

# **The PhilNews**

A black and white photograph of a night sky filled with numerous curved star trails, indicating a long exposure. The trails are concentric arcs centered around a point in the upper left. The bottom of the image shows a dark silhouette of a landscape with trees and a hill.

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#### On the cover:

Stars wheel overhead in the night sky at Lookout Meadow, during Ranger training. (photo by Conrad Stoll, Ranger)

From the desk: Editor's Note

## Help us help you!

I have writer's block.

It's not the kind where you don't know what to write. It's the kind where you know what you want to say, but there's so much you want to say that you can't quite organize everything into a well-structured piece. I'm hoping that going to the Valle this week will solve that. By the time you are reading this, the writers and I will have been in the Valle Vidal for a few days, in order to bring you a Valle-themed issue next week. I've never been there, except to hike Little Costilla, so I'm looking forward to exploring some new territory.

Speaking of new territory, this year at The PhilNews, we are making a concerted effort to reduce paper waste. To accomplish this, we've introduced a few small changes in how The PhilNews works:

- We've asked almost every backcountry camp (a few slipped past us) exactly how many copies of The PhilNews each camp wants every week, instead of sending a copy of every issue for every staffer in every camp.
- We're asking backcountry camps to I-camp back the envelopes in which we send The PhilNews, in order to reuse the envelopes until they fall apart.
- Finally, we're asking backcountry camps to I-camp back any unused copies of The PhilNews, as we've cut down the total number of printed copies from 1500 (last year's count) to 1000. However, this does not allow much wiggle room for keeping archival copies (which both NPS and the Philmont Museum/Seton Memorial Library do). Receiving unused copies helps us out a lot.

We'd like everyone else to help cut down on paper waste, too. You can do this by dropping off unused PhilNews copies at the NPS office (or I-camping them, whichever is more convenient).

We still want all the submissions we can get, and we'll still publish everything we receive. (And if it's not publishable, we'll work with you to make it publishable.) At the same time, though, we are trying to keep our paper usage down as much as possible.

We'd love your help. And your submissions. Thanks so much for reading. Next week, look forward to full coverage of the Valle.

Sincerely,  
Chris

*Please be aware that the views expressed in this column, as well as others printed in this issue, do not necessarily represent those of The PhilNews, Philmont Scout Ranch or the Boy Scouts of America.*

# Practice lightning safety

**by Mark Anderson**

*Director of Program*

At any moment, about 1,800 thunderstorms are happening around the world. About 100 lightning bolts strike the earth every second.

Last summer on July 29, a lightning strike on the side of Baldy Mountain impacted four crews who were huddled together waiting out a powerful hailstorm. The lightning strike directly affected 11 participants from the four crews. More than 90 staff members assisted in providing support in numerous ways to the four crews.

As we prepare for the 2008 summer season, I would remind you of the importance of following

Philmont's Lightning Policy if you find you're in or near a thunderstorm. Many of you will enjoy hiking or climbing our tall mountains over the summer. Please practice safe lightning techniques.

Another consideration if you find yourself in an area with only a few tall objects that I have recently been made aware of is, to move into the "Cone of Protection." This position is in the area under a 45-

degree angle drawn from the top of the object to the ground. Squat to get into the "lightning position" and wait out the storm.

Fascinating lightning fact: lightning does strike the same place twice – or many times. The Empire State Building in New York City is struck by lightning an average of 23 times a year. During one thunderstorm, it was struck eight times in 24 minutes.

## Safe lightning procedures

If you see lightning, count the number of seconds until you hear thunder. If the time is 30 seconds or fewer, the thunderstorm is within six miles of you and is dangerous.

Avoid tall trees, wire fences, bear cables, exposed mountain tops, cliffs, open meadows and overhangs.

If on a ridge or peak, head straight down the leeward side of the approaching storm into some sort of cover.

If in a meadow, leave fast. Get into some uniformly sized trees, spread out at least 30 feet apart and get into the "lightning position" (ask a Ranger to demonstrate for you!), squatting on a pad with your feet close together in order to have minimal contact with the ground. If you can't leave fast enough, spread out at least 30 feet apart and get into the lightning position. Wait in the lightning formation and position about 30 minutes, allowing time even after the storm has passed.

If hiking in the rain, spread out along the trail and keep moving. If heading to high ground or if lightning becomes severe, spread out in the woods or near a trail.

Never take chances. Never begin an ascent in the face of a thunderstorm. Get off high peaks before noon; afternoon thunderstorms can be frequent.



***the lightning position***

## Swing dancing lessons taught by A.J. Boyd

Ever wanted to learn to swing dance? Ranger Trainer A.J. Boyd will begin teaching East Coast-style swing dancing on Saturday, June 21, in the PTC Assembly Hall (Dining Hall 1 area). Weekly lessons will begin two weeks following (allowing a break for LDS Weeks at PTC). Lessons are 7:30-8:30 p.m., and the following dance will be 8:30-10 p.m. Intermediate lessons in the Lindy Hop will begin mid-summer.

# Be a Philmont Field Guide contributor!

My wife Susan and I have been requested by Philmont to give leadership to the development of a new Philmont Field Guide. Like many endeavors, the more people who are involved in the project, the better the final product will be. We are requesting seasonal staff to research and write portions of the field guide. We are specifically looking for staff who have knowledge and a passion to share their knowledge with campers, leaders and other staff.

We need staff who will write about weather (precipitation, atmosphere, wind, temperature, thunderstorms and local weather patterns), geology (formation of mountains and valleys, uplift-ridges and mesas, volcanic action, glaciations, erosion and minerals), human-caused change (grazing, crops and irrigation, buildings, roads and trails, campsites, dams and wells and power – electricity and solar), environmental management (watershed/erosion control, fire management and restoration), environmental precautions (sun, lightning, floods, wind and hydration), wildlife precautions (bears, mountain lions, rodents, insects), needs and desires of future generations.

Interested staff can pick up a copy of the proposed outline for the Philmont Field Guide at Camping Headquarters, the Ranger Office or the Conservation Office.

The new Philmont Field Guide needs to be of a

reasonable size so that Philmont participants will be willing to carry it into the backcountry. While the new guide will cover more subjects and have more wildflowers, it needs to be reasonably concise. Last summer, some 350 different wildflowers were photographed for the new field guide, but only 100 or so will be included. However, all wildflowers along with other material will be featured in a Philmont Field Guide Web site. We are planning to create this Web site fairly soon so that viewers can make corrections and offer suggestions.

The purpose of the Philmont Field Guide is “to educate and inspire readers about the natural and cultural heritage of Philmont and the surrounding area, and to enable them to correctly identify its natural features.” The first Philmont Field Guide was published in 1985 and was entirely produced by seasonal staff. You can leave your mark on Philmont by being a contributor and writing a portion of the new field guide. Your help will make this become an outstanding resource for Philmont participants.

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# ***Philmont Scout Ranch Fire Restrictions***

**as of May 29, 2008 — still current**

**On May 28, 2008, the Colfax County Fire Marshal issued an Open Fire Ban for Colfax County, New Mexico.**

- No burn permits shall be issued.
- No outside smoking is permitted except within a 3 foot diameter barren area.
- The use of “exterior” fireplaces, stoves or barbeques (except for gas-propane stoves and barbeques) and open flames in all unincorporated areas of Colfax County is prohibited.

**The only exemption to the open fire ban shall be in District 1, Philmont which shall be as follows:**

- Fires at three backcountry locations, contained in metal fire boxes and used for Chuck Wagon dinners and branding boots and belts.
- Homesteading camp for the making of candles.
- The fire used to heat rocks for the sweat lodge at Apache Springs.
- The three backcountry blacksmith forges.

**Based on the Colfax County Open Fire Ban, Philmont has implemented the following fire restrictions for the 2008 camping season:**

- No smoking along trails or trail camps!
- Smoking is restricted to designated areas:
  - CHQ = Advisors Lounge or Staff Lounge Dining Fly or Staff Dining Fly between Male and Female Tent City.
  - PTC = East Tent City Pavilion.
  - Within vehicles equipped with ashtrays while on paved roads or surfaced roads only.
  - Designated area at backcountry staffed camps.
- Open fires and fireworks are prohibited. Camp stoves may be used in campsite fire rings or immediately adjacent on bare ground.
- Campfires in designated fire rings are prohibited.
- Program campfires (base and backcountry) are prohibited. Propane campfires in base camp and kerosene lanterns in the backcountry will be permitted.
- Blacksmith forges and black powder shooting at designated ranges will be permitted unless otherwise notified.

*The Conservationist*

# ***A prologue: natural resource conservation***

When most people at Philmont hear the word “Conservation,” they conjure up images of those of us in the Conservation Department out there, swinging sledge hammers and busting out trail, putting nature to shame with our ruggedly handsome good looks.

Despite my fond nostalgia and the sense of pride I get when I think of the word in that context, believe it or not, it can actually have other meanings as well.

“*The careful utilization of a natural resource in order to prevent depletion*” is one definition that opens the door for much critical thought and action. History shows us some very unique examples of individuals and groups utilizing techniques of conservation, even if these techniques were forged in a very human manner. Just as a chain smoker may not decide to quit smoking until his or her lungs become cancerous, much of our society is often resistant to change until our habits present imminent and foreseeable dangers to survival. “Too little, too late” is the phrase that is often applied.

We, as Americans, learned (or should have learned) a very valuable lesson in the 1970s during which our reliance on natural resources was strained significantly for the first time by oil shortages. My favorite Moral-ist/Conservationist, albeit a mediocre president, James Earl Carter, attempted to bring us to terms with our unsupportable appetite for Middle Eastern black gold. Unfortunately, Jimmy’s soothsaying eye for the future held our collective attention as long as leg warmers and neon pink jackets. Rapidly expanding SUV lines and bigger houses came with a new decade. The message was soon lost in a cloud of consumerism.

In the simplest terms there are two types of natural resource conservation. The first, Reactive Conser-vation, is the kind we saw in America during the 1970s,

in Europe over the past few decades as they have come to terms with limited open space and increased devel-opment, and again in America as recent environmental issues begin to enter the lime light. Going back to our chain smoker, he or she is not going to reverse years of damage to his or her body in the same way we won’t be able to reverse years of environmental neglect when we can’t leave our homes without a respirator to com-bat air pollution.

The second type, Proactive Conservation, has the laws of science and religion on its side. It involves a more altruistic thought process and the ability to see things not as they are, but as they will be. This school points to the need to start thinking more dynamically so we can see our actions not just in basic terms, but in the far reaching effects every decision we make in life has on others, the environment, and the future of mankind.

We have now come to a point that you might expect to be the end of a singular article or critical es-say. This is not the case. Many of us (myself included) complain about things that we see as unfair, unjust, or worthy of more attention, but not as many of us choose to act or stand up for our beliefs.

So for the benefit of all you Jimmy Carter fans and would-be Proactive Conservationists out there, consider this the first in a series of articles through which we all can be provided with the tools to make our own contribution, or reduction (a more appropri-ate term) to the continued care of the world in which we live.

*“The Conservationist” is a weekly column by Environmen-tal Educator Chris Ives.*

*God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools.*

— John Muir

*From the Ranger Department*

## Fun day hikes at Philmont

Do you have a day off and are looking to do a fun hike? There are many opportunities for hiking on Philmont that can be done in a day, without the need for a private vehicle to get to a turnaround, such taking buses or starting in Base. Also, staff camps offer programs for those passing through. Consider these ideas when planning your next hike.

### Easy Hikes

The following hikes can be done by almost anyone who is cleared to travel in the backcountry. Zastrow Turnaround is the starting point for the trail leading to Zastrow and Abreu, where crews participate in GPS/Scouting skills programs and Mexican homesteading. The route crosses the Rayado River several times, with pitted rocks leftover from the volcano on Crater Peak on either side of the trail.

For a longer hike, you can walk the switchbacks to the top of the Rayado Canyon and The Notch, which was created by blasting the rock with explosives to create a new trail after the flood of 1965 washed away the old.

Another easy hike begins at Six Mile Gate in the North Country. The trail passes by the T-Rex footprint, the only one in North America, and continues up to Indian Writings, which has a tour of the petroglyphs, excavated dwellings and an archeological site.

### Moderate Hikes

For those looking for more of a challenge and gaining some elevation, a fun challenge is climbing Hart Peak from Ponil. Start at Ponil Turnaround and walk to Ponil via the trail across the creek. Once arriving in camp, look

for the trail up the mountain, which begins next to the staff dining hall. The route switchbacks and climbs to the summit, where there is a clear view of Baldy Mountain to the west, as well as views of the southern skyline. Return to Ponil via the same trail, and enjoy some well-earned root beer at the cantina.

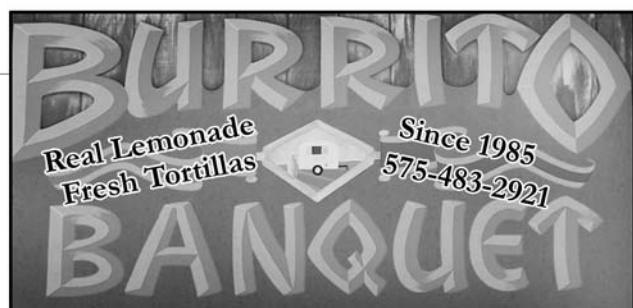
In the central part of Philmont is Hidden Valley. Begin at the Cito Turnaround and hike the trail to Cathedral Rock Camp. Continue up to the road to another trail which goes through a demonstration forest area, and takes you to Hunting Lodge. From here, hike up to Window Rock, which offers a spectacular view of the plains, and continue into the valley. The trail will pass through Aspen Springs camp, down to Cimarroncito, then back to the Hunting Lodge and the turnaround.

### Strenuous Hikes

Nothing beats a hike up the Tooth Ridge to the Tooth of Time for a strenuous hike. The trailhead begins past Ranger Tent City, at the "You Made It" sign. Follow the trail up the ridge to an intersection at the base of the Tooth, and take the left trail. The climb to the top requires some scrambling over rocks, so have on a sturdy pair of hiking shoes. There will be participants there as well; remember to respect their experience.

For mileage, hike Wilson Mesa from Sioux Camp to Pueblano, then back through Flume Canyon Camp to Ponil.

*"From the Ranger Department" is a weekly column by Ranger Trainer Bill Sassani.*



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*Highlight on the 27,391 Reasons We Are Here*

*photo by Tawny Slaughter, PhilNews writer*

*Amber and Anna, who began their Mountain Trek expedition on June 9, play Anna's harmonica.*

## ***All I need is a \$3 harmonica***

On Sunday, June 8, crews arrived at the base camp of Philmont Scout Ranch, via bus, train, plane, and the ever-present, overworked and underappreciated Scout leaders' personal vehicles.

Coming from places as varied as Tucson, Ariz., and Louisville, Ken., the season's first 28 crews arrived, eager to set off for the trail. Returners and first-timers all seemed to have high expectations for what the next 10 days will bring, as I talked with Scouts while they waited for the buses to take them to turnarounds throughout Philmont.

The Scouts come from all across the country in search of all of the expected things such as hiking, mountains and fun. Along the way, they will also pick up unexpected lifelong memories and \$3 harmonicas.

Anna and Amber set out on June 9 with their crew for a Mountain Trek, which is a five-day trek. The girls were packed with everything they needed, including a \$3 harmonica. Anna purchased it the day before at the trading post and had already worn off the "Philmont" writing. When I chatted with the girls, I was not sure if they were more excited about leaving base camp soon

or the harmonica – maybe a little of both. They were definitely having a great time, and had not even left the parking lot yet.

"I will not stop playing this, ever!" Anna declared.

I salute the rangers of this expedition.

When I asked Scouts what they were looking forward to, I received a variety of responses. Daniel of 609E is looking forward to hiking the Tooth of Time. Jack, the crew leader for 609T1, is looking forward to "all of it." Don't ask for any more details than that: Jack is holding strong with his response of "all of it," no one part more than another. Just simply "all of it." Others mentioned fishing, hiking, climbing, cooking and of course the \$3 harmonica.

As many staff members have so obviously noted, "We have campers!" Let us not lose this excitement, for though tomorrow is just another day for the Philmont community, it is the first day of one of the greatest adventures for the next set of arriving campers.

*"Highlight on the 27,391 Reasons We Are Here" is a weekly column by PhilNews writer Tawny Slaughter.*



# Philmont & New Mexico alcohol policies

by Jennifer Peters

*PhilNews writer*

**The 2008 Philmont Staff Guidebook states that Philmont and Double H have a “Zero Tolerance” policy. This states that “each employee will not use, or be under the influence of, alcoholic beverages on Philmont property or in uniform anywhere; not drink and drive; not assist any minor (under age 21) in obtaining alcoholic beverages; and if under age 21, will not seek, obtain or consume alcoholic beverages.”**

- Employees in violation of these alcohol policies will be terminated and possibly prosecuted.
- Always, always, always safety first.
- Drinking in public is illegal in Cimarron. This offense can get you a citation and a fine. The ball-park, streets and even the sidewalks outside the St. James Hotel are public land. Consumption of alcohol is NOT permitted there.
- There will be periodic D.W.I. check points between Cimarron and Philmont this summer.
- If you plan to consume alcohol, always have a designated driver. Designated drivers receive free carbonated drinks and coffee at the St. James Hotel and Colfax Tavern Cold Beer.
- If you happen to find yourself walking back to Philmont from the St. James Hotel, bring a flashlight and walk beside the road, not on it. Doing otherwise may put you and drivers at risk.
- Possession of alcohol is strictly prohibited on Philmont property, even if it is a closed container.
- The Cimarron Marshal's Office wants everyone to “think” and keep in mind that Philmont staffers do not have to do anything silly to get the police's attention.

**With help from the Cimarron Marshal's Office and the Colfax County Sheriff's Department, The PhilNews is breaking down some of New Mexico's laws to help keep you informed and out of the slammer this summer.**

- Anything that impairs your driving can get you a Driving While Intoxicated (D.W.I.) ticket, whether it is prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, illegal substances or alcohol consumption. Some people may be adversely affected and unfit to drive after taking allergy medications, so always look at the warnings on medications' labels.
- The legal limit for D.W.I. is 0.08 percent blood alcohol content, which is not a very high concentration. Altitude, weight, tolerance and other factors may impair your ability to drive after consuming alcohol.
- Aggravated Driving occurs when a driver has 0.16 percent of alcohol in his/her blood or when he/she causes bodily harm to another person as a result of driving while intoxicated.
- It is illegal for any amount of alcohol to be detected in a minor, either detected by a breathalyzer or an officer who can smell alcohol on the minor's breath. A minor may receive a D.W.I. if he/she is pulled over after consuming alcohol.
- If a person over the age of 21 is in the presence of a minor who has been drinking, that person can be charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.
- Open containers in New Mexico are defined by the broken seal of the alcohol container. Flasks are always considered open containers, even if they are empty.
- Open containers in New Mexico are to be kept out of the “Passenger Area” of all motor vehicles while in motion. The passenger area is considered the area where the driver and passengers occupy or an area that is readily accessible, including a glove compartment.
- Trunks, cargo spaces, the area behind the last upright seat and places not normally occupied by a driver or passenger are all acceptable places to have open containers.
- Most importantly, follow the New Mexico Slogan: You Drink, You Drive, You Lose.

# Behind the curtain at Philmont

**submission by Russell Smart**

*Commissary*

In 2000 and again in 2003, I came to Philmont to trek. Basically, we showed up at the Philmont Welcome Center; ate a couple of meals in the base camp dining room; had a medical re-check to make sure that we could survive the Philmont experience; met with Logistics to plan the details of our trek; slept overnight in the outbound tent city; next day picked up our equipment and trail food from Services; rode out to our trailhead with our Ranger in a bus; during the next 12 days walked 60 miles, visiting numerous backcountry camps and doing all sorts of programs; got more food along the way from backcountry commissaries; came back to base camp; turned in our stuff; ate a couple more meals; bought some snacks and souvenirs in the trading post; stayed in the homebound tent city; and went back home tired but happy.

I honestly never gave much thought as to what was “behind the curtain,” so to speak, making all of those things happen for me and the 20,000 plus other scouts and adult advisors during those two summers. Well, now I know.

A typical camper probably has a personal contact of some sort with 50 staff members. But there are almost a thousand other staffers in the background making that trek happen for that camper. Sure, not all of them do something for each and every camper. But all of them do something for some camper. It’s a lot like Disney World, I guess. The camper only sees the “characters,” and not most of the support team that makes the “Philmont Magic” happen.

And “magic” it is! On Friday afternoon, on May 30, most of the staff members stopped what they were doing and gathered in 25 randomly organized groups on the lawn around the Villa. Our group got to know each other, played “human knot” and then walked all around base camp together, doing our final staff training.

After dinner, we all walked to the homebound campfire area. We listened to some of the Camp Directors play bluegrass music as the sun set behind Tooth of Time Ridge. Mark Anderson and Brian Gray introduced the department heads, and then Mark asked everybody to stand. As he counted from one year on up,

each person sat down based on the number of years that they have been a Philmont staffer.

About one third of the group sat down when he said “Two.” Another third sat down between “three” and “five” years. It was incredible to see how many people were still standing after “10” and even “15.” The last two guys – Gene and Bob – were still standing at more than 25 years. Finally even Gene had to sit down, and of course Bob won the day with the most years of service to Philmont.

Then Keith Galloway introduced our Chief Scout Exec, Bob Mazzuca, who gave us some great thoughts about how important the Philmont experience is to the Boy Scouts of America, and how important each of us were in making that experience the best possible for each scout and leader. We watched some footage from an old home movie made by a group of Scouts from Minnesota who came to Philmont (then called Philturn) in 1940 – the second year that the ranch even had campers. We ended our evening by singing together the Philmont hymn in the chill of a late May evening and under the canopy of a million stars in the clear western sky.

I walked the two miles back to my duplex, pondering what was ahead of me during the next 11 weeks. I looked out in front of me and saw the North Star and the Big Dipper. To the west I found Castor and Pollux – the Gemini twins – and then a bit higher and to the south, there were Mars and Saturn. And then just as I reached “home,” there was Jupiter rising in the east as big and bright as the headlights of an oncoming car a hundred feet down the road.

It’s probably hard for most people to understand why a 56 year old guy would want to leave a comfortable bed, an interesting career, his lifelong friends, a loving family (including a new granddaughter) and a wonderful wife... to spend three months of long days sorting and packing and loading boxes of food and then driving them out each day on rough and dusty roads to feed a bunch of mostly 20-something staffers who spend day after day doing the same programs and answering the same 10 questions to 20,000 adolescent scout campers.

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## ***Ponil – a busy camp***

*by the staff at Ponil*

Known as Five Forks from 1938 to 1941, Ponil was the headquarters for the Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, which encompassed the original 37,000+ acre grant from Waite Phillips. Celebrating 70 years, Ponil today offers a wide variety of programs. Crews can ride horses, learn to pack burros, brand their boots and belts and learn to rope a steer. We also offer an olde west cantina where campers can refresh themselves with cold root beer. Every night at 8 p.m., campers can enjoy a Wild West Cantina Show with western music and tall tales.

Services include a commissary, trading post and opportunities to complete conservation projects. As the original and one of Philmont's largest camps, Ponil continues to lead the way in delivering the magic for Philmont campers.

## ***Haunted fun at Urraca***

*by Desi Atwater*

*Camp Director at Urraca*

Urraca Mesa camp is reputable as one of the arguably most haunted, and therefore scariest, locations on the ranch, but let that not deter you from paying us a visit. Impish friends aside, Urraca is already haunted by a monstrosly friendly group of rope-climbing, wall-scaling staff members who will surely brighten your afternoon before they send you off to bed afraid of your own shadow at nightfall. Our stories are eerie, our music even more so, our sunrise enviable and our challenge course... challenging. Don't miss us!



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# 'Twas the first day of Scatter

**submission by Russell Smart**

*Commissary*

Twas the first day of Scatter, and all through the  
commissary  
All was prepared that Nooch said was necessary.

Food boxes were packed and all stacked with care  
In the hopes that our backcountry staff would be there.

Me and Ole Yeller were gassed up and ready  
And so was the other Russell and the truck he calls  
Betsy.

Steve's mustache was waxed, Clark was raring to go,  
And even Peanut was planning to drive in this show.

Captain Pat Adams and Master Sergeant Fred  
Had no worries, there was nothing to dread.

As the hour drew near there arose such a clatter  
But even Jim in the motor pool knew it was just  
"Scatter."

Peanut arose and called out to each clerk,  
"Grab your hand trucks lads, and let's get to work."

On Robby, on Matt, on Rico and Turbo  
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# Upcoming Centennial for the work of cowboy poet Jack Thorp

**submission by Seth McFarland**

*Director of Museums*

The award-winning publication, *Jack Thorp's Songs of the Cowboys* (Museum of New Mexico Press, 2005), is a tribute to the man who was cowboy music's first collector of range ballads. N. Howard "Jack" Thorp (1867-1940) collected cowboy songs and poems across the West for nearly 20 years, beginning in the late 1880s. He published the first collection of cowboy songs in 1908, a small book famously titled *Songs of the Cowboys*, two years before John Lomax published his better-known *Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier Ballads*.

Western historians and musicians Mark Gardner and Rex Rideout were involved in the creation of *Jack Thorp's Songs of the Cowboys* and have developed an entertaining and educational program made up of the songs from Thorp's first book and many from his

1921 second edition of *Songs of the Cowboys*. They have performed the music of Jack Thorp and the old-time cowboy around the West for the last three years at museums, historic sites, and festivals. They are looking forward to the centennial of Thorp's landmark publication in 2008, which they believe offers a wonderful opportunity to bring Thorp and authentic cowboy music of the West to audiences in the eastern part of the country.

## Announcing:

Western Music Historian Rex Rideout will be performing *Jack Thorp's Songs of the Cowboys* Concert on Wednesday, 7:00 on evening of the 25th of June at the Kit Carson Museum in beautiful Rayado, New Mexico.

This is a free concert open to the public. Seating will be limited. Call Seth at ext. 1256 for further questions and details.



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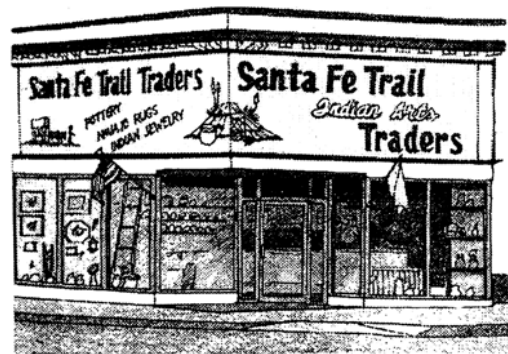
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# Kit Carson Challenge at Rayado!

The Ruffians of Rayado invite our fellow “Philmontiers” to come show off your best Philmont skills. All abilities welcomed and encouraged for all events! Don’t be shy – come have fun!

**Who:** Any 2008 Philmont Staff

**Where:** the Kit Carson Museum in Rayado

**What:** To see who’s the Best of the Best!

**When:** June 26, 1:30–6 p.m.

Supper for all in attendance, to be served at 6 p.m.

Hopefully we’ll have music and a dance, too!

**Why:** We already know we’re good; we want to see if you are!

*Register by: June 22, via I-camp to Mike Clark at Kit Carson (late registrations will be accepted)*

## Tomahawk Throwing – “Card Cutting”

Stick block = one point, cut card – two points

Hawk must rotate at least one time in each throw

Three throws for total points

Tie breaker – a “handle up” stick

(You may bring your own hawk)

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Best of three shots, hitting a metal target

Run Off on smaller target, same distance

(shooting until someone misses)

Using our percussion rifle with open sights

(we’ll supply the necessities – gun, powder, balls, etc.)

## Fire Starting (who is the fastest?!?)

Bring your flint & steel or bow drill, char, tender & kindling

- Flint & steel fire starting

- Bow drill fire starting

We’ll have plenty of split wood on hand

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## Dutch Oven Cooking

Bring any and all equipment and supplies you need, **including the food you’ll be cooking**

We’ll provide the seasoned Dutch oven(s) and charcoal

Cook a dish for eight people:

- Two categories: Entrée, Dessert
- Must be finished by judging time (5:45 p.m)

You’ll need to present your dish to the crowd, ‘cause they’re gonna be eatin’ it

## Blacksmithing (best object and presentation in 30 minutes)

Make your best work and give your best presentation

Bring any and all items you might need

(i.e., tools, special steel, etc.)

We’ll supply the coal, forge, anvil, tools and ¼-inch stock (if you don’t bring your own)

(All finished items to be auctioned off after supper)

## Interp Contest (best dressed)

Come dressed in your best duds, ANY TIME PERIOD

Give a two-minute presentation of yourself, in character

## Registration

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Events (check ANY or ALL in which you’ll be participating)*

\_\_\_ Tomahawk

\_\_\_ Marksmanship

\_\_\_ Fire Starting

\_\_\_ Dutch Oven Cooking

\_\_\_ Blacksmithing

\_\_\_ Interp Contest

\_\_\_ Just comin’ for the good time

Bring your musical instruments, dancing shoes, friends and enthusiasm! Must be on assigned leave to participate! **Always expect the unexpected.**

# What you never knew about NAYLE

by Shilynn Lucas

PhilNews writer

Eight camps with eight people in eight weeks, Rocky Mountain Scout Camp is trying every year to reach capacity at 512 participants in the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience.

Over the last two years, the number of participants has steadily risen, from 235 in 2006 to 275 last summer, said Bob Longoria, Camp Director of the Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. The Scouts are coming from all over the country to participate.

NAYLE is a one-week program where Scouts learn how to apply the concept of servant leadership: a leader who uses the skills that he/she possesses to try to make the group he/she is leading successful as a whole, with little focus on the leader him/herself, said Longoria.

"Being on location here allows you to really work as a team and not have a laid out delegation and you learn how to sit back and watch," volunteer trainer Jim Eick said.



**photo by Rebecca Bost, NPS Photographer**  
Rocky Mountain Scout Camp Director Bob Longoria talks with National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience associates at the Philmont Training Center.

To build the values and ethics that comprise servant leadership, the Scout's week is broken down into 10 activities.

A series of challenges that the Scouts as a group have to overcome is called Challenging Outdoor Physical Encounters. This stresses teamwork and problem solving as the challenges are accomplished, Longoria said.

"COPE is a universal program you can get anywhere, but its one of the best ways you can develop your team," said Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Bryan Wilson. "As you go through the activities, there's a constant opportunity to plunge earthward; if you don't trust, your group won't reach its full potential."

GPS Geocaching is similar to a treasure hunt, but in the wilderness and not the seven seas. The participants are given the coordinates to an object, and they must find it on the Philmont property. According to the NAYLE Web site, all the Scout teams must find their object to receive a group prize at the end.

"It's a lot of work for the staff. We have to set everything up and double-check it," said Tommy Keen, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Troop Guides. "You run around for hours. Going through the course though, it's one of the best ones out there. You get to actually experience Philmont's wilderness, and that's a fantastic opportunity."

Search and Rescue is taught in three stages. The first is a class taught by Backcountry Mangers. The second is clue awareness, wherein the group finds clues and figures out if the clues belong to people who are lost. The final stage is putting the participant through a life-like scenario, allowing them to search, find and apply first response care to "victims" of a wilderness accident.

"It's the one experience we have where subjects go out and you have to depend on them," Eick said. "When you actually find a subject you don't know what they are going to be doing. It's a great way to combine overnight treks, seeing Philmont, and leadership building skills into one activity."

Leave No Trace hiking is taught through a hike from Rocky Mountain Scout Camp to Lover's Leap.

"This is something you learn throughout your entire Scout career, but when you come to a place like Philmont," Wilson said. "You really learn the long term effects and the negative impact that will come from taking short cuts and you learn to apply the NYLT leadership skill of ethics and preservation."

Ethics are taught through an open discussion around the campfire. Participants and instructors bring up real questions and allow the participants to talk through the right decisions, developing critical thinking

skills needed to be a leader and the moral compass that guides the Boy Scouts of America.

The participants take two historical trips: one is through the Kit Carson Living History Museum and the other is a historical walking tour through Cimarron.

"A lot of what we do has history threaded through it," Longoria said. "When the participants go through the program, they learn the history of the Boy Scouts, youth leader training, Waite Phillips and his gift of Philmont throughout [NAYLE]."

A way for the participants to leave their own piece of history on Philmont is their annual conservation project. Every year the NAYLE program is given a new area of Philmont to work on. This year, the project is expanding a trail that runs from the stockade to a hill overlooking Rocky Mountain Scout Camp and creating a second trail in the same area.

"You truly get to see your impact as a scout. It's a specific NAYLE project that you can see your positive legacy your leaving at Philmont," Keen said.

A commitment ceremony is held the night before the Scouts leave Philmont, at the villa. They talk about not what they have given to Philmont in a week, but what a week with peers has allowed them to take away.

"It allows us as staff to really feel like we did something," Eick said.

"It's not a graduation as much as it's a sending; it's us saying, 'We've taught you the skills and given you the opportunity to grow. Now go use the skills in the world,'" Keen said.

The commitment ceremony is also rewarding for the volunteer trainers.

"From a personal point, I know that my volunteer time of three weeks with two groups is putting scouting and better citizenship forward," Eick said.

The Scouts are expected to use the skills they learned in their troops, schools and other BSA activities, said Longoria. This makes this program especially



photo by Rebecca Bost, NPS Photographer

*National Youth Leadership Experience volunteer staffers congregate in the pavilion at the Philmont Training Center.*

valuable for the maintenance and the image of BSA.

"We aren't teaching wilderness first aid to make participants experts in first aid," Longoria said. "What we are really doing is using those elements of the program to highlight leadership skills, and to have some in depth discussion as they apply that program element."

The participants of NAYLE have a high return rate to Philmont. The participants often choose to come back and participate in Roving Outdoor Conservation School, Rayado and similar programs.

Many of the volunteer instructors for NAYLE are also graduates of the program. The other volunteer instructors are adults who have been recommended to Philmont and the program. The staff comes out in four groups and stays in three-week intervals.

This is Rocky Mountain Scout Camp's first year with a camp director. The camp was given a director for three reasons: to ensure health and safety, to inner phase with all departments and to make sure that the program is consistent from week to week, Longoria said.

"We get to learn with some of the nation's best," Wilson said.

# ***What's going on around the world?***

## **China "quake" lake draining**

After the earthquake on May 12, Lake Tangjiashan was formed in China and has been threatening downstream communities. A manmade spillway was created to divert water away from the lake and ease the pressure on the dam. The water was channeled into a deserted town in which the residents had been moved to higher land. The town is set to be rebuilt in another location.

## **US/EU warn Iran**

As Iran continues the presumed creation of nuclear weapons, Pres. George Bush and European allies are calling for tougher sanctions. Iran claims to have plans only for civilian uses. There is a call for Iran to allow International Atomic Energy Agency agents into the country and for the stop of uranium enrichment. Iran is also in the hot seat from the U.N. after disregarding its sanctions.

## **Somalia rejects peace pact**

The U.N. had brought the Somali government and opposition fighters to an agreement, and the two parties signed a peace pact. However, Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys is calling for the fighting to continue and for the people to not to give into the peace agreement.

## **Jetliner crashes at Sudanese capital**

A passenger aircraft burst into flames after one of the engines exploded. Sudanese officials estimate about 100 passengers and crew members have been killed. The Sudan Airways Flight had landed safely and was in the process of docking when the right engine caught fire. The flight originated from the capital of Jordan, Amman via Damascus, Syria. Most of the passengers were believed to be Sudanese Nationals.

## **Terrorist abduction in Philippines**

Abu Sayyaf is believed to have kidnapped a Filipino television crew on the island of Jolo in the Philippines. The crew was abducted on Sunday while in a remote village on their way to meet with members of Abu Sayyaf. The missing news team is from ABS-CBN. Abu Sayyaf has an established pattern of kidnapping-for-ransom other Filipinos and also foreigners.

## **Bionic hand introduced**

With five individually controlled digits, the i-LIMB won the MacRobert award. The technology to make this hand work began in Scotland in 1963. The i-LIMB is made by Touch Bionics and has been on the market since the summer of 2007. As of press time, over 200 people have benefited from the technology that makes the Bionic Hand work.

## **iPhone 3G to be released**

In case you need your phone, iPod and internet all in one and don't like to wait, you're in luck because the iPhone 3G is coming out soon. Apple claims the phone is faster and cheaper than the original iPhone. It will be available on the market on July 11, with a starting price of \$199. Mixed reviews have been given over the new iPhone 3G, which has GPS and the new Apple Store.

## **Indiana and Wisconsin face flooding issues**

After heavy rain over the weekend of June 7, thousand of people in Indiana and Wisconsin are without power, and some have been evacuated from their homes. Over 10 inches of rain fell overnight at one point, leaving houses and business flooded. Students were canoeing down the normally very small Jordon "river" that runs through Indiana University's Bloomington Campus.

In Wisconsin, evacuation and sandbagging are in effect after days of rainfall. Houses have been washed away as lakes overflow and earthen dams are eroded away.

## **Attack of the Salmonella tomatoes**

After over 150 people became sick due to a strain of Salmonella in 17 states, authorities are pointing towards tomatoes as the issue. Several stores and restaurants have already voluntarily taken tomatoes off the menu as a preventative measure. Consumers who have contracted the strain start seeing symptoms within 12 to 72 hours. Symptoms, which can last four to seven days, include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps.

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# *What's going on around the U.S.?*

## **Alabama**

The Alabama Attorney General's Office seized voting records for the June 5 primary election in Perry County, after Secretary of State Beth Chapman expressed concerns of suspicious documents and candidate behavior.

## **Alaska**

The proposed 51-mile Juneau Access Road, which would connect Juneau to the rest of North America, raises doubts in the minds of some Alaskans and environmental groups.

## **Arizona**

The Arizona state government is threatening to sue the Maricopa County health care district for refusing to sign off on millions of dollars in health care funding that could potentially affect the federal funding received by the state.

## **Arkansas**

Verizon Wireless purchased Alltel in a \$28.1 billion deal, making Verizon the largest wireless provider. The Little Rock Alltel Campus will be kept by Verizon and possibly expanded, and Verizon is even considering making Little Rock a site for regional headquarters.

## **California**

Democratic legislators submitted a budget proposal that would increase tax revenues and close the budget gap, and also give more funding to education, health and social services.

## **Colorado**

Gov. Bill Ritter said that money for proposed scholarships should go to students who are "the most needy," since tuition has recently increased and forced some students to drop out.

## **Connecticut**

Gov. M. Jodi Rell signed a law to enact a mandatory cap on emissions and to promote energy efficiency.

## **Delaware**

Excessive heat broke a 1986 Georgetown record; heat index indicates temperatures at a high of 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

## **Florida**

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) says \$2 billion to restore the Florida Everglades, among a larger \$23 billion project, is "out-of-control-spending." He would, however, support a smaller, "standalone" bill to restore the national park.

## **Georgia**

An investigation by the U.S. Justice Department found Georgia's state-run mental hospitals negligent of patients and unresponsive in correcting dangerous errors.

## **Hawaii**

The University of Hawaii released the names of all 580 passengers of the Sugar Bowl charter to New Orleans, including the 45 names that were previously redacted amidst a controversy over the costs of the charter.

## **Idaho**

The U.S. Department of Education denied a request by the Idaho school system to give the system more time to get test scores higher and avoid sanctions under the No Child Left Behind Act.

## **Illinois**

An Illinois woman received life in prison for murdering her pregnant friend and the victim's three other children.

## **Indiana**

The death toll has been rising, along with insurance claims, due to flooding last weekend. State Farm Insurance expects the claims to rise throughout the week.

## **Iowa**

Flooding in 31 of Iowa's 99 counties presents a "significant challenge" to the state, said Gov. Chet Culver. Some residents have been left without drinking water in Mason City, and three bridges in Charles City were swept away.

## **Kansas**

Sen. Carolyn McGinn appointed the 25-member Kansas Energy and Environmental Policy Advisory Group, which was developed to examine and meet the state's energy needs.

## **Kentucky**

Legislators are expected to finalize a public pension reform bill to keep the \$26.6 billion shortfall from growing \$500 million within the next year, and could save cities and counties \$56 million.

**Louisiana**

The House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public works has approved three cell phones bans that are currently going through the Legislature.

**Maine**

Rep. Chris Barstow will not be running for reelection amidst a controversy and investigation into mismanaged funds by the Buxton Police Department.

**Maryland**

The sheriff's department in Anne Arundel County has recalled 13 take-home dispatch vehicles of the 38, to cut down on fuel costs. The officers must now drive to headquarters to pick them up.

**Massachusetts**

Foreclosure percentages have reached a two-year low due to a new law that requires lenders to wait 90 days before seizing homes. Some critics see this as delaying the inevitable by allowing delinquent homeowners three more months in the foreclosure process.

**Michigan**

Violent crimes are down in most major cities in Michigan, according to the FBI annual crime report. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said that the crime rate "is still at an unacceptable level."

**Minnesota**

The main span over the Mississippi River of the Interstate 35-W bridge is set to be completed by Independence Day. August 1 will be the day the bridge crosses the river.

**Mississippi**

U.S. Representative Gene Taylor has called FEMA "butt-heads" in response to their no-ice policy regarding hurricane relief. The policy comes after 85 millions pounds of ice were stored for two years after Hurricane Katrina, costing the federal government \$12.5 million and a fee to dispose of the ice.

**Missouri**

A judge in Kansas City prohibited an alleged rape victim from using the term "rape, sexual assault, victim, or assailant," as he deemed the terminology too prejudicial to be used in front of a jury.

**Montana**

The first-ever state-sanctioned hunting season for wolves will be discussed at the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission meeting. A 75-wolf quota, mostly from those preying on livestock, will be recommended at the meeting.

**Nebraska**

Tornadoes ripped through Sarpy and Douglas Counties on Sunday, leaving more than 500 homes and properties damaged.

**Nevada**

Nevada joined the fight against an environmental group that alleges the government released water from the dam at Lake Powell to increase power production while destroying habitats for native fish.

**New Hampshire**

Sen. Joe Kenney will run for

the office of Governor. He officially filed for the Republican primary.

**New Jersey**

Budget cuts threaten hospitals, municipalities and college tuition assistance, but a newly proposed budget may be close to restoring funds back into these programs.

**New Mexico**

The U.S. House has approved the Sabinoso Wilderness Act, which will set aside more than 17,000 acres east of Las Vegas for recreational uses, hunting and grazing.

**New York**

Parents will rally on the steps of the state capital building on Tuesday to object mandatory vaccines. Meanwhile, the Department of Health is proposing a modified immunization policy for the state.

**North Carolina**

Former Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee saved former Sen. Robert Pittenger's life after Pittenger began choking on his lunch at a GOP convention.

**North Dakota**

Federal conservation grasslands in North Dakota should be open to cattle grazing in drought-stricken areas, said North Dakota's Agricultural commissioner Roger Johnson. This will help alleviate the pasture problem.

**Ohio**

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence

River Basin Water Resources Compact was approved, making Ohio the seventh state to approve the compact this week. The compact would unify the eight states that border the Great Lakes and protect them against water diversion in the future.

## Oklahoma

The bodies of two girls, ages 11 and 13, were discovered by one of the girls' grandfather in a ditch in Weleetk. They both sustained multiple gunshot wounds, but no motive is apparent at this time.

## Oregon

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 9 that the government can fire an employee based on an arbitrary reason, but not on the basis of any type of discrimination.

## Pennsylvania

Senate Democrats are seeking to pass a smoking ban bill that would allow Scranton and Allegheny Counties to reinstate their former anti-smoking laws.

## Rhode Island

The National Guard will not eliminate the bugler and rifle volley at the funerals of deceased veterans, despite federal budget cuts, said Major General Robert T. Bray.

## South Carolina

The state claims the legal watchdog group Help Abolish Legal Tyranny (HALT) deserves a grade of C- in consideration of holding its judges accountable for their actions.

## South Dakota

Severe rainstorms across the state may affect farmers' efforts to plant all their crops. The latest report states that only two days were clear enough for field work in the past week.

## Tennessee

Gov. Phil Bredesen signed a law that would require a paper record for voters' ballots in the state, effectively requiring that all voting machines must be able to create a paper trail.

## Texas

Federal investigators suspect arson in the fire that consumed the Governor's Mansion on June 8. The mansion's valuables were stored elsewhere, and Gov. Rick Perry and First Lady Anita Perry were living off-site, as the mansion had been undergoing extensive renovations.

## Utah

According to the FBI, the number violent and property crimes declined from 2006 to 2007, which reverses two years of rising crime rates.

## Vermont

State tax revenues declined in most major categories in May, indicating the start of an economic depression in Vermont. Percentage declines in these major categories varied from 4 percent to 28 percent.

## Virginia

Michael Vick and his codefendants' state trials are postponed

until they are released from federal prison, due to traveling expenses between the prison and the courthouse.

## Washington

Attorney General Rob McKenna said felons whose civil rights have not been restored should not retain the same rights to public records that non-felons have.

## West Virginia

Effective this fall, West Virginia University will offer a master's degree program in forensic and investigative sciences, which will provide continuing training for crime scene investigators across the nation.

## Wisconsin

Flash floods affected much of southern Wisconsin, prompting Gov. Jim Doyle to declare a state of emergency for 30 counties. According to the National Weather Service, almost all major rivers in the state reached or neared flood stage.

## Wyoming

A portion of the Wyoming National Guard will assist with security at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo., in August. The group is one of several teams assigned to the convention, should a weapon of mass destruction become a threat or be deployed.

*All stories were gathered from <http://www.stateline.org>, a conglomerate news Web site that gathers major headlines from a variety of news sources.*

# What's going on in sports?

## Unlikely Belmont Stakes victor dashes hopes for a Triple Crown winner

The Belmont Stakes was won by Da'Tara, a 38-1 shot, at a run of 2 minutes and 29.65 seconds.

The race was a chance to end a 40-year streak of no horse winning the Triple Crown. Big Brown, who won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, lost this race for no apparent reason. Though Big Brown had a leg injury earlier in the season, the stand-by veterinarian said there was no medical reason for the horse's sub par performance.

This was Nick Zito's, Da'Tara's trainer, second time to upstart a Triple Crown contender since 2004.

There have been 11 Triple Crown winners in the history of the races, and the last one was affirmed in 1978.

*Information provided by The New York Times*

## NBA Finals feature Lakers and Celtics

The Celtics won the second game of the NBA final 108-102. Kobe Bryant was the lead scorer of the game, bagging 30 points.

The series is moving to Los Angeles for the next two games, which poses a problem for the Celtics, as the Lakers hold a winning streak (eight consecutive wins) for playoff games on their home court.

*Information provided by The Bangkok Post*

## College World Series teams announced

The College World Series begins June 14 in Omaha.

For the last two years, Oregon State has been the winner, with North Carolina coming in second.

Competing in the College World Series this year are North Carolina, Florida State, Georgia, Miami, Rice, Stanford, Fresno State and Louisiana State

The Ranger Office is predicting Rice to win, while most of the News & Photo Service staff is putting its eggs in Miami's basket.

*Information provided by ESPN*

## French Open concludes

Rafael Nadal of Spain won his fourth consecutive French Open on June 8. Nadal did not lose a single match for seven rounds straight. The closest an opponent came to beating him was in semifinals' the third set.

Roger Federer of Switzerland came in second place.

According to ESPN, Nadal is a 22 year old lefty who went pro in 2001. He currently holds 26 single titles and has won \$16,276,415 since going pro.

According to ESPN, Bjorn Borg of Sweden holds the record of most wins at the French Open. He won in 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981.

Also according to ESPN, until now, the person with the closest record to Borg was Henri Crochet of France, who won four titles: in 1926, 1928, 1930, and 1932.

According to [www.hickoksports.com](http://www.hickoksports.com), the French Open started in 1891 as a tournament in which only French citizens could play. In 1925, the tournament opened to players around the world and immediately became a popular tournament.

*Information provided by ESPN and*

*Bjorn Borg's official Web site*

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## European Cup results

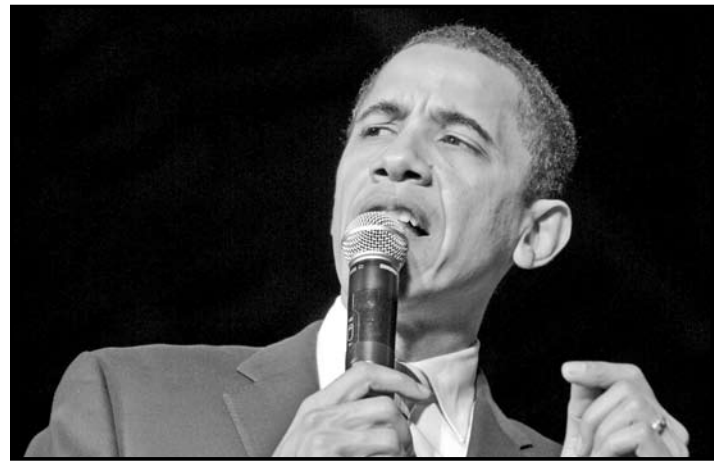
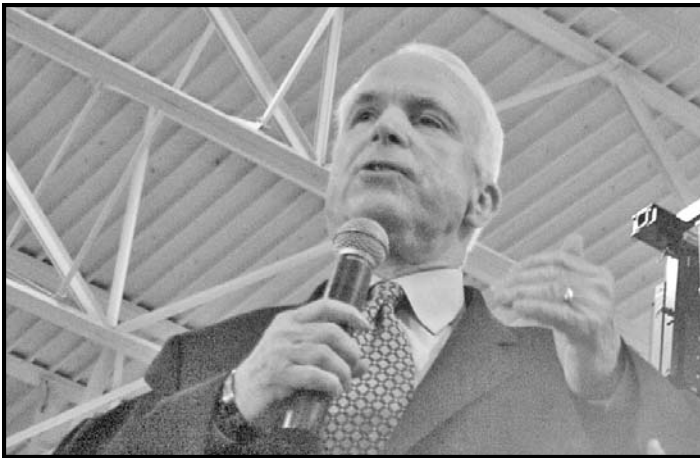
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<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	1	0	<a href="#">Netherlands</a>	0	0
<a href="#">Turkey</a>	1	0	<a href="#">Italy</a>	0	0
European Championship Group B			European Championship Group D		
June 9, 2008	GP	PT	June 9, 2008	GP	PT
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<a href="#">Toronto</a>	33	32	.508	6.5	16-13	17-19	271	246	Won 1	4-6
<a href="#">Baltimore</a>	31	31	.500	7	17-11	14-20	262	275	Lost 1	5-5
<a href="#">NY Yankees</a>	32	32	.500	7	18-15	14-17	293	300	Lost 1	5-5
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	STRK	L10
<a href="#">Chicago Sox</a>	36	26	.581	-	19-9	17-17	295	227	Won 6	7-3
<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	31	32	.492	5.5	19-16	12-16	289	320	Lost 4	3-7
<a href="#">Cleveland</a>	28	35	.444	8.5	16-16	12-19	275	270	Lost 2	4-6
<a href="#">Detroit</a>	26	36	.419	10	14-15	12-21	291	312	Won 2	5-5
<a href="#">Kansas City</a>	25	39	.391	12	12-16	13-23	237	302	Won 1	4-6
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	STRK	L10
<a href="#">LA Angels</a>	39	25	.609	-	18-13	21-12	270	261	Lost 1	7-3
<a href="#">Oakland</a>	34	29	.540	4.5	21-15	13-14	283	237	Won 1	5-5
<a href="#">Texas</a>	32	33	.492	7.5	17-16	15-17	361	380	Won 1	5-5
<a href="#">Seattle</a>	22	41	.349	16.5	14-19	8-22	253	317	Lost 2	3-7

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	STRK	L10
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	-	21-13	18-13	344	268	Won 4	8-2
Florida	34	28	.548	3.5	20-13	14-15	309	307	Won 2	4-6
Atlanta	32	32	.500	6.5	25-11	7-21	298	254	Lost 3	3-7
NY Mets	30	32	.484	7.5	17-11	13-21	290	288	Lost 4	4-6
Washington	25	39	.391	13.5	14-20	11-19	233	314	Lost 3	2-8
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	STRK	L10
Chicago Cubs	40	24	.625	-	26-8	14-16	352	261	Won 1	7-3
St. Louis	38	27	.585	2.5	21-13	17-14	303	274	Won 2	6-4
Milwaukee	33	30	.524	6.5	19-10	14-20	278	282	Won 1	7-3
Houston	32	32	.500	8	16-11	16-21	288	302	Lost 2	2-8
Pittsburgh	31	33	.484	9	19-14	12-19	309	332	Won 2	6-4
Cincinnati	30	34	.469	10	19-10	11-24	290	313	Lost 2	5-5
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	STRK	L10
Arizona	34	30	.531	-	21-12	13-18	306	270	Lost 2	4-6
LA Dodgers	30	33	.476	3.5	18-15	12-18	273	260	Lost 1	4-6
San Francisco	28	35	.444	5.5	13-19	15-16	259	288	Won 3	6-4
San Diego	28	37	.431	6.5	18-17	10-20	238	297	Won 5	7-3
Colorado	24	39	.381	9.5	14-15	10-24	262	332	Lost 1	4-6

W: Wins, L: Losses, PCT: Winning percentage, GB: Games back, HOME: Home record, ROAD: Road record, RS: Runs scored, RA: Runs allowed, STRK: Current streak, L10: Last 10 games





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*Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) are the presumptive presidential candidates, to be confirmed at the National Party Conventions this fall.*

## What's next after the primaries?

**by Tawny Slaughter**

*PhilNews writer*

On June 7, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) conceded to Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and ended her run for the White House as the Democratic candidate. Her concession and Obama's gaining the necessary number of delegates determined the major, presumptive presidential candidates as Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Obama. But what happens from here?

The next major step in the U.S. Presidential election is the National Party Conventions, which happen this fall. At these conventions, the presumptive presidential candidates are made official, and they then select their running mates (vice presidential candidates).

The campaigns, debates and general election will then follow. As of now, three debates are tentatively planned, beginning at the end of September and going through the middle of October. The upcoming campaigns will focus on swing states and large states. (Small and consistently partisan states seem to have been left out of the equation.)

Swing states are states that could go to either party and do not constitutently vote for one party. Some of the big swing states are Florida, Michigan and Ohio, as they have fairly large populations. The larger a swing state is, the more attention candidates will give to that state. Individual states are important due to the nature of the Electoral College, as the President is not elected by a direct popular vote.

The Electoral College system allows for each state to have a set number of votes for the slates that are running. The number of votes each state is allotted is determined by the number of senators and representatives it has in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Therefore, the smallest number of electoral votes for a state is three, as each state has at least two senators and at least one representative in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Most states have a winner-take-all allotment of electoral votes, which means the candidate who wins the popular vote for that state wins all the electoral votes for that state. However, some states will split their electoral votes between candidates. There is a total of 538 Electoral votes, and one candidate needs 270 Electoral votes to win.

If no candidate receives 270 Electoral votes, the process becomes mildly complicated, with lots of Constitutional lingo involved. If you are interested in what would happen in this scenario, you can check out Articles II and XII of the Constitution.

If, after reading this, you feel as though your vote does not count, keep in mind that in the 2004 presidential election, 10 states had a less-than 5 percent difference between Democrats and Republicans. This left 101 Electoral votes up for grabs that could have easily gone to either candidate. While your vote counts more directly in the primary elections that have already passed, it is still important to stay informed about the issues and to vote in the general election in November.

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# The prayer of the ranger



**by Rabbi Rachmiel (Rock) Tobesman**  
*Jewish Chaplain*

There once was a certain ranger who did not know how to pray. Yet every day, he said, "Lord of the Universe! You know full well that if You have people to guide through the forest and were to give them to me, I would tend them without charge though everybody pays me, for I love You."

On one occasion, a holy man passed that way and found the ranger praying.

"Fool," said he, "do not pray like that!"

"And how should I pray?" asked the ranger.

At which point, the learned man taught him the order of the prayers, in order that he should no longer say what he had been familiar to say. But after the holy man went away, the ranger forgot all that he had been taught and could not recite it. He was also afraid to say what he had formerly said, because the learned man had warned him not to.

Now in a dream at night, the holy man heard a voice that said to him, "If you do not tell him to say what he was accustomed to say before you met him, and if you do not go there, then know what evil is awaiting you. For you have robbed Me of one of those who is assured of the World to Come!"

The holy man went at once and told the man.

Now here there was neither knowledge of the Scriptures nor good deeds, merely one who thought to be good. The Holy One, Blessed be He who regarded this as a great thing, for the Merciful One always seeks the heart.

May all our prayers be answered with peace, and that this Philmont season be filled with adventure, fun and joy.

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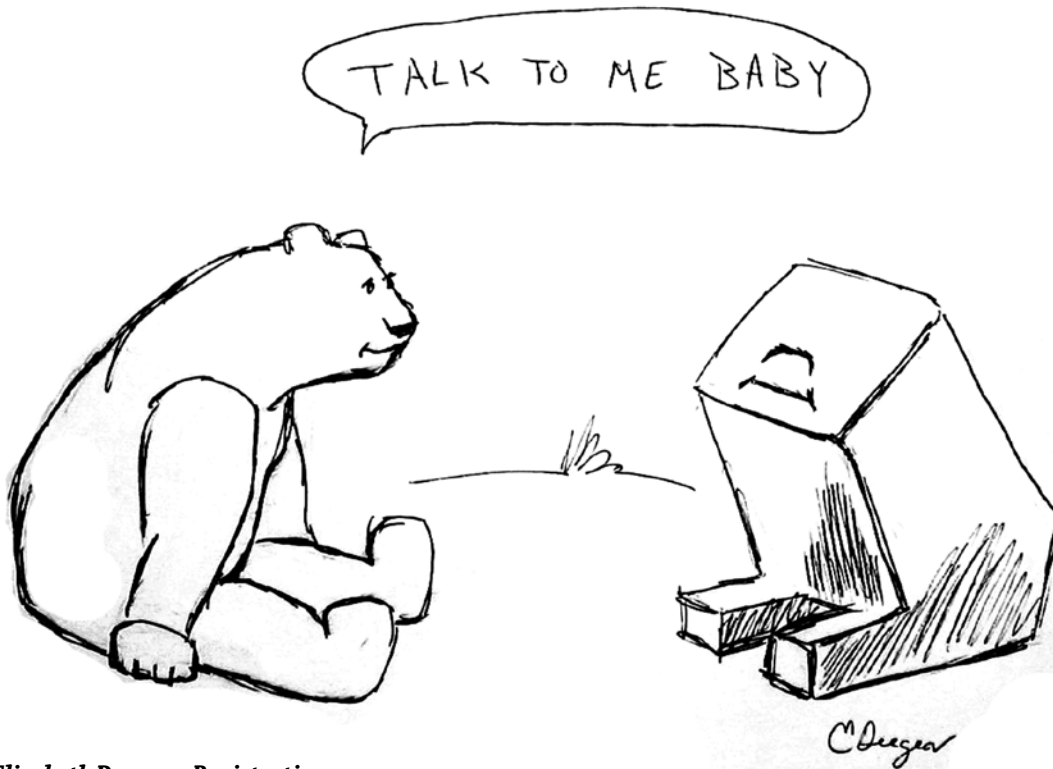


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# The Manly Men of Crater Lake know all

**Q: Who's Gene Schnell, and why is everyone talking about him?**

- *First-year and confused*

A: Gene Schnell is the reason you are alive to read this article right now.

**Q: Who would win in an ultimate fighting match in an inch of water in a kiddie pool: a sting ray or a chihuahua?**

- *Boooooored*

A: Unit 41 every time.

**Q: Where do I learn to play the saw like Mark Anderson?**

- *Musically challenged*

A: Twenty years of training at the Logger Children Music Institute at the top of Trail Peak.

**Q: Bryce, how do I grow a beard that's manlier than yours?**

- *Clean-shaven and hopelessly jealous*

A: First, you have to be a man. Second and much more important, you need to eat roughly a pound of bacon a day. The grease will make the hair grow faster. Thirdly, every night, take a shot of hot sauce. This helps with the "hotness" of the beard. And fourth and most important, you have to have a woman. This is important because when you get a woman, the juices start flowing, thus pushing the hair outward. I wish you luck — if you succeed, then you are a true man, or wo-man.

**Q: I'm a first-year staffer who's confused by the local lingo. Will you please provide me with a Phil-dictionary?**

- *Linguistically challenged*

A: All you need to know is the term "Charlie Alpha," and you'll be fine. Oh, and you are one.

**Q: Will I ever get my nametag?**

- *Everyone*

A: Do you really want a nametag? Didn't think so.

**Q: Why are Cubs fans so hopelessly cursed?**

- *Anonymous*

A: As a Chicago Cubs fan, I feel you may have misspelled your question. I feel you meant to say "gracefully blessed" instead of "hopelessly cursed," since my beloved Cubs are leading the ENTIRE league with wins. But I will answer your question. I believe it's because the Chicago Cubs have the most loyal fan base, unlike the Boston Red Sox fans who would allow Jimmy Fallon to make a horrific movie about their "so-called" plight.

**Q: How many females are working at Double H this summer, and is it too late for me to apply?**

- *Female wanting to south*

A: Instead of heading deep south to the HH, come to the South Country and enjoy the smooth sounds of the Lake.

**Q: Why does every vegetarian dish in the dining hall have cheese?**

- *Frustrated vegan*

A: First, what is a vegan. Second, cheese is one of the essential logger food groups. Thirdly, it's not food if it didn't have a face.

*The Manly Men of Crater Lake are on break for Issue 3, which is the Valle issue. The three Valle camps will instead provide their infinite wisdom/advice. Stay tuned!*

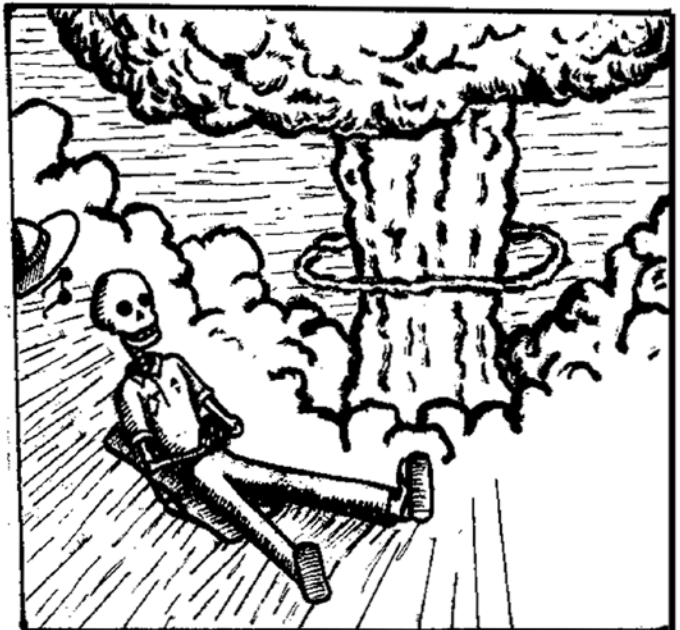
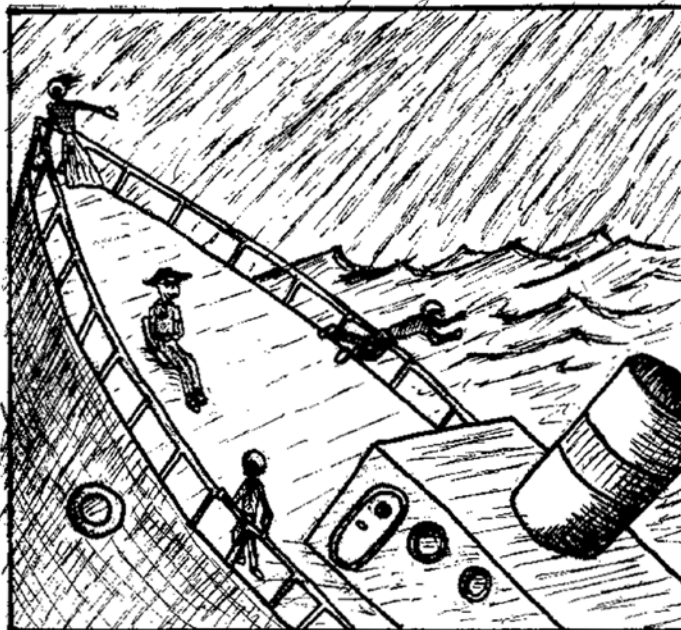
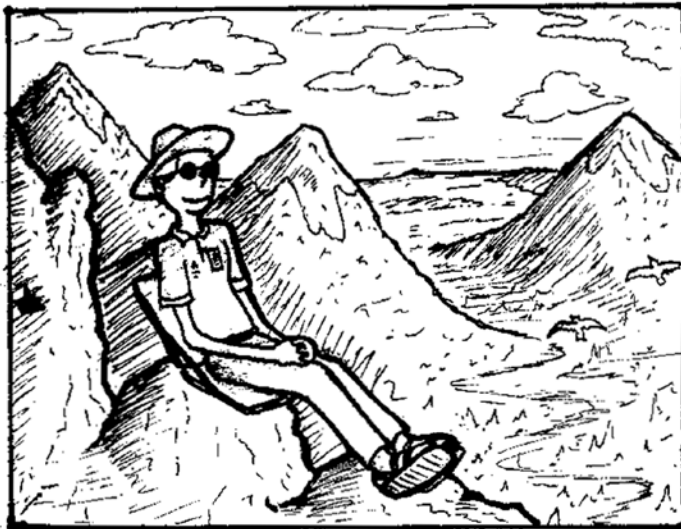
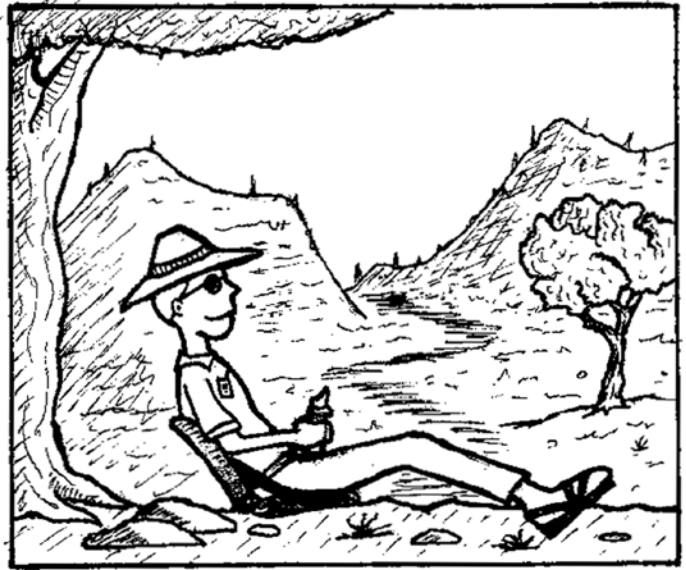
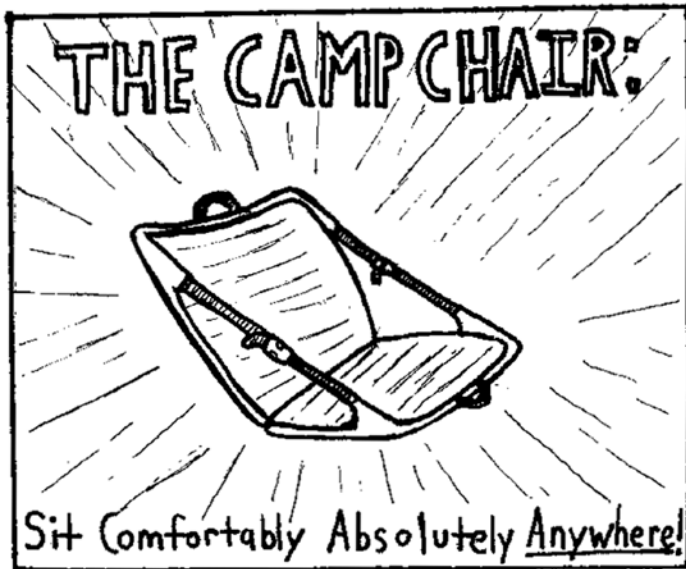
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## Tell us your troubles!

The wise and compassionate men at Crater Lake are anxiously waiting to help you. I-camp your questions to the News & Photo Service to get answers and have your problems spread all over the Ranch.







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# Get your sudoku on!

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## Level: Hard

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## CHQ Activities and CT Calendar

<b>Friday</b> (June 13)	Ice cream night (8 p.m., <i>beside staff lounge</i> )
<b>Saturday</b> (June 14)	Capture the flag (8 p.m., <i>field between staff lounge and new Health Lodge</i> )
<b>Sunday</b> (June 15)	Movie night (8 p.m., <i>outside staff lounge</i> )
	Group Dynamics CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i> )
<b>Monday</b> (June 16)	Soccer (8 p.m., <i>field between staff lounge and new Health Lodge</i> )
	Stove Maintenance CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b> (June 17)	Bingo (8 p.m., <i>outside staff lounge</i> )
	Group Dynamics CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b> (June 18)	Brats! (11 a.m. - 1 p.m., <i>outside staff lounge</i> )
	Geology CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i> )
<b>Thursday</b> (June 19)	Tie dye (8 p.m., <i>outside staff lounge</i> )
	GPS/Navigation CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i> )
<b>Friday</b> (June 20)	Watermelon carving (8 p.m., <i>outside staff lounge</i> )
	Geology CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i> )

## PTC Evening Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Opening program 8:15 p.m.	Handicrafts 6:30 p.m. Cracker barrel 7 p.m.	Western night 6:30 p.m.	Movie night 7 p.m.	Handicrafts 6:30 p.m. Cracker barrel 7 p.m.	Closing program 7:30 p.m.	No events scheduled

## CT Information

CTs (Continuing Training) are held at the Ranger Office. They are open to any staffer who wishes to attend, and are not restricted to the Ranger department.

**Group Dynamics** — Staff will be trained in methods to improve crew relations within themselves. In particular, a more in-depth view into the stages of group behavior and dynamics will be covered.

**Stove Maintenance and Repair** — A crash course in simple field maintenance and repair tips for the most common stoves used at Philmont. Heavy focus will be given to MSR stoves, including the Whisperlite, Simmerlite and the Dragonfly.

**Geology** — Philmont rocks! This session will go into greater detail about the geological and historical features of Philmont's landscape. Find out about the elusive igneous intrusion of dacite porphyry formed in the tertiary period some 22-40 million years ago... TODAY!

**GPS/Navigation** — Never get lost at Philmont again. By the end of this session, all staff who attend will be proficient in GPS equipment and usage, as well as advanced orientation skills.

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