ | |
| 25) food:_____ | |
| 26) action:_____ | |
| 27) articles of clothing:_____ | |
| 28) favorite Cliff Bar flavor:_____ | |
| 29) adjective:_____ | |
| 30) room:_____ | |



So there I was. . .

. . .1)_____, 2)_____. 3)_____ in my 4)_____ putting off doing my 5)_____ home-work. You know how that class is, it's the one where you 6)_____ the 7)_____. This particular day, my distraction was a game of 8)_____ on my computer. I was doing a great job of 9)_____ 10)_____ 11)_____ but when I heard a 12)_____ on my door. It was my R.A., 13)_____. He was there to complain about how messy my room was. He 14)_____ inside and began to 15)_____ at me.

Now, I will admit that I don't have the cleanest of rooms. In one corner I have a collection of 16)_____ 17)_____. In the other I keep all my 18)_____ 19)_____. The shelves don't really have any of my 20)_____ because they're full of 21)_____, so all my 22)_____ are on the 23)_____. I haven't been able to see the 24)_____ in a long time because it's under a pile of 25)_____. It's hard to 26)_____ on the ground, due the number of 27)_____, and my desk is piled high with 28)_____. It's 29)_____ to open my 30)_____ because of the 31)_____ 32)_____ that fill the inside. They could fall over! Weirdest of all, I'm not sure if my roommate 33)_____ is still alive, as I haven't seen him in 34)_____. He's under a pile of 35)_____ 36)_____ and hasn't come out in some time. I think he's been missing his 37)_____ class.

So anyway, my R.A. is yelling at me about this. He looks at all the 38)_____ and screams at me about how it's a 39)_____ danger. If someone were trapped inside, they wouldn't be able to get out and it would easily go up in flames. All he could talk about was how dangerous it was.

"It's extreme!" he said. "It's like extreme fire danger. . . everywhere!"

And all I could think was: I WANT TO GO BACK TO 40)_____!!!



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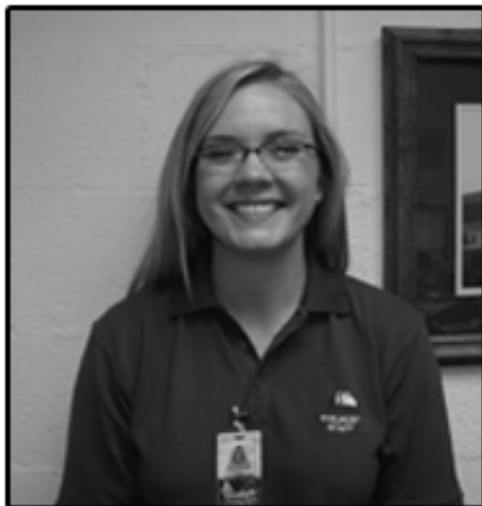
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Thoughts from French Henry

Submission by: Steven A. Hirsch,
French Henry

Setting up a porch swing is a laborous task: propping it up, deciding how much it should tilt, bickering with your fellows on how to set it up and which knot to use - Scouting teaches us so many.

After all the excitement of testing and showing it off to the rest of the camp, it seems equal to that of a barn raising. It is finally time to enjoy the porch swing for what it is: a recreational piece of furniture.

After squaring myself with a straight back and reclined legs, I go about the reading I have been itching to get to. Turning through twenty or thirty pages, I was able — for the first time in months — to think.

The here and now, the present; I look around to see the trees around my swing. I hear the babbling of a stream not too far away. My nostrils are filled with the gentle wisps of fire smoke. Surrounded by this bright, vibrant, living landscape, I am struck with a particular memory from times not too long ago: the gray days of trudging back and forth from classes, feeling the tension of the bustling Boston atmosphere engulfing me. Gray, as I have already mentioned, is the only color — and feeling — which I can describe in this memory.

But — and a very important but — I had the

faintest ray of color in this faded scene: a walk through the park; an uncommon detour in my usual route to class. I was struck by the trees, how they offset the dismal aura radiating from the surrounding cityscape. These monuments to nature reminded me of another way of living; one that was filled with a more infinite possibility for joy and personal growth. I am sad to say that this is the ending to that hopeful memory. For after that, my mind's eye is overcome by a dense fog of forgetful indifference.

I do not weep over this memory, of how overpowering the gray is or how the color faded away. I weep because I can clearly see the person who was overcome by the pressures of modern society — flooded by the expectations of others — to miss what truly mattered: the quiet piece-of-mind that comes from contemplating your surroundings from the comfortable confines of a porch swing. I will charge you, my reader — who I so hopefully wish this has been spoken to in some way — to take a moment and explore where you are and, perhaps, who you are. There are few sanctuaries left in our world where one can contemplate life so wholesomely as this. Please take this opportunity to utilize all it can offer you.



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ing I might have been on the Trail Crew Trek instead of writing about it. Clay Mourino won the last distance judging portion of the competition and Eric Jonardi won the grade judging part of the competition.

"All of the concepts you learn out here will be relevant wherever you may build trails," says Sudmier.

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white tank, he says, "This tank here is your treated water tank."

Then, inspecting the chlorine pump on the side of the shed, Frastaci spots something unusual on a valve. Richards takes a closer look. "You got a leak, see the white crusting?" he asks Mann. "It tells us we got a chlorine leak." Nothing major, though. "If you see a whole lot of crusting there again, call me and let me know," he says. "We were going to do something on this tank, but we aren't going to do it today," he says, referring to the weather.

Moving around to the other side of the tank, Richards shows me where the main solar power pump is that pumps the water out of a well. He points out across the valley to a spot in the forest a quarter mile away. The distance between the separate system parts makes this particular pump system very complex. The pump at the well and the pump at the water tank automatically communicate with each other via radio transmission.

Continuing to instruct Mann on all the basic things that she needs to know and check every day, Richards gives a crash course, sped up by bad weather. "Any questions?" he asks. "No. Everything's been running fine with the exception of that fridge," she replies.

We move back down the ridge towards the cabin to do some final inspections. 20 yards away from the cabin sits a propane tank: not everything at Harland runs on solar power. Pointing to a pressure gage, Richards says, "If it gets down to about 30%, give me a call. You need to watch this because if you let this go down, you get cold showers." Back



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inside the cabin, he pulls out a white sheet of paper. "Sign right here," he tells Mann. "Your system is pretty unique we don't have anything [else] like in [Philmont]." "I was pretty scarred the first day," Mann admits.

Leaving the cabin, I look at my watch: 2:07 p.m. We get back into the truck. "And that's your basic maintenance visitation," Richards says to me. Now it's on to the main solar power pump.

Back onto the rugged road, now a long strip of mud, I look out the back window of the truck and see it fishtail. But Richards is an experienced back-country driver, and I feel safe as we turn from the main road onto an overgrown service road. "We go absurd places that other people never go," Richards says. "We are the only ones that ever use it."

"That explains the vegetation," my photographer, Axe Man, replies. A few minutes later, we arrive at our destination. Across the road on our right stands a huge solar panel, fenced in by barbed wire strung around tree-trunk posts. Near us on the opposite side of the road are the well and the pump itself, also fenced in with barbed wire. But one post is laying on the ground, leaving the well and the pump unprotected.

Looking closer we find that a long length of tube containing wiring has been thoroughly punctured. I spot mud smeared on a control panel standing shoulder height, and black hair on an outlet-looking box, connected to the panel. A bear has been here. "He's just looking at the stuff, figuring out what it is," Richards says, "but that's our biggest challenge, trying to build something that will last in the wilderness."

The bear had chewed on the tube, smeared mud on the control panel with his paw, and probably used the socket-looking box as a backscratcher, leaving behind a tuft of his fur. "You'd be amazed at what we find when they've been sitting here for the entire winter," Richards said. "I've seen some of them just completely torn up."

Looking at the huge solar panel array, Richards informs me that it is a medium size. Turning toward the pump, he says, "This system here has a little bit of track history because this was the first ever camp where we put in a solar pump."

Looking back at the solar panel array, I hear a buzz and see it begin to turn counter-clockwise, like something out of a Sci-Fi movie. "It's turning the wrong way (away from the sun), but it's going to the brightest part in the sky," Richards says. And then I notice a light sensor on the upper right corner of the array. "That keeps the panels facing the sun all day long," Richards explains. "In essence, that's how we get the maximum power to the pump all day long," he says. "What you want is the sun hitting those panels at a dead 90 degrees."

By 2:34 p.m., we are back in the truck and driving away to our next site. "One of the greatest challenges as far as running the solar is to get the staffers to understand how everything works, because it's totally foreign to them, especially for first year campers," Richards said. "If they've never been exposed to this stuff, it becomes almost magical to them. Some can grasp it, but others, it just goes right over their heads." And I couldn't agree more.

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Buffalo Man Comes to C-town

By Jordon Shinn

Got change? Reach into your pocket, pull out a nickel, and if you happen to have a new one, you may just see a buffalo (a.k.a. American Bison) on the back. This is 2,200 lbs., 17 yr. old Harvey Wallbanger Jr.; the buffalo which the coin was based off of and which earned him a trip to the White House. This famous buffalo displayed his claim-to-fame talents at Cimarron's annual "Mule Days," June 8-9, performing such tricks as the famous flaming-hoop-of-fire stunt, and all with his trainer T.C. Thorstenson on his back.

Perhaps more famous, however, was the original Harvey Wallbanger, who would sprint 100 yards in nine seconds, outrunning race horses. Yet, under the training of Mr. Thorstenson, both father and son have learned to crawl on their front legs, lay down and play dead, and, yes, jump through flaming hoops of fire (which Thorstenson says is a difficult thing to teach due to the buffalo's natural fear of fire). Such stunts show the trust between animal and trainer.

"They're a magnificent animal," Thorstenson said, "and they can handle all year weather," (from -30 degrees to 110 degrees Fahrenheit.)

"They can do it all," he said. Which is one of the main reasons he got into buffalo training. Thorstenson got his first buffalo when he was nine years


old, started training them when he was 15, and at one point had around 500 head on a ranch in Texas.

"I'd say about one out of seven is trainable," he said.

But buffalo are naturally aggressive, and safety is first. "We usually get four years [of training] in before we can use them in public. You have to have a buffalo with the right personality," he said. "It takes about six to eight years to get it right."

Even so, "some of them are trained, but they aren't safe." Out of his twenty buffalo, only a handful are trained. However, he trains other animals too, including his ten horses and three wolves. When it comes down to training animals, though, "Pick one and try to perfect it," Thorstenson said. "And I think we've come pretty close to it."

Yet, it's all about being an original. "No one else does it," Thorstenson said. "There're thousands and thousands of horse trainers out there, but I think there is only one Buffalo trainer. It's something different."



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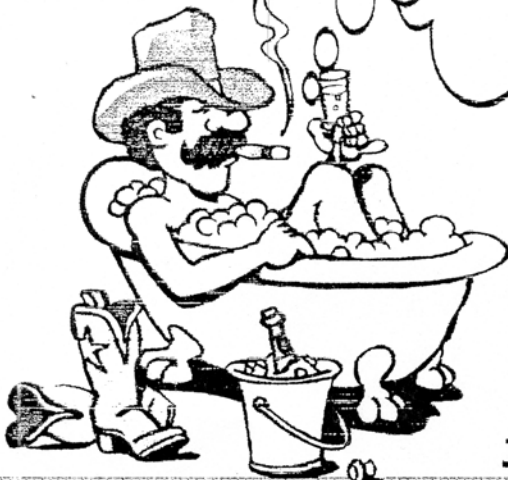
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PTC Addition

Story continued from last week

By Robert Griffin

The services staff has been busy getting all the classrooms ready for instruction, setting up tents, facilities and making sure all the needed materials are organized and in good condition. "Services is kind of a catch all," said Services Assistant and Tent City Coordinator Anna Fuchs. "We have to do everything, for all departments. We have to make sure the tents are all set up properly and there are no maintenance problems. And we have to set up the classrooms."

The PTC also had an added difficulty this season, as Brian Gray was at a national BSA meeting in Atlanta for most of training week. Program Director Melanie Turner said, however, that an excellent staff helped minimize the problems that may have come from his absence.

"Because we have such an awesome staff this year and people work together really well, it's not really been a problem," she said. "The few issues we've had were minor and we've just kind of dealt with them."

Despite all the stress and hard work — and minimal time to do it all in — the staff was mostly unanimous in feeling ready to take on the summer.

"I feel like we're pretty much there," Turner said. "We haven't been in the office all week, and we have a lot of paper work to catch up on, but I feel like the staff is ready to do a good job. I feel like we are geared up for conferences. The classrooms are ready. Handicraft's ready. C.O.P.E.'s pretty much ready."

Gray echoed Turner's assessment.

"I think they're very prepared," he said. "Of course, there's always going to be a few areas. There's going to be one or two areas that can be fixed along the way. But, on the same side, they've come along way and we're going to have a great program."

"The summer's going to be great."

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