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Double H Wilderness Guide Ken Dahler points the way.  
*Photo by James King, Photo Manager.*



**A single sunflower in the dry canyon.**

*Photo by Jamie Thorpe.*

## **Open the Cage**

By Margaret Hedderman, Philnews Manager

Like any truly great adventure should, the unexpected hit us in the face like a wet two-by-four. I stepped out of the tent and saw a vast nothingness – the Plains of San Agustin. Behind me, hostile hills met the horizon. Beautiful. Like a Diamondback rattlesnake, the landscape at Double H is entrancing, fascinating, but one careless step will remind you that Nature still reigns in some parts of the world.

This week, four NPS staffers traveled south to the Double H High Adventure Base near Socorro, NM. For a news team, we knew surprisingly little about the place; which goes to show how little the typical Philmont staffer knows about the goings-on down there. That's why our seventh issue of the summer is dedicated to Double H.

Known to some as the insignificant stepchild of Philmont, Double H is anything but. It's like a personal offense to refer to a Wilderness Guide as a Ranger. With its unique program, Double H offers a completely different experience than Philmont.

From stalking a herd of bull elk to summiting Martin Hill, Team NPS toured the Ranch for two days and just barely touched the surface of what it has to offer. With less than two weeks left at Double H, the opportunity for exploration is getting thinner. If you do make it, prepare for everything to be more than you expected.

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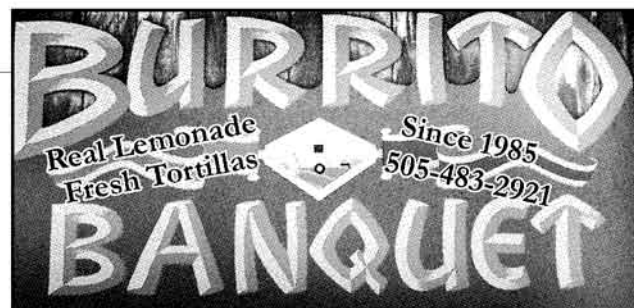


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# New Staff Camp Coming in to Station

By Robert Griffin

Spend a little time with Philmont management, or any aficionado for that matter, and you're likely to hear it once: "Philmont is the Disney World of Scouting."

Though the differences between this humble National High Adventure Base and the world's most famous set of theme parks are certainly numerous, many of the feelings are the same. And much as theme park fans get excited over the announcement of a new ride or attraction, Phil-folk get excited about the unveiling of a new staff camp.

Currently, the Ranch is working on a 35th addition to the program experience, and it surprisingly brings a new connection to those parks in California and Florida (and Japan, and France, and Hong Kong). When Walt Disney was describing his soon-to-be-iconic park in Anaheim, he gave only one specific detail: "And it should be surrounded by a train."

Now, Philmont adds a train-based program to its backcountry, and – much as Walt's boyhood love of trains influenced his dream – Associate Director of Program John Van Dreesse leads the way in imagining Metcalf Station, influenced by his own experience with trains in his youth.

"My family was all rail-roaders," Van Dreesse said of his personal interest in the project. "And I

worked for a small railroad in Wisconsin in college. So, it's kind of almost like a family legacy, and now it sort of feels like this summer job I had, which was fine, and now I have this opportunity to sort of bring some of those skills back."

Metcalf Station will be located in very North Country, at what is currently the location of the trail camp Old Camp, which sits at the fork of the Ponil

and Metcalf canyons. Van Dreesse says the idea of a railroad camp taps into a part of history that is not yet addressed by a staff camp at Philmont.

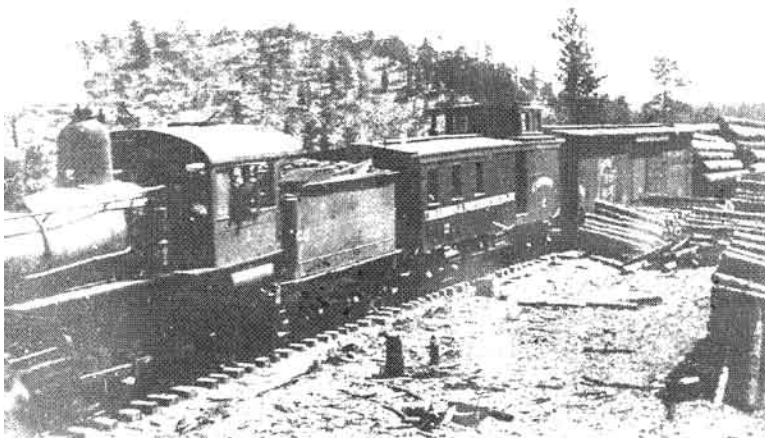
"It's really the only aspect of historical significance on the Ranch that we're not currently covering," he said.

The camp, intended to be interpretive, will likely be set some time around 1910. The original railroad, known as the Cimarron & Northwestern Line, was established in 1907

and ran until 1923. It fit heavily into the commerce of nearby Cimarron, primarily serving to transport lumber for railroad ties and construction. In fact, it was the railroad through Ponil canyon that allowed the Continental Tie & Lumber industry to exist.

"The more I read about it, a lot of the same guys were on the board of directors for both [Continental Tie & Lumber and the Cimarron Line]," Van Dreesse said.

It should therefore come as no surprise that the history and lore of Metcalf Station will figure heavily



**A turn-of-the-century logging train sitting near what is now Ring Place.**

into the program of Continental Tie & Lumber camps Crater Lake and Pueblano, and vice versa.

Ranch management also hopes the location of a new, premier staff camp in the North Country – just a short hike from Dan Beard – will help drum up interest in Valle Vidal treks in the future.

Van Dreese stresses that Program at the camp is limited only by the imagination, and the rail work setting creates a set of rich and diverse opportunities.

“I think, initially, for the first couple of years, probably the actual construction of the railroad will be the program,” he said. “Part of what Philmont tries to do is involve kids in not only history, but as much as possible hands-on history. Having the experience to actually haul some ties and put some rails in place and spike them down, they’ll start to feel what it must have been like for these guys years and years ago.”

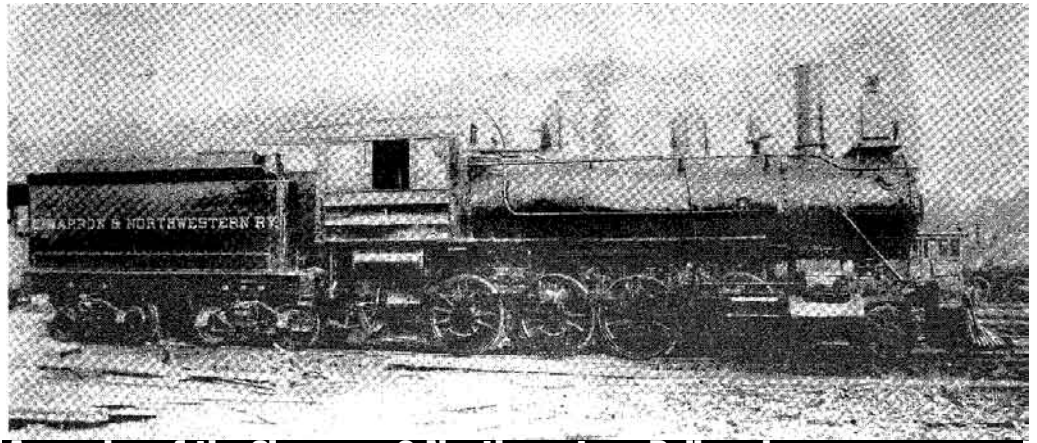
The railway itself is intended to be close to three miles long and will travel from the camp, down south nearly to Indian Writings, and management hopes to install hand cars, or pump cars, which crews can use to travel from point A to point B in style.

The installation of a telegraph line to teach the history of communication and also send messages to the staff camps should there be no cars available is also in the works, as is the idea of having crews crash in box cars – in a similar system to the adirondacks of Cypher’s Mine – rather than set up tents. Van Dreese was also hopeful that an actual train could be moved into the area.

Van Dreese is also hopeful that Metcalf will be home to another favorite.

“I think the program is open to be another really good campfire-type camp,” he said. “There’s just such a good collection of railroad songs and stories and things like that which could really lend themselves to a good campfire. There’s maybe even more songs than logging, it’s right up there with cowboy songs.”

Plans for the camp have been drawn up, and still must be pitched to the Ranch Committee, but Van Dreese says that support has been overwhelming;



**An engine of the Cimarron & Northwestern Railroad.**

including help from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, but the camp is expected to be open for the summer of 2008.

“There may not be a whole lot out there next year,” Van Dreese said, “but we’re hoping to have a staff cabin, a few hundred feet of track and a few pump cars. We can just go from there.”

For those not patient enough to wait until next year, a display on the new camp can be found in the CHQ office.

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# The W.A.M.I. Project

By Father Michael P. Hanifin

Soon after I arrived at Philmont, I was invited by Elder Dave Wilson to attend the Advisor's & Chaplain Aide Meetings held each evening. This particular evening Rabbi "Rock" Tobesman gave a rather rousing instruction separately to each group. It was on this evening that I was introduced to the WAMI Project, an original creation of Rabbi "Rock." You may wonder what in the world is the WAMI Project?

WAMI is an acronym for "We All Made It!" The Rabbi invited the Chaplain Aides to teach their crew this pronouncement and to instruct them that upon the arrival at any Staff Camp, upon encountering a Philmont Chaplain, and finally at Base Camp they were to shout as loud as they were able, "Crew \_\_\_(their crew number)\_. We All Made It!"

This pronouncement in the second person plural is very important because it affirms what Philmont staffers all know as true: (1) there is no "I" in the word crew, (2) it takes each crew member working together to complete a Philmont Trek and (3) each crew member's role is vital to the successful completion of the various trek segments and to enjoy the experiences of the Philmont Trek. Each crew has its elected positions of crew leader and chaplain aide. These roles are of higher profile among the crew members but that does not negate the significance of the other members and their role. One member carries the bear bags and rope, another carries the cooking utensils and pots, several others carry the bags of trail food, and the rest carry the tents and so on. Without each person contributing, doing their part, and seeing themselves as part of the whole, a crew could never arrive at the next day's destination or complete a Philmont trek. A crew that goes out together comes back together. The operative word is together. "We all made it!" If a crew member comes back alone the rest of the crew members often suffer the member loss.

The chaplains at the Catholic Chaplaincy have wholeheartedly embraced the WAMI Project. At the end of our daily Mass we often have the congregants turn toward to the Jewish Chapel and shout as loud as we can, "We all made it!" From the distance we see the rabbi holding two thumbs up. The WAMI Project reminds the chaplains that we are a team, we work together and that our efforts are not divided among religious or denominational lines.

One day I was out at Beaubien to meet with a crew that had requested a chaplain to speak with them. I arrived and waited for the crew to come into camp. When they finally arrived they found a comfortable place under a large Ponderosa Pine Tree. I went over to them and asked if they were the crew that had asked for a chaplain. Then I asked them if their chaplain aide had attended the meeting at Base Camp. I then asked if they were given the WAMI instructions. Upon the affirmative I asked them why they did not properly greet me. They then half heartedly mouthed, "We all made it." I asked them to attempt the greeting again and with a little more enthusiasm. I again reminded them in the future to greet Camp Directors and Chaplains with the "WAMI" proclamation.

We live in a country that embraces individualism. Our cultural obsession with the self is expressed in the idiom, "What's in it for me?" Some crews come to Philmont so that they can go home and tell fellow scouts and scouters, "I attended Philmont!" or "I climbed Mount Baldy!" A Philmont Trek is not a solitary accomplishment but takes teamwork and each crew member contributes to the successful completion of a Philmont Trek experience. So ... whether you are making a Trek, working on staff or are a member of the Philmont Chaplaincy let us all embrace the WAMI Project because at Philmont "We all made it!"



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# What keeps Venturing Strong

By Jordon Shinn

Following two weeks of the annual LDS pilgrimage to Philmont is "Venturing 2007 National Training," A.K.A. "Venture-Week;" which runs July 22-28.

The Venturing program, which was officially founded in 1998 by the BSA, serves as a ready-made youth program for churches and other organizations, aimed towards young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. It is derived from the outdoor Exploring program of the BSA.

However, like all of BSA, Venturing has both a professional and a volunteer side. And this coming week at PTC, it's all about the volunteers on the crew/ship, district and council levels. There are several objectives.

"One would be to train people, and the other would be to motivate people to go back, grow and support their venturing programs," Venturing Associate Director, Bill Evans, said. "The purpose of the training center is to train the adults," a message he is still trying to voice.

"I would certainly encourage people to think beyond their boundaries, so the big thing is people just don't know these training opportunities are available," he said. "We would love to have them."

For those who do know, however, "We have a range of classes from a low-level (adult leader) 'how to run a venture crew,' to an advanced-level (council member) 'how to make them more successful,'" Evans said. "So sort of the theme is 'better-service.'"

According to this week's brochure, as found on the Venturing website ([www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing)), "The Venturing Division offers eight exciting Philmont opportunities for 2007." They are: "Sea Scouting Advanced Leadership Training (SALT)"; "How to Develop Crews that Thrive"; "Training Venturing Leaders-Youth and Adults"; "How to Incorporate Venturing into your Troop"; "Delivering Venturing to your District and Council"; "High Adventure Programs for Crews"; "Kodiak and Kodiak X."

"The Boy Scouts of America's Philmont Training Center and Scout Ranch offer Venturers

and adults an excellent training opportunity and the experience of a lifetime," the brochure states. "What better place to explore High Adventure programs than at Philmont?"

But there are also volunteers on other levels, including the National level, that have greater responsibilities beyond those that will be attending "Venture-Week" for training.

The one that is currently making the biggest splash is volunteer Venturing Chairman Charles Dahlquist. Also the Young Men general President for the LDS Church, he visited PTC for the past two weeks.

"I'm responsible for all Venturing in BSA," he said, "and that is a wonderful experience because these young men and young woman are a little older and they can take responsibility, and they can take leadership," he said. "Plus, it's such a wonderful program because it involves all of the things that young men and young women really want to do."

But why Dahlquist?

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rather have than him,” Evans said. “The reason for that is not only is he just a great person; he’s a great leader. He has a history of rising to the top,” he said. “We believe he’s going to be able to motivate all of our national volunteers to being able to do more than they have in the past.”

And his sphere-of-influence is also significant. “He is a top leader in the LDS which is our largest partner in the Venturing department.”

Sponsoring 7,875 crews, the LDS church far surpasses Venturing’s second largest supporter, the United Methodist Church, sponsoring 1,219 crews.

“Everyone that’s been Chairman has taken Venturing to the next level,” Evans said, “and each person had their own style as they led the National Venturing Program,” which includes such names as John Cushman and National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) President, Steve Fossett.

So what does Dahlquist hope to accomplish?

“I want to be able to expand Venturing significantly among those community groups that are concerned about their youth,” he said. Other than Churches, these groups already include the U.S. Power Squadren, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Safari Club and the Red Cross, etc.

“It’s such a wonderful resource for their youth groups,” Dahlquist said. “The program is already there, now the process is expanding it to those who really need it: any young man and young woman age 14-18,” he said. “Most of them need what venturing has to give them.”

And his motivation, if not inspiring, is patriotic.

“Never in the history if this country have we needed the timeless values that Scouting teaches more than today, including Venturing,” Dahlquist said. “Being 14, 15, 16, 17 is not an easy time of life; there’s alcohol, drugs, pornography, etc. We need to hold on to them then,” he said. “Some of them are good because they have a good family; some of them have an internal gyroscope, but most of us need a program to teach us these timeless values,” values which are taught by both the professional and volunteer leaders within the BSA.

But what is the difference between the professionals and the volunteers on the national-level, where both are charged with so much responsibility?

“The professionals are the ones that get paid

for it,” Dahlquist said.

And despite his leadership within the LDS Church, the BSA and other organizations, he also has a day-job; as an attorney in Sandy, Utah.

For the professional side of Venturing is Charles Holmes, Venturing Chairman.

“He is the one that does all the heavy lifting. It’s a good mix because you have the professionals that really understand the program,” Dahlquist said. “Charles has a particular potential for growth within the religious groups.”

And Evans explains the other side of it.

“The other thing that we believe in Venturing is that somehow we’ve been blessed with quality, motivated volunteers; and that’s what keeps Charles (Holmes) and I going,” he said. “He’s sort of the ‘administer’ of the Venturing program, whereas the people who are volunteers to the Venturing program are the ones that give us guidance,” he said. “Many of them write books or articles and contribute ideas.” And in the end, these ideas, combined with the professionals’ knowledge, are paying off.

“I would say that it has probably caught on quicker than my wildest dreams,” Evans said, who helped found the program back in 1998. “I probably had 100’s of people say ‘thank goodness you created the Venture Program. It’s just what our kids needed right now,’ So It’s nice to get that reinforcement.” But what exactly is it in Venturing that those parents think their “kids” need?

“It’s a bridge between scouting and manhood,” Dahlquist said. -- a bridge that he wants to reach more people.

“Ask yourself which of your friends would like to be involved in the activities we do,” he advises this week’s participants, “and then have the courage to go out and ask them to join you,” he said. “In the business world, that’s called marketing.”





# The HH Adventure

**Stories by Jennifer Peters,  
Margaret Hedderman, and  
Jamie Thorpe.**

*Photo by David Counts, 2006.*



Torstenson Wildlife Center, home of the Double H High Adventure Base, gives participants the opportunity to experience “true wilderness” while teaching the importance of preserving that wilderness for generations to come.

The Bob Torstenson estate donated the 95,000 acre Double H Ranch to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) after he passed away in May of 2002. Bob Torstenson, an avid sportsman, loved the Double H Ranch and wanted to share it with youth and adults alike.

“It is my strong belief that our young people and future generations should have opportunities to hunt and fish in wild places, and that wise conservation and management of such places will promote the continuation of a tradition of lawful hunting and fishing which has meant so much to me. It is my desire that the Double H Ranch be transferred to an organization...that will benefit wild elk and other native game and plant communities. ...the Double H Ranch and all improvements thereon shall be gifted by distribution, transfer, assignment, or otherwise, to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation...”

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is an organization dedicated to the preservation of elk and other threatened wildlife lands. They work to teach youth and adults the importance of conservation and land protection. They have defended and restored nearly 5 million acres of land since 1984.

The Mission Statement of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is, “to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat.”

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation renamed the ranch to the Torstenson Wildlife Center and with the help of the Boy Scouts of America and

the Philmont Scout Ranch; they established the Double H High Adventure Base in 2003.

The ranch is located where the San Agustin Plains join the Gallinas Mountain Range and is surrounded by the Cibola National Forest.

Participants are encouraged to perform various acts of conservation under the supervision of a Wilderness Guide while they are at Double H. The 50- Miler Award requires at least 10 hours of conservation, and at least three must be completed at Double H.

The wilderness guides teach the Leave No Trace philosophy and participants will hike, camp, prepare meals and pack out trash all without leaving any hints of human disturbance.

Double H offers activities such as archery, astronomy, geo-caching and black powder rifle shooting. Martin Camp, the only staffed camp at Double H, offers scouts the chance to participate in a western dinner and make their own ice cream after supper.

The growing popularity of the Double H High Adventure Base is a testament to the dedication of Bob Torstenson and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Their love and appreciation for the outdoors can now be shared with thousands of people for years to come.

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## Must Sees at HH



**The running elk petroglyph of HH.**

*Photo by Jamie Thorpe*

## Petroglyphs

**By Margaret Hedderman**

Remnants from another time are still present at Double H. Tucked away in the red rock Long Canyon, four images are etched into the walls. Among other designs, a cow elk, over a thousand years after she was carved, still runs through the canyon.

It is unknown whether or not it was the Anasazi or Mogollon tribe that was responsible for the art. Both tribes were very similar and inhabited the area.

## A Very Large Array

**By Jamie Thorpe, NPS Photographer**

Known as the Very Large Array, the VLA is a set of 27 huge satellite dishes that the U.S. government uses to create images of space. If you're anything like me, you're probably thinking "hey, way to go with the original name." However unimpressed you are with their lack of originality in naming the Array, it's still an impressive sight once you get there.

Approximately the size of a baseball diamond, the dishes are mounted on huge platforms and attached to their own railway system. They are arranged in a Y shape and the furthest ends can be anywhere from 0.4 miles to 13 miles from the center of the Y.

The dishes were used as a backdrop for the 1997 Jodie Foster film *Contact*. Of course, if you're like me and prefer to see things in person rather than on TV, I'd recommend a visit next time you're down by Double H.



**V.L.A. dishes in the hot morning sun.**

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# Big Differences at HH

By Jennifer Peters

Next year when thousands of staffers and participants are applying for their place at a high adventure base, they may want to keep Double H in mind.

For the people who have already been to Philmont, Double H offers a completely different experience. Philmont is a sprawling expanse of trails and camps throughout the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, while Double H is located in the remote dry Plains of San Agustin.

Philmont and Double H are great places to get away from all the stresses of civilization, but they are both different in their own ways.

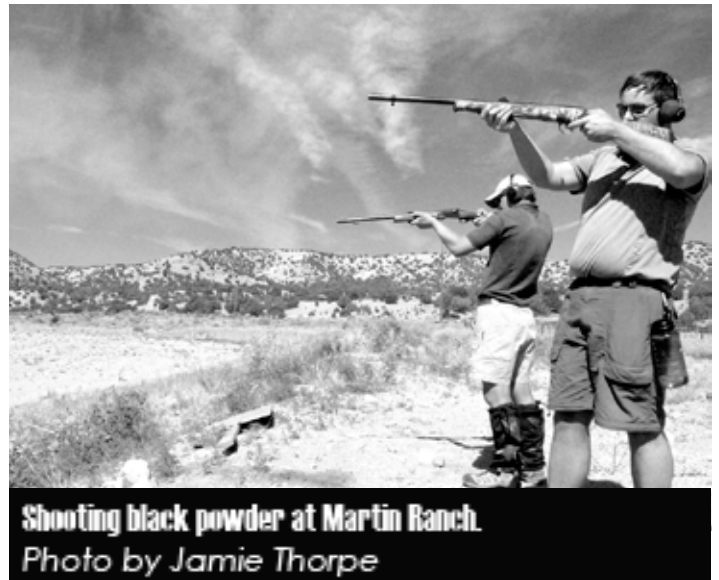
Participants who have been to both Philmont and Double H agree that Double H is a much tougher trek. "You have to be careful where you planned your hike, it is much more challenging," said Lance Soule a member of a crew from the Nevada Area Council.

"(When you are) hiking through canyons, it is twice as hot and it takes a lot more out of you," said Craig Soule, Lance's brother.

The amount of time on the trail at Double H is seven days and six nights. The Nevada Area Crew approved of the shorter trek though. "We could have gone longer, but it was kind of a good thing," said Melissa Bunt.



Early morning with 712-AA on their fifth day at HH.  
Photo by James King



Shooting black powder at Martin Ranch.  
Photo by Jamie Thorpe

They hiked about 50 miles and found eight of the ten geo-caches.

There are three different classes of itineraries at Double H that increase in difficulty, but unlike Philmont they are not set in stone.

"It was different," said Matt Houk, the crew leader, "you didn't have a set plan, you went the way you wanted to go."

Another major difference between Philmont and Double H is the wilderness guides and their presence throughout the whole trek. Rangers at Philmont spend the first three days with their crew then leave them to find their way back to base camp. The wilderness guides must be very knowledgeable at Double H because of the lack of established trails and the importance of finding adequate water sources. "Our (wilderness) guide (Anna Kopp) was awesome," said Houk. Kopp is the only female staffer out of 45 at the ranch.

Participants will camp-out every day that are at Double H, on the plains in meadows and also in narrow valleys and some nights at "dry camps."

Martin Camp, the only staffed camp at Double H, has archery and black powder ranges. They also have a chuck wagon dinner for the crews to enjoy and a cobbler and ice cream for dessert.

The training for Double H staff is basically the same because they get to train with the Philmont staff with the exception of the amount of training they



# Wandering the Wild

By Margaret Hedderman



712-AA making their way up the canyon.  
Photo by James King

A lone cowboy rides across a desolate and barren plain. His chapped and bleeding lips gasp for water. Shadows of buzzards flit across the dry land as they circle overhead. Harsh and inhospitable mountains loom in the heated haze. If he doesn't find a waterhole soon, he will die...

It's the classic scene from many a Hollywood Western. Except now, instead of lonesome cowboys, crews of Boy Scouts are navigating their way through this unforgiving wilderness of Double H for seven days. On the trail they will experience anything from Nalgene sized rattlesnakes to swarms of flying ants to sudden lightening storms boiling over the mountains.

It hits 80 degrees Fahrenheit before nine in the morning. By lunch it's well over 90. That's why 712-AA from Littleton, Co. is awake before 5:00 a.m. They're moving out by 6:30 and plan to hike ten miles before lunch. There is a chill in the air before the hike begins, but instead of fleece, the Scouts layer on the sunscreen.

Thirty minutes later, the chill has evaporated and the crew picks its way through cacti and juniper – up a side canyon that leads to higher ground. There is no trail. That's the beauty of the Double H experience. Although there is an itinerary for campsites, it's up to the crew to find their way.

Fortunately for 712-AA, they weren't deposited into the boonies alone. Throughout the entire trek, Wilderness Guide Ken Dahler hikes with the crew. He knows the land and knows the best routes, but leaves it up to the crew to decide which path to take.

The canyon snakes away to the North, but the crew has long left its rocky bottom. They scramble, fanned out on the hillside, through trees and prickly bushes. Dahler shouts, reminding the crew to stay out of line – keeping Double H trail-free. Finally at the top, crouching in the shade, crew leader Beau Wagner adamantly states that the canyon floors are the hardest part of the trek.

Twenty minutes later the crew goes on their way. With less than 48 hours left in the backcountry, 712-AA has a lot of ground to cover, paths to find, and mountains to climb.

Most crews agree that Double H is physically tougher and more demanding than Philmont. Going cross-country across arid arroyos under the white-hot sun takes a lot of guts, but it's all part of the experience.

Just off the trail, Nevada Area Council Crew 15 was already well aware of what they accomplished. The blistering hikes, still emblazoned in their memory, seemed almost a badge of achievement. Melissa Bunt, Craig Soule, and crew leader Matt Houk laughed at the days when they plugged the coordinates into the GPS wrong and ended up moderately lost... or strayed off course when only using the map.

From the Double H Base Camp, the bleak Plains of San Agustin stretch away to the Southwest. Though we'll never know if our hero, the lost cowboy, will make it across – we do know that everyday crews will come down from the hills triumphant and more alive than when they began.

# The World News

## Lady Bird Dies (7/11)

Former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, died in her Austin home of natural causes Wednesday at the age of 94. Johnson was the wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson, who served in the White House from 1963-69, after taking over for the assassinated John F. Kennedy; he died in 1973. Lady Bird was known as a champion for conservation efforts and was a tireless supporter of her husband's political career. She suffered a stroke in 2002, which limited her speech but did not stop her from making public appearances or continuing to enjoy the outdoors. Johnson was admitted into the hospital last month with what was called a "low-grade" fever, and died in her home of natural causes while surrounded by friends and family. Fans, friend, admirers and politicians alike paid homage to Johnson following her death.

## House Votes for Withdrawal (7/12)

The White House issued a release on the war in Iraq last week, where it concluded progress towards a stable military and democratic government in the country had been slower than expected. The 25-page assessment of the war admitted to failure on eight goals, reported success on eight others and mixed results on two. After the statement, the House of Representatives voted 223-201 in favor of withdrawing troops by spring, though President George W. Bush has promised to veto the bill. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif, cited the President's own lack of confidence as reason for withdrawal. The vote mostly followed party lines, with only four Republicans in favor and only 10 Democrats against.

## Japanese Earthquake Kills 7 (7/16)

An earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale

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rocked Japan on Monday, and was followed shortly by a 6.6 aftershock. The earthquake killed 7 people, all in their 70s or 80s, and injured 800 more. It also damaged the world's largest nuclear power plant which leaked radioactive waste into the nearby Sea of Japan, though officials said radioactivity levels were low enough that there would be no environmental dangers. Buildings swayed in Tokyo 160 miles away from the epicenter of the quake, and 3-foot fissures were created in the ground. The town of Kashiwazaki was hardest hit, destroying more than 300 homes and causing the evacuation of some 2,000 people. A week of aftershocks is expected to follow.

## One in Twelve Use Drugs (7/16)

A federal study released Monday found that one in every twelve full-time workers use illicit drugs regularly. The report found that most users in the country are employed full time, the highest percentage of users are restaurant workers, at 17.1 percent, followed closely by construction workers at 15.1 percent. The study found the current usage rate to be 8.2 percent, and found that 19 percent of all workers age 18 to 25 have used drugs.

## North Korea Shuts Down Reactors (7/16)

A United Nations watch dog group running investigations in North Korea confirmed Monday that the outlaw nation had shut down its nuclear reactors. Officials see this as an indication for the first time in five years that North Korea will halt its pursuit of nuclear weapons. The country ceased production as part of a deal to release political sanctions and have one ton of oil delivered. South Korea complied with part of the second half of the agreement by shipping oil northward.

# Sports News

## American League Wins All-Star Game (7/10)

The Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki hit the first inside-the-park home run in All-Star Game history to help the American league win their tenth-straight decided game – not counting the infamous 2002 tie – giving the AL home field advantage in the World Series once again. Suzuki's four-base knock came in the fifth inning, with the Orioles' Brian Roberts on base. The deep blast took a strange carom off the right field wall, fooling the Reds' Ken Griffey Jr. Suzuki quickly rounded the bases and gave the American League a 2-1 lead. The AL took a 5-2 lead into the bottom of the ninth, before the Cubs' Alfonso Soriano hit a two-run homer to bring the NL to within one. With two outs, the Angels' Francisco Rodriguez loaded the bases, and NL manager Tony LaRussa decided to leave in the Phillies' Aaron Rowand, rather than send up his own player and hitting phenom Albert Pujols of the Cardinals. Rowand fled out, and Pujols was left questioning his manager's decision the next day.

## Oklahoma Must Surrender Wins (7/12)

The NCAA announced last week that the Oklahoma University football program must vacate its wins from the 2005 season due to scandal allegations. A number of Sooners, including former starting quarterback Rhett Bomar, were paid for work they did not perform at a local car dealership. Oklahoma had already put sanctions on itself, including cutting Bomar from the team, but the self-imposed punishments did not satisfy the NCAA. The Sooners went 8-5 in 2005, beating Oregon in the Holiday Bowl. Those wins, including the bowl berth, will be stricken from Oklahoma's history, as will the career records of the players in question, and Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops' career record will be dropped by eight wins. Additionally, Oklahoma will have two fewer scholarships available in

the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons. The Sooners are expected to appeal the ruling.

## Phillies Lose 10,000 (7/15)

Just five days after Aaron Rowand failed to get a game-winning hit in the All-Star game, the man who sat on the bench in the situation, St. Louis's Albert Pujols, homered twice against Rowand's Phillies to break out of his personal slump and give Philadelphia franchise loss No. 10,000. The 10-2 loss puts the Phillies at 8,810-10,000 all-time, making them not only the losingest team in baseball, but in all of American professional sports history. The next closest team on the list is the Atlanta Braves, having lost 9,681 games.

## Tour de France (7/16)

The Tour de France's grueling alpine portion began Saturday, with a victory by Germany's Linus Gerdemann. Gerdemann completed the 123-mile ride from Bourg-en-Bresse to Le Grand-Bornand 4 hours, 53 minutes, 13 seconds to temporarily take the lead in the race. The next day, however, Gerdemann fell several minutes behind Michael Rasmussen of Denmark, who won the 102.5-mile second stretch from Le Grand-Bornand to Tignes with a 43-second overall lead and the yellow jersey. Rasmussen has a 2:39 lead over third place Iban Mayo of Spain. The biggest American threat to the field is Levi Leipheimer, who sits in 13th place, 3:53 back from Rasmussen. The cyclists were given Monday off before continuing on the final alpine stage Tuesday. (Times on next page.)

## Bonds Tracker

The San Francisco Giants played only one three-game series, against the Dodgers, between the All-Star break and Tuesday, all losses. That limited the chances for left fielder Barry Bonds, who hit no homeruns and still sits with 751 career shots, leaving him five away from breaking Hank Aaron's all-time record.

# Baseball Stats

As of July 16th

## American League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Boston	56	36	0.609		Won 1	5--5
NY Yankees	46	44	0.511	9	Won 3	7--3
Toronto	45	47	0.489	11	Lost 1	5--5
Baltimore	41	51	0.446	15	Lost 1	5--5
Tampa Bay	35	56	0.385	20.5	Lost 2	2--8

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Detroit	54	36	0.6		Won 1	7--3
Cleveland	54	38	0.587	1	Lost 1	4--6
Minnesota	49	43	0.533	6	Won 4	4--6
Chicago Sox	41	50	0.451	13.5	Won 1	5--5
Kansas City	39	53	0.424	16	Lost 2	5--5

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	55	36	0.604		Lost 1	5--5
Seattle	52	38	0.578	2.5	Won 1	7--3
Oakland	44	49	0.473	12	Lost 8	1--9
Texas	40	52	0.435	15.5	Won 2	6--4

## National League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
NY Mets	51	41	0.554		Lost 1	5--5
Atlanta	50	43	0.538	1.5	Lost 1	7--3
Philadelphia	46	46	0.5	5	Lost 2	4--6
Florida	44	49	0.473	7.5	Lost 1	6--4
Washington	38	54	0.413	13	Won 1	5--5

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Milwaukee	52	40	0.565		Won 3	4--6
Chicago Cubs	48	43	0.527	3.5	Won 4	7--3
St. Louis	42	47	0.472	8.5	Won 2	5--5
Pittsburgh	40	52	0.435	12	Lost 4	5--5
Houston	39	54	0.419	13.5	Lost 4	3--7
Cincinnati	38	55	0.409	14.5	Won 1	6--4

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Dodgers	53	40	0.57		Won 5	6--4
San Diego	51	40	0.56	1	Won 2	4--6
Arizona	49	45	0.521	4.5	Lost 2	3--7
Colorado	46	46	0.5	6.5	Won 1	7--3
San Francisco	38	52	0.422	13.5	Lost 5	3--7

# Tour de France

## Standings

Through Monday

Michael Rasmussen (Denmark) 39:37:42

Linus Gerdemann (Germany) +43

Iban Mayo (Spain) +2:39

Alejandro Valverde (Spain) +2:51

Andrey Kashechkin (Kazakhstan) +2:52

Cadel Evans (Australia) +2:53

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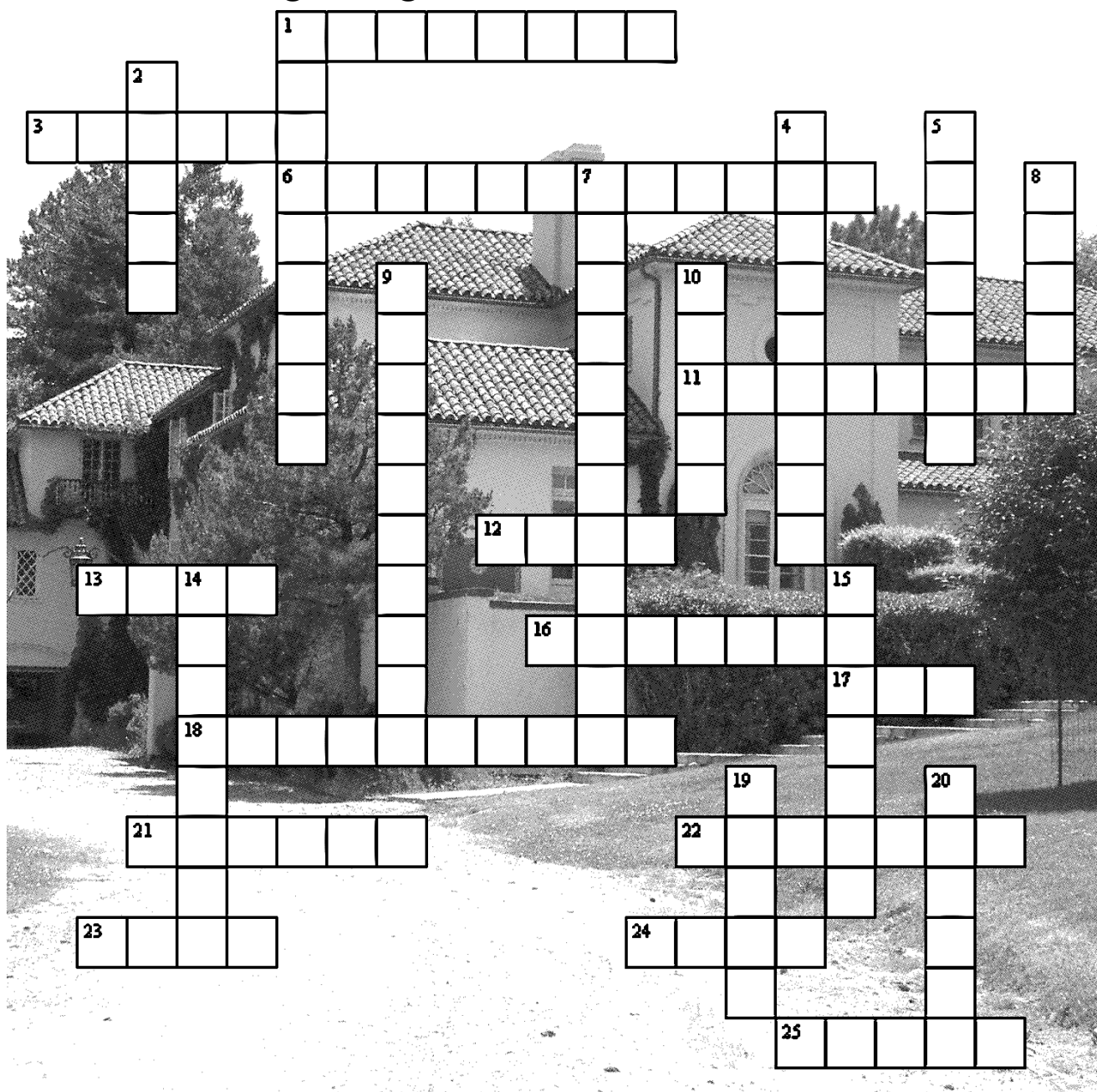
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#### ACROSS

- 1 The rugs in the living room were hand-hooked in this country.
- 3 The unique detail about the piano in the living room.
- 6 This former Vice President visited the Ranch and can be found in a picture in the New Mexico room.
- 11 This famous land owner and his wife are hanging on the wall in the dining room.
- 12 The PTC Cottage was once used to house these members of Waite's family.
- 13 Prominent, silver feature in Genevieve's powder room.
- 16 The star-shaped lights in the hallway get their name from this region.
- 17 Waite's favorite horse.
- 18 Architect of the Villa Philmonte
- 21 The fauna mistake on the painted window.
- 22 Window Rock gets its name from the window in which room of the house?
- 23 This green stone is heavily featured in the goblet set the Phillipses recieved as a housewarming gift.
- 24 The green, marble-like portion of the fireplace in the master bedroom is actually made from this.
- 25 Waite's collection of this hangs above the fireplace in the living room.

#### DOWN

- 1 This animals quills helped make the teepee cloth in the entry hall.
- 2 The Phillips brothers' initials can be found on this object in the New Mexico room.
- 4 These make sure your feet aren't cold when you step out of the shower.
- 5 The general theme of the solarium.
- 7 The large garden out back with the mountain lion fountain used to be this.
- 8 The number of showerheads in the master bath.
- 9 Waite's exercise machine.
- 10 Waite's brand.
- 14 What the Phillipses kept in their 16th century walnut chest.
- 15 The flora mistake on the painted window.
- 19 This hairy thing looks over the trophy room from above the fireplace.
- 20 Most of the paintings on the walls around the Villa are this type.

# Sudoku

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9				1	8	6	5	

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## Last Week's Crossword



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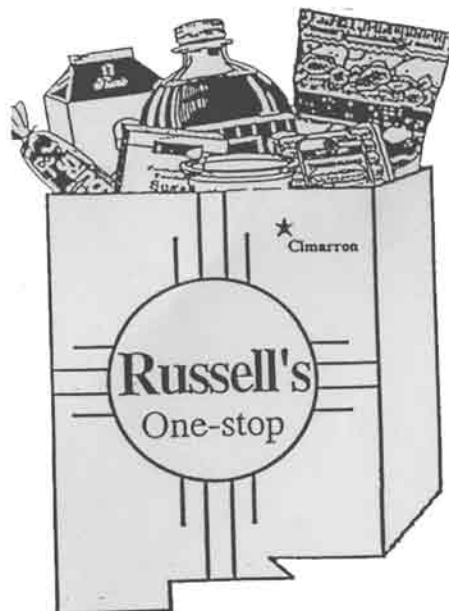
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# That's Why I'm Here

Submission by Judy Huett, Security

The journey from Alabama to New Mexico is an adventure. From Alabama's "Kudzu" to the Mississippi Delta, to the Arkansas Ozarks, to Oklahoma's Big Sky Country – through the Texas Panhandle, into the Land of Enchantment under God's wide, wide sky.

Arriving at Philmont and meeting old friends, and making new friends, is the part I look forward to each May. We're like a big family and it's reunion time.

But, those things are not why I'm here. You see, my journey began in 1977 when my ten-year old son Tony passed away. He was a Cub Scout and dreamed of becoming an Eagle. While preparing for Open Heart surgery, he also prepared us, his family, for his death. He told me he would like three days after surgery, then – he'd have to go. He asked me to be strong for his dad and his sisters. He also asked me to stay in Scouting. Tony's words: "You need Scouting and they need you." I promised. And I've kept that promise.

My young son was right. I do need Scouting and will always be grateful for the opportunities I have been given. I'm not brave like Tony was, and could never plan my own funeral like he did. Nor could I ever face death with a smile and a wave – as he did. I can only try every day to be happy, help somebody and thank God for all my blessings.

Life is a wonderful gift to be unwrapped, appreciated, cared for and never taken for granted.

So, here's to you, my young Scout. I am what I am because, in 1967 to 1977, you lit up my life. That flame still dwells in my heart and soul. And, no matter what, it will never go out.

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receive. Matthew Isom, a Philstaffer from last year, works at Martin Camp this year. "We trained for longer because our season starts later," said Isom. The temperature at the ranch is more extreme because there is nothing to shield the staffers or participants from the elements. "Temperatures get a lot hotter here because we don't have any shade," said Isom. Walking across the meadows is especially dangerous at Double H because of the lightening storms.

"During most of the summer it doesn't rain as much here, right now we are in monsoon season so it has rained everyday, it rains a lot more at Philmont," said Isom.

The elevation at Philmont can change rapidly, but at Double H it is a little different. "There is not much elevation change, we have lots of hills, we don't get up (to the top of mountains) and see snow like you do in Philmont," said Isom.

At Philmont this year, 22,000 participants will come through and enjoy everything that Northeast New Mexico has to offer. Only about 1,000 participants will have the chance to enjoy Double H Ranch over the summer, but it should not be discounted since it just celebrated its fourth birthday.

Philmont and Double H are both excellent places to go on treks or work for the summer.

Since Double H is still in its early years it has not had the time to develop a strong reputation like Philmont. Double H has been compared to Philmont in the '70s, give it a little time and maybe one day it will be world renowned as well.

# Activities Schedule

## July

**20** Volleyball Tournament, 8:00 p.m.

**21** Ice Cream Social, 8:00 p.m.

**22** Movie Night, 8:00 p.m.

**24** Bratwurst Cookout, 11:30-1:00; Coffee House, 8:00 p.m.

**25** Capture the Flag, 8:00 p.m.

**26** Ping Pong, 8:00 p.m.

All sporting events will be held in the field in front of the Health Lodge. Ice Cream Social and Bratwursts will be served in front of the Activities Building. Movie Night will be held in the Advisor's Meeting Room. Coffee House will be held at the Welcome Center.

# Philmont Photo Contest 2007

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All photos must be from 2007 and related to Philmont. The winner of each category will win a prize from the Trading Post. The overall winner will receive a gift certificate to the Trading Post or Texas Red's.

Good luck!

Deadline: August 1st

## Philmont Photo Contest 2006 Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Title \_\_\_\_\_

Category (Circle One):

Landscape

Animal Wildlife

Staff Activity

Sunrise & Sunset

Humor (no vulgarity)

Digital Creations

Storms & Rainbows

Plant Wildlife

Camper Activity

Double H

Black & White

(One entry per category.)

Bring or send your photos to the Activities Office. Each photo must be labeled with your name, department and the category in which you are entering it. No DIGITAL ALTERATIONS (except for Digital Creations category).

# The Hope Fund

In memory of Shane Halligan by Karen Supplee

The Hope Fund is set up to prevent suicide. On December 12th 2006, Shane Halligan committed suicide.

Shane was a young man with a lot of heart. He was a volunteer junior fire fighter and an outgoing Eagle Scout. More than that, he was a brother, son, grandson, and to most, a friend. Some people didn't get the chance to meet this young man, but Shane has touched so many lives in small, and big, ways.

31,484 people committed suicide in 2003, and suicide is the third leading cause of death between ages 15-24. Males are more likely to commit suicide than females due to their violent nature. Most people who commit suicide don't want to die, they just want a powerful end to their lives.

## WARNING SIGNS

- Becoming depressed or withdrawn
- Reckless behavior
- Abusing drugs and alcohol
- Suffering major loss of life change
- Showing marked change in behavior, attitude and appearance
- Getting affairs in order and giving away possessions.

## First Fundraiser

Come out and support the hope fund on July 24th at the bratwurst luncheon between Mark Anderson's house and the staff lounge between 11:30 am and 1 pm.

## The Hope Fund

Donations are greatly appreciated. I-Camp donations to Karen Supplee (Re-Check) or John Clark (Philmont Comptroller) or see them in person. All donations go towards suicide prevention.

Karen Supplee is the founder of the Hope Fund.

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## 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 23 of the *PhilNews*.
3. Must be a current 2007 staff member.
4. Must turn in a 2008 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 of the above requirements.

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*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, Philmont Training Center Staff, Program Staff, Trading Post Staff, Dining Hall Staff and Kanik Winter Program Staff. Applicants must be over 21 years of age at the start of their contract. Application forms are available at CHQ and should be **completed and returned by Friday, July 27, 2007.**

Staff for **Autumn Adventure** will need to be available from approximately September 1 through October 31. Autumn Adventure is a Fall program that allows crew 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 27 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, Photo Archivist, 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 Barbara Garcia or John Van Dreesse at Camping Headquarters for an application or for more information.

## 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. Leave early 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 request 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 someone else or check into the availability of public transportation through our Logistics staff before you request an early leave. Early Leave Requests forms are available through the personnel office at Camping Headquarters.



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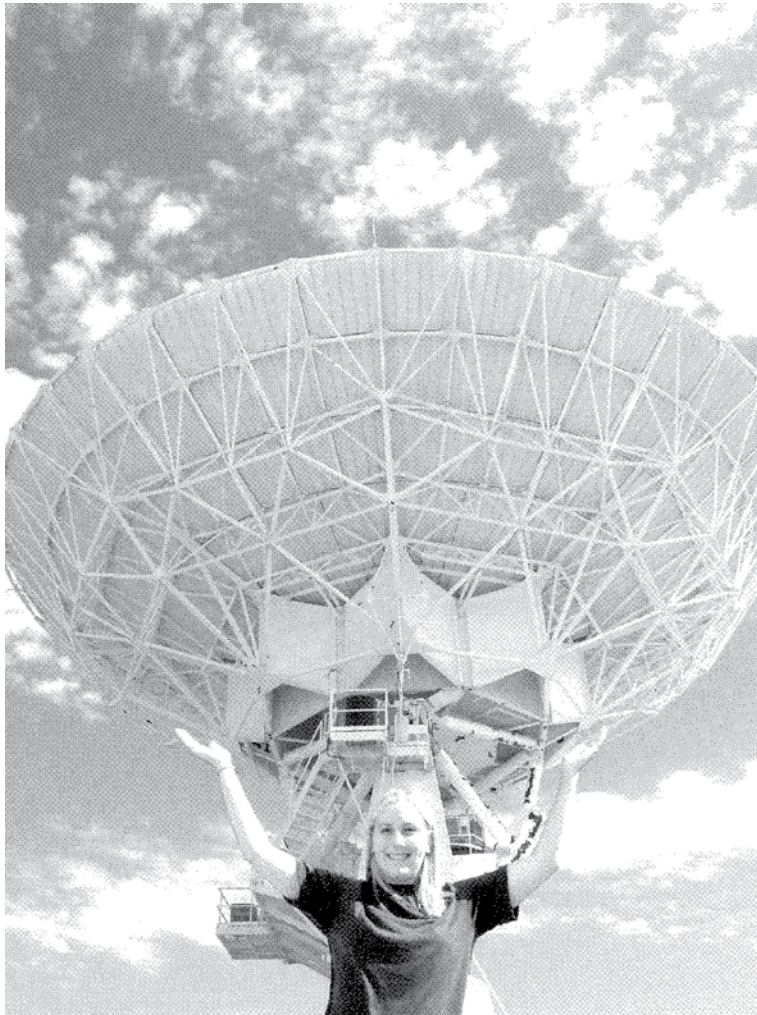
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