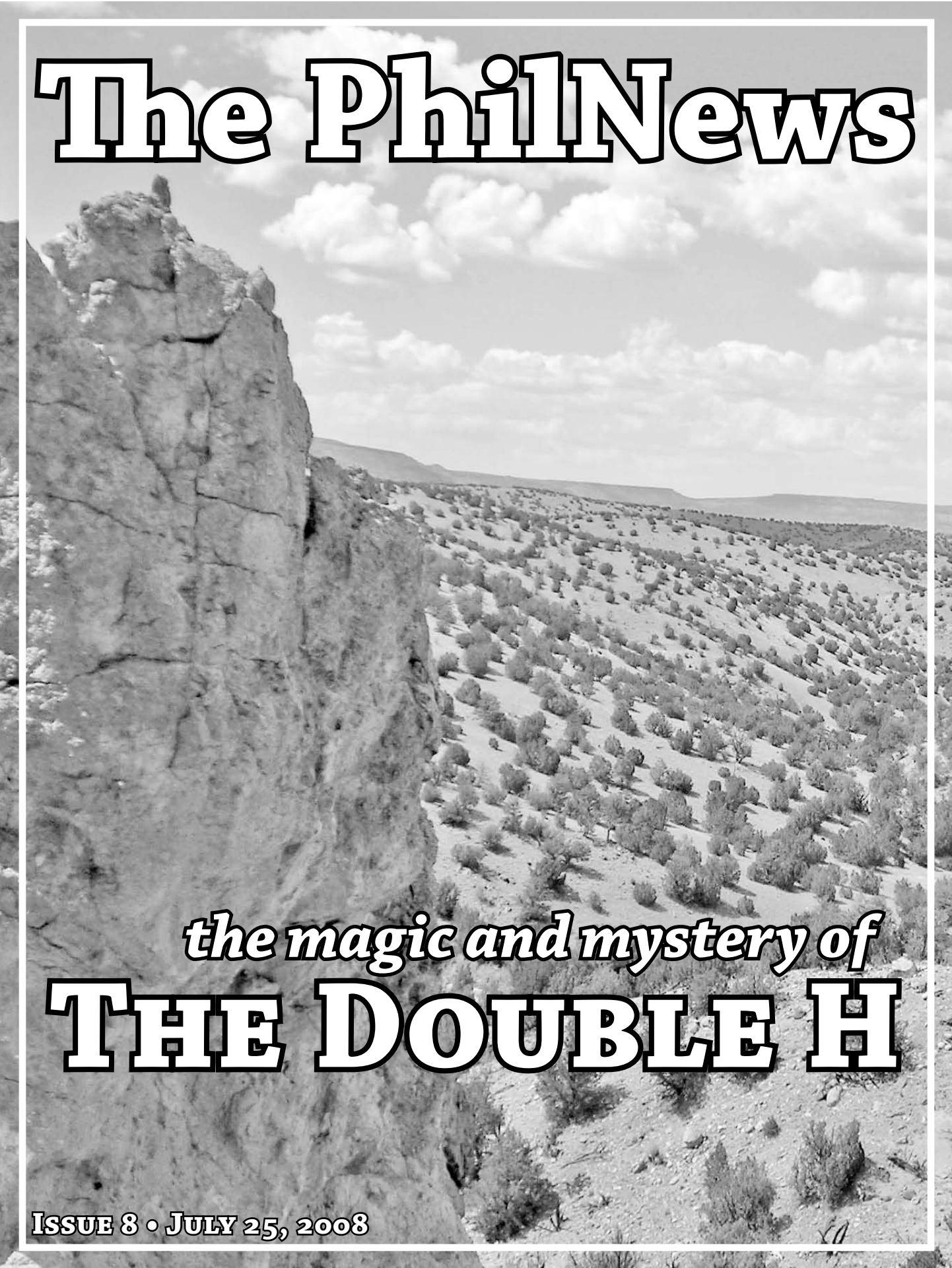


# The PhilNews



*the magic and mystery of*  
**THE DOUBLE H**

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**On the cover:**

A view of the Double H landscape.  
(photo by Daniel Flatt, PhilNews writer)

From the desk: Editor's Note

A very full issue

I just did one of the hardest things I've had to do this year: write an article about the Double H High Adventure Base.

I've been writing feature stories since high school, but somehow, I was determined to write the definitive article about the Double H for this Double H-themed issue of The PhilNews. Writing the definitive article about anything is difficult enough, if not impossible, and writing the definitive article about a place as complex as the Double H was a challenge. I'm not sure if there could ever be a definitive article about the Double H and, if so, whether I came close. But I sure tried.

The complexity of the Double H is as vast as its landscape. It's like and unlike Philmont, on multiple levels that I never knew even existed until my fellow NPS'ers and I arrived at the Double H on July 16. We stayed for three days. While the videographers worked on getting footage, writer Daniel and I did our best to get to know the staff there.

We played kickball and ultimate Frisbee with them, we ate with them, we watched movies with them. Daniel followed a crew for a day and a night (see pg. 22), and I spent a night at Martin Camp — the Double H's only staffed camp (see pgs. 24-25). We also visited the Very Large Array (see pg. 22) and Pie Town (see pg. 23).

Before the trip, neither of us knew what to expect, which concerned us at first, but our worries were soon put to rest. Between the two of us, we collected somewhere between five or six hours of interviews, scarfed down four amazing pieces of pie, talked to more than a dozen staff members and had a generally great time at the Double H.

Meanwhile, writers Tawny and Jenn remained at Philmont to highlight a few things about the conservation department. If you didn't know that this is the first summer there's been an all-female work crew (see pgs. 30-31) or that a team of conservationists are camping out at Deer Lake Mesa for the summer (see pgs. 28-29) — well, now you know.

All in all, this is a very full issue, and I hope you enjoy reading it. The legwork of getting everything together was rather a challenge, but well worth it. Thanks for reading.

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.*

# Why we are here

**submission by Mark Anderson**

*Director of Program*

Throughout the summer, I have the opportunity to receive numerous comments from crews who have enjoyed their Philmont experience. These comments remind me of the importance each of us plays in sharing this special place.

Recently, I received the following letter reflecting on the experience of a Scout Reach Crew from Aus-

*Dear Friends:*

*It turns out all the four guys – Louis, Joe and twins James and John – were “ordered” on the trek by their ROTC chief, Richard. Sure enough, for parts of the trip, they acted as though they’d been court-ordered to Gardner-Betts, but I can say that overall they loved it. In fact, they had never experienced anything like a Philmont trek. One of my favorite moments was when our Ranger gave his Wilderness Pledge chat atop Urraca Mesa, with its commanding view of the valley below. He asked us to be quiet and contemplate creation for five minutes. Afterwards, Louis said, simply, “I’ve never seen a valley before.” The others chimed in that all they know was the city and they’d only seen such beautiful landscapes on television. Now, they were living it.*

*Josh and I were amused that prior to the expedition, the boys all bragged about how tough they were – mainly from bench-pressing and push-ups. When they hit the trail, they were wholly unprepared for hauling packs up a mountain. Most of them complained, at one time or another, of altitude sickness, aching knees and sore feet. But that was a good thing. It gave them a respect for the experience and a heightened appreciation for completing the ordeal.*

*They worked flawlessly as a team – albeit a small one. I made a up a duty roster but it was unnecessary. When we got to camp, they all flew to their tasks – whether cooking, cleaning up, hanging bear bags or setting up the dining fly. I credit Richard with that. They understood work. And they obligingly followed Louis (Crew Leader). He emerged, we thought, as a born leader. He had an intuitive grasp of map reading, rarely complained, and when it was time to haul a three-gallon water bag up the Tooth of Time, Louis carried it because he was the leader.*

*There were some very comical moments. At Hunting Lodge there were bears nearby. The no-nonsense Camp Di-*

*tin, Texas. This crew received significant support and scholarships from the Capitol Area Council headquartered in Austin, Texas. As a Scout Reach Crew, often their Scouting experiences have been limited, making a Philmont trek challenging in many ways.*

*Each of us plays such an important role in helping and supporting each member of every crew to ensure the positive impact of the Philmont experience.*

*As you read this letter, you will be reminded “why we are here.”*

*rektor told the boys to punch a curious bear in the nose if it gets too close. When we all awoke at 3 a.m. to the sounds of a woodland creature walking outside our tents, the next sound was the clicks of lock-blade knives opening – like a scene from West Side Story. They were ready, and I think, aching, for a rumble with a carnivore. Thankfully, it was probably a skunk.*

*We watched our Latino foursome grow closer to our sister crew, the OA Lodge. They started off strangers, very competitive, talking trash about each other. By the end, they were fist-pumping, hanging out together, and completely relaxed with one another.*

*For most of the trek, I thought our young men were rising to the challenge, but mainly goofing off on the 65-mile hike. I was wrong. Something more profound was happening. They were having a “mountain-top experience.” It all spilled out the last night, as we sat in a circle of stone laz-boys in Tooth Ridge Camp. As soon as night fell, we did our final Thorns and Roses. Louis, struggling for the words to express how great the experience had been, declared that it was “straight up bad-ass.” Joe floored us all. His mother had died in a car accident last year and he said he’d been angry at God, but he decided to forgive God at Philmont. He said before the trek he was resigned to going to jail for gang fighting or be dead by the time he was 21. He said the only thing that was important to him was winning fights and earning “street cred” like his brothers. But he said Philmont taught him you can’t make it alone, you need teamwork. He said he felt “safe” in the mountains because he knew no one was going to shank him. He said he’d decided to change his life. “I want a real Life.” Then we heard from James – Joe had fallen asleep. James described a home life filled with drug and alcohol abuse and chaotic family fi-*

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# itinerary

by Jordon Shinn

Ranger

i'll go no further to climb mountains  
before me i don't know  
their names mostly but suppose  
summits don't give answers  
nor 6,500 ft. where  
i sit in a field again only this time  
the buildings are behind me and  
the loudest noise is  
screaming  
from inside me  
over riotous wind scraping

overgrown bangs swaying  
vanilla Ponderosa branches and sparrows  
swinging on the invisible  
air i can feel embrace me  
if anything and if only  
i could shed this veil  
un-silhouette these mountains  
inhale  
this field of shade grass and brightness and i wonder  
why the horses graze so undisturbed and why  
i cannot join them.

## Tobasco Donkeys to perform on Aug. 3



Mark your calendar! The Tobasco Donkeys will perform at the back pavilion of the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3.

Everyone from The Yarn Sessions will be there.

T-shirts will be sold for \$15 (only 100 will be available for sale!), and bumper stickers will be sold for \$5.

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nances. He said the trek had redoubled his and his twin brother's decision to graduate from high school, leave home, join the US Marines and start military careers "so I don't mess up my life" like his relatives had. James and John are in Lubbock now, spending the rest of the summer with their father, who, until we stopped at Texas Tech for lunch on the way up, they hadn't seen for 14 years.

Josh and I urged them to come back and work as Rangers and to bring their own sons and daughters to the outdoors. They were listening. But who knows how long these mountaintop experiences would last.

I've seen this happen now in each of my two treks at

Philmont. The place can have a spiritual effect on people. I believe it's a combination of group interdependence, natural beauty, physical adversity, and a lack of electronic and urban distractions. Somehow, it all works together to clarify a person's thinking. It allows him to look at himself and his life clearly. Or perhaps it's simply easier to feel closer to the Creator up there in the aspens, and discern the kind of person he/she/it wants us to be. Whatever the case, I appreciate the generosity of the scholarships that helped to make this trip happen.

All best,  
John

# Enter to win the photo contest!

Entries for the 2008 Philmont Staff Photo Contest are due to the Activities department by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6. All entries should be accompanied by an entry form or labeled clearly with the staff member's name and department, as well as a title for the photo.

Winners will be chosen by the executive staff, and the winning photos will be appear in The PhilNews at the end of the summer. Some photos may also be used in the closing campfire slideshow.

Rules and policies for the contest are as follows:

1. Photos must be of scenes at Philmont or the Double H, and must have been taken this summer by a current staff member.

2. No digital alterations (e.g., "photoshopping") are permitted, except in the "Digital creations" category.

3. Photos can be I-camped to the CHQ Activities department or sent to [pactivities@philmontscout-ranch.org](mailto:pactivities@philmontscout-ranch.org). Photos can also be dropped off or downloaded in person.

4. All photos will be printed in 8x10 size. Printed photos will be scanned and reprinted.

5. All photos submitted will become the property of Philmont Scout Ranch and the BSA, and may be used for audio/visual presentations and promotional materials.

Overall first, second and third place winners and winners of each category will receive gift certificates from the Tooth of Time Traders.

## Scholarship apps are due soon!

The deadline for the PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarship is Aug. 1. Don't forget to I-camp or deliver your application to the PSA office by then. Applications are available throughout CHQ and PTC.

## Philmont Staff Photo Contest

### 2008 Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Photo title \_\_\_\_\_

### Category (circle one):

Landscape

Sunrise/Sunset

Storms and/or Rainbows

Flowers/Plants

Wildlife

Humor (no vulgarity)

Digital creations

Staff activity

Camper activity

Black & White

Bring or send your photos to the CHQ Activities office by Wednesday, Aug. 6. Each photo must be labeled with your name, department and the category in which you are entering it.

NO DIGITAL ALTERATIONS (except in the "Digital creations" category).



*The Conservationist*

## Ashes to ashes, dust to dust

Composting – a method of recycling which has been around for ages – always appeared to me as some sort of mystical process involving a thorough understanding of soil science, a life of experience working on a farm and a bit of pixie dust.

I'm sure that I am not the only one intimidated by the idea of making my organic waste turn magically into rich humus. Although methods can be perfected and better technique can be developed, any one of us can keep our organic waste out of the trash, even if we have little to no idea of the principles involved in composting.

Just remember, ANYTHING is better than having your banana peel transported hundreds of miles to a landfill. According to the EPA, yard trimmings and food residuals constitute 23 percent of the U.S. waste stream. Imagine what a difference it would make in landfill space and soil health if this 23 percent were returned to the soil from whence it came. Here are some helpful hints for cooking up a batch of your own compost.

Your first step is choosing a suitable container. According to Harmonious Technology's book *Backyard Composting*, one of the most simple and effective ways to build your bin is by collecting four wooden shipping pallets, which are often discarded at factories and retail outlets. Tie them together using nylon string or bailing twine; that way you can easily dismantle and move the bin if necessary.

Another option is to build a bin using chicken wire, which is available inexpensively from a local farm or garden store. Tie the ends together to form a circular enclosure, and you're ready to go.

I've seen other containers made out of cinder blocks or simply bags of leaves arranged in a square or circle with a spot in the middle for waste. There are also many plastic and metal container varieties available for purchase at garden centers if you don't want to bother constructing your own bin, but you'll probably save money by making your own.

No matter what container you choose, it's good to install a cover, which can be as simple as a piece of old carpet or plastic tarp. This will keep heat and moisture in, while ensuring your pile doesn't drown in the elements. As for the bottom of your bin, I have found leaving it open is a great way to induce activity and allow earthworms to naturally inhabit your pile.

As for ingredients, if you can, it is good to start with leaves and grass clippings from your yard. Put them in first, and then make a little nest in the middle for your kitchen waste; this will reduce the likelihood of animals getting into your pile and speed up the process of decomposition.

Another key ingredient is WATER. Keep a garden hose nearby to wet down your pile every so often. Having a pile with the moisture level of a wrung-out sponge is a good rule to follow.

AIR is another key element. You want to cover the pile to keep heat in, but some ventilation ensures oxygen gets in to work its magic (this is why the wooden pallets work so well.)

Turning is another concept you might have heard of. Turning is a way of introducing oxygen to your pile and blending materials together. How often do you have to turn? Although some swear by this method, you could not turn at all, and things will still happen. Turning just speeds up the process. So whenever you feel like you need to get out into the yard for a bit, take a minute and grab a pitchfork to turn your pile.

Hopefully this information is enough to get you started; for further information on composting and how to use your finished product, check your local library for resources. Remember, the main goal is to keep your organic waste out of the trash. Accomplishing this is half the battle.

*"The Conservationist" is a weekly column by Environmental Educator Chris Ives.*

*For more information about composting, please turn to pg. 9.*

*From the Ranger Department*

# Visiting remote trail camps

Often when staffers are hiking on days off, they focus on visiting staff camps for program or campfires. However, Philmont's trail camps allow staffers with days off an opportunity to get away from the crowds and enjoy the quiet beauty of the backcountry.

## South Country

Lookout Meadow is a trail camp where few crews go. If you have a full day off, try hiking to Lookout Meadow after work; then, the next day, hike over Fowler Pass to Crater Lake and into Base Camp. There is a stock pond for water, but the closest stream will be down the hill in the valley below.

Another camp which works for an overnight is Crags Camp. Located in the middle of Rayado Canyon right next to the river, Crags offers a feeling of being isolated from the rest of the world deep in the canyon. Plus, the sound of the river at night is very peaceful.

## Central Country

Mount Phillips Camp is way out there and way high up: over 11,600 feet. It is just below the summit of Mt. Phillips, which means if you stay the night and the sky is clear, there is an opportunity to view the stars from the summit without anyone else around.

A closer camp is North Fork Urraca. During the day, there is a lot of traffic passing through, but in the evening it is much quieter. Hike in the next day by bushwacking the North Fork Urraca creek to the Philmont Reservoir, the Stockade and Base Camp.

## North Country

Black Jack's Camp is in a remote area west of Dean Cow, where few people go. Black Jack's Hideout is

nearby with some ruins. It is possible to catch a bus from Turkey Creek Turnaround, hike to Black Jack's Camp for the night, then hike either to Ponil or Dean Cow.

In the northeast corner of Philmont, Cook Canyon, Cottonwood, and Old Camps are fairly remote. To make the hiking more interesting, instead of going along the road, consider hiking from Ponil over Hart Peak, then head north.

## The Valle Vidal


All of the Valle is remote, as it takes over an hour to drive up there on a dirt road. But Iris Park is well off the main road and has a beautiful meadow. Once the mountain biking staff camp, the old cabin is still there, as well as remnants of the 2002 Ponil Complex Fire, with burnt trees at the edge of the marsh.


In addition, Greenwood Canyon Camp is well past Rich Cabins, and it can be a fun hike getting there, especially if you take the trail from Copper Park to the ridge and down into the valley below.

## Planning Your Hike

Besides taking the normal preparations for hiking in the backcountry, visit Logistics to view the Big Board. It will indicate what the crew load is on any given day, which can be helpful if you want to go somewhere with a low or zero crew load to get away from crowds, as well as not overcrowding trail camps with few sites. Bring a tent, know how to set it up and don't forget the tent stakes!

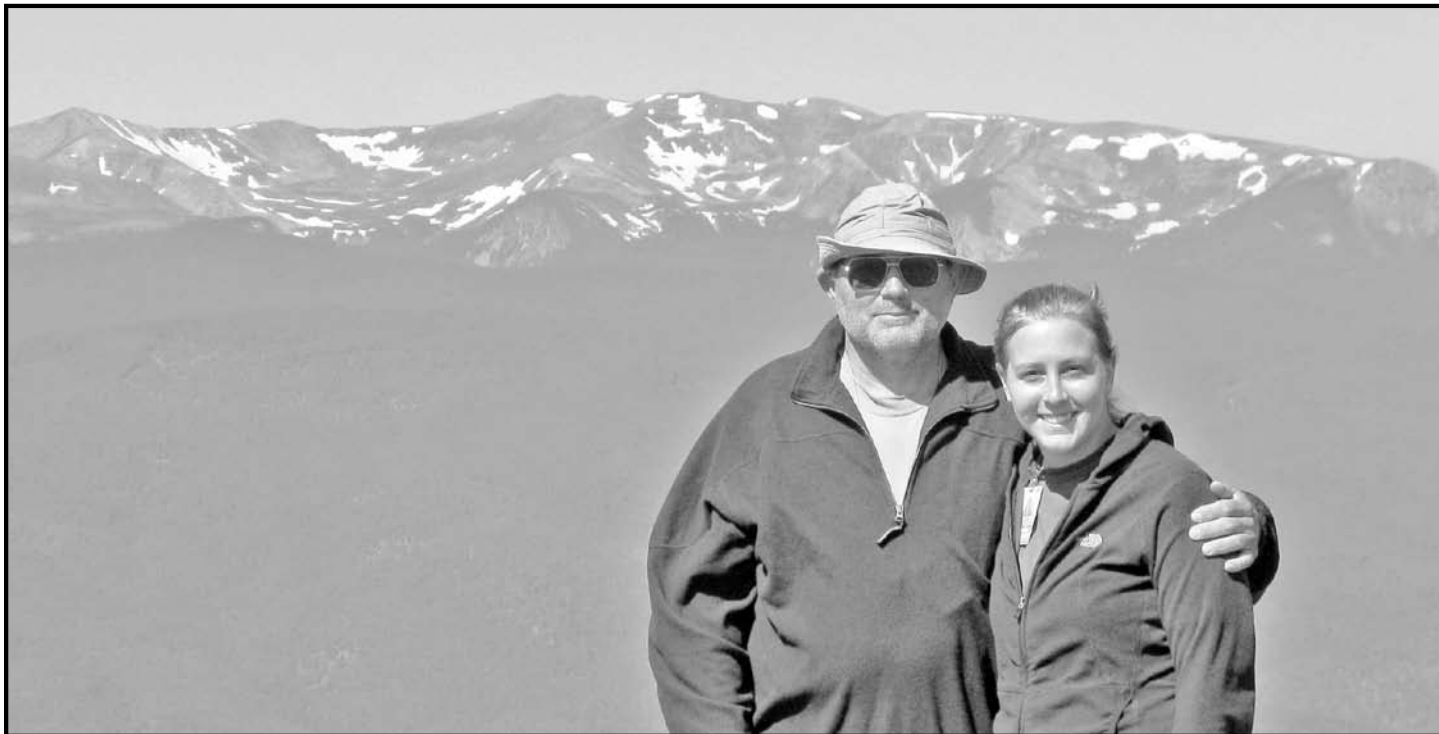
*"From the Ranger Department" is a weekly column by Ranger Trainer Bill Sassani.*



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*Highlight on the 27,391 Reasons We Are Here**photo courtesy of Jennifer Peters*

*PhilNews* writer Jennifer Peters and her father Stanley Peters hiked Baldy together during Stanley's trek.

## ***Father and daughter***

Some fathers get choked up when their daughters go to college or get married, but Scouting fathers choke up when their daughters work at Philmont.

All summer up til now, I heard how PhilNews writer Jennifer Peters' father, Stanley Peters, was bringing a crew to Philmont and how she couldn't wait to hike Baldy with her dad. Never had I seen her so excited as when she got the phone call that they had arrived.

As father and daughter reunited after a few months apart, I watched as a father gathered his emotions as he fully took in how his only daughter was becoming a part of something that he had such a passion for: Scouting.

Jenn originally came to Philmont in 2007 after her father repeatedly urged her to apply to work at The PhilNews to fulfill her internship requirement for school. He had previously been to Philmont three times as an adviser, making this summer his fourth trip to the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Over the next 12 days, Stanley and his crew 706-E crossed Philmont from the Zastrow turnaround

to Ponil. Often upon the crew's arrival at a camp, there was more than just the staff of the camp waiting to welcome them. Jenn and I met up with the crew on a rainy day while they were at Urraca, and as daughters do, Jenn made sure her dad was taking good care of himself while out on the trail.

She also met up with the crew when they had a layover at Miranda and hiked Baldy Mountain. By this point in their trek, the crew was growing very fond of Miss Jennifer: she always had some goodie for the crew, so they were very happy to have her join them for the journey up Philmont's highest peak. If only I could have been there to see the look on Jenn's face when a Scout asked if they sell engagement rings at the trading post.

Though they started hiking as the sun rose and finished late in the day, the day she hiked Baldy Mountain with her father is hands down the best day of the summer, and a memory for a life time.

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



# Further information about composting

## What to compost (the “in” list)

- Animal manure
- Cardboard rolls
- Clean paper
- Coffee grounds/filters
- Cotton and/or wool rags
- Dryer and vacuum cleaner lint
- Eggshells
- Fireplace ashes
- Grass clippings and leaves
- Hair and fure
- Hay and straw
- Houseplants
- Nutshells
- Sawdust
- Shredded newspaper
- Tea bags
- Woodchips
- Yard trimmings

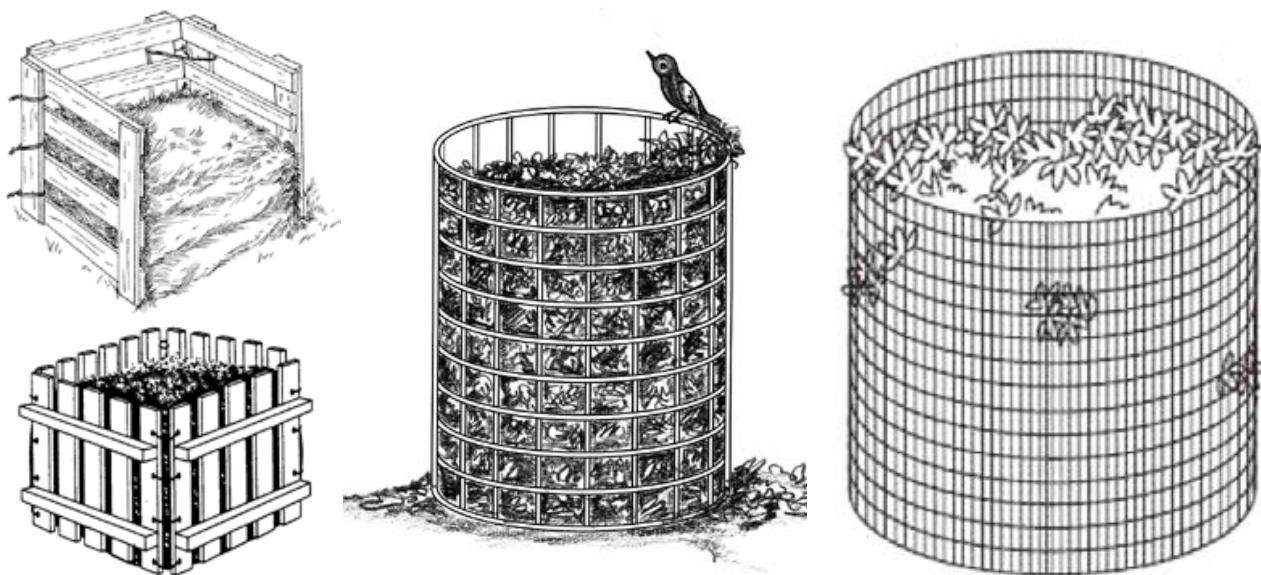
*For faster results, cut up materials to make them smaller, and avoid coarse, woody debris.*

## What not to compost (the “out” list)

- Black walnut tree leaves or twigs – releases substances that might be harmful to plants
- Coal or charcoal ash – might contain substances harmful to plants
- Dairy products (e.g., butter, egg yolks, milk, sour cream, yogurt) – create odor problems and attract pests
- Diseased or insect-ridden plants – diseases or insects may survive and be transferred to other plants
- Fats, grease, lard and oils – create odor problems, and attract pests
- Meat or fish bones and scraps – create odor problems, and attract pests
- Pet wastes (e.g., dog or cat feces, cat litter) – might contain parasites, bacteria, germs, pathogens and viruses harmful to humans
- Yard trimmings treated with chemical pesticides – might kill beneficial composting organisms

Information from: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/composting/basic.htm#org>

## Examples of good compost containers:



This information box is a supplement to Environmental Educator Chris Ives' column, found on pg. 6.

# The debate over "best porch view" continues

Dear NPS,

We at Carson Meadows could not help but notice Sawmill's statement of best porch view in the sixth issue of The PhilNews. While they do have the best view of sunrise and an awesome porch swing, the view the majority of the day is second to that from the glorious Carson Meadows porch. Anyone who says otherwise should visit the south pole of Philmont. If that doesn't change their minds, our desserts will.

Carson Meadows staff

In Issue 5, the Head of Dean staff said in their blurb that they have the best porch view on the ranch. In Issue 6, Sawmill Camp Director Michael Welch demanded a retraction, saying that Sawmill in fact has the best view.

Now, Carson Meadows claims that honor.

If anyone else objects to these declarations, we'd like to know. I-camp The PhilNews and defend/brag about/etc. your porch view. It'll be fun!



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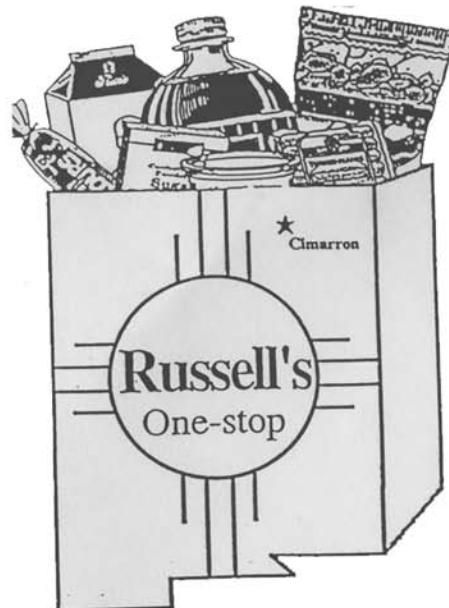
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# What's going on around the world?

## Russia and Venezuela partner up

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said on July 22 that Russia and Venezuela will combine their energy policies, citing that it would be advantageous not only for their countries but for others who cooperate with them. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has called for Russia and Venezuela to become partners in oil and defense. Chavez is expected to meet with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Chavez arrived in Moscow on June 22 to talk about defense, oil and economic development.

## Beijing restricts car use to reduce pollution

June 20 was the first day of Beijing's restrictions on car use. The restrictions are part of a ban that will fine drivers for driving on the wrong day, alternating between odd and even license plate numbers. The goal is to cut down on the smog-filled skies for the 2008 Olympics. Drivers will be forced to take public transportation. The government has not said how it will measure air quality, or set a specific emission level goal.

## Serbian war criminal arrested

Radovan Karadzic, former Bosnian Serb leader indicted for Balkan war crimes, was arrested on June 21 as he was crossing a street in Belgrade, Serbia. Karadzic is accused of helping orchestrate the massacre of over 8,000 men and boys in Srebrenica in 1995. He reportedly hid in caves and monasteries in his earlier years as a fugitive. He has spent the last few years working as an alternative medicine practitioner in Belgrade and hiding under a white beard and long hair.

## British bomb plotters lose appeal against convictions

Five Britons lost appeals against their convictions and life sentences on July 23. Omar Khyam, Jawad Akbar, Anthony Garcia, Salahuddin Amin and Waheed Mahmood were sentenced to life after being found guilty of plotting attacks on targets varying from nightclubs to trains to shopping centers. Prosecutors accused them of making the bombs in retaliation to Britain's support for the United States after Sept. 11.

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

## **"Dark Knight" sets new box office record**

Batman sequel "The Dark Knight" took in over \$155.34 in its first three days, beating out "Spider-Man 3" for the biggest opening weekend in box office sales. The film – starring Christian Bale, Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Maggie Gyllenhaal – also set records for opening ticket sales at IMAX theaters.

## **Christian Bale arrested for assault**

"Dark Knight" lead actor Christian Bale was arrested in London on July 22 on charges of allegedly assaulting his mother and sister in an incident on July 21. He was released on July 22, and was not formally charged with assault, but it is English policy to arrest suspects before questioning them. The star's lawyer released a statement on July 22, denying the allegations and saying the star is cooperating with the investigation. Bale will have to return to police in September, pending a further investigation.

## **Air Force bomber crashes near Guam**

The United States has launched a massive search for any survivors of an Air Force B-52 bomber that crashed on June 21 off of the coast of Guam. Three bodies were recovered, but three others are still missing. Navy officials said that they are still holding out hope that the others will be found alive, but they acknowledge that the longer the search continues, the less likely they are to find survivors. The B-52 bomber had just left Guam's Andersen Air Force Base and was scheduled to fly over a parade in celebration of the Liberation Day for the country. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

## **bin Laden's driver goes on trial**

The first U.S. war crimes trial since World War II began on June 21. The defendant, Osama bin Laden's driver Salim Ahmed Hamdan, pled not guilty to charges of conspiracy and providing material support to terrorism. Hamdan has been held at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba since his arrest in Afghanistan in November 2001. He is believed to have been close to al Qaeda's leaders and acted as a bodyguard for bin Laden, and also helped him flee after the Sept. 11 attacks.

## **Obama and McCain to share a stage before party conventions**

Presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain will share a stage before their party conventions this August. The Rev. Rick Warren persuaded the candidates to attend a forum at Saddleback Church in California on Aug. 16. Warren, author of bestseller "The Purpose-Driven Life," intends to interview each candidate separately on stage, with emphasis on issues such as AIDS, poverty and the environment.

## **Jalapenos suspected to be source of salmonella**

Two reports from the Food and Drug Administration have identified the source of the salmonella outbreak as jalapenos grown in Mexico. The peppers were grown there and then shipped to Texas. Despite this new lead in the investigation, the FDA has not yet cleared tomatoes as the source of illnesses that have afflicted at more than 1,200 people in 42 states.

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# What's going on in the different states?

## Alabama

The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit against the state, claiming that state voting laws are unconstitutional because they deny convicted felons the right to vote.

## Alaska

State lawmakers will investigate the firing of Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan by Gov. Sarah Palin, due to claims that Monegan was fired because he refused to fire a state trooper married to Palin's sister.

## Arizona

Effective Sept. 1, sixth grade students will be required to have one dose of meningococcal vaccine and one dose of Tdap vaccine.

## Arkansas

The U.S. Department of Labor will give the state \$1.9 million to create 127 temporary jobs to help provide cleanup for communities affected by the tornadoes and flooding.

## California

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill into law that will allow neglected and abused children to address the court in hearings that determine their post-trial placement.

## Colorado

The University of Colorado and the Denver Scholarship Foundation are teaming up to provide financial aid to low-income Denver students.

## Connecticut

After the state went through a hir-

ing hold, collected more tax revenue than expected and tightened its belt, Connecticut will have a \$22 million surplus for the fiscal year.

## Delaware

The hallucinogen salvia divinorum may become illegal in Delaware, even though it is legal in most states.

## Florida

The state is installing two High Occupancy Toll lanes between Miami and Fort Lauderdale on Interstate 95.

## Georgia

Schools in Twiggs County will now be allowed to paddle students, after the school board voted to reinstate the corporal punishment policy.

## Hawaii

The Hawaii State Teachers Association will accept arbitrary drug testing of teachers under the conditions that testing is limited to a select group of teachers with DUI history or chronic absence.

## Idaho

The College of Western Idaho may see a \$4 million cut, as officials consider meeting a promised tax cut.

## Illinois

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has reportedly raised \$1.9 million in campaign contributions for the upcoming gubernatorial election.

## Indiana

A pedestrian walkway collapsed,

sending seven construction workers into Lake Michigan at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond. One worker was taken to the hospital; no one else was seriously injured.

## Iowa

Democratic Sen. Tom Courtney is proposing that the state grant flood victims a one-year hiatus from property tax; Senate Republican Leader Ron Wiecek suggests extending the hiatus to sales tax as well.

## Kansas

University of Kansas Provost Richard Lariviere said the university will be affected by the state's request of regents universities to cut budgets by seven percent over the next two years. It is said that staff and program cuts will be expected.

## Kentucky

In pursuit of a private-sector job, former transportation secretary Bill Nighbert left his position as aide to state Senate Republican leadership.

## Louisiana

After being referred to as the state's "all-powerful Maharajah" by State Sen. Yvonne Dorsey, Gov. Bobby Jindal — whose parents are from India — said he does not take offense to the criticism, which came after Jindal vetoed \$16 million in legislative pet projects endorsed by Dorsey.

## Maine

Game Warden Jim Fahey, who shot and killed a disoriented black bear wandering near a Bangor neighbor-

hood, was cleared of misjudgments after a Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife spokeswoman said Fahey followed policy.

### **Maryland**

A hearing by the Court of Appeals will convene to reform foreclosure rules that would give homeowners greater notice and further understanding of the homeowners' rights and responsibilities.

### **Massachusetts**

Gov. Deval Patrick said he will be prepared to back and sign a sales tax holiday scheduled for Aug. 16-17 that would relieve state shoppers of the 5 percent state sales tax.

### **Michigan**

A report issued this week said the state needs to double its spending on roads and bridges to keep up with safety standards.

### **Minnesota**

A study by the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies said the state can meet its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2025 if the right steps are taken now.

### **Mississippi**

Democrats told residents of Bay St. Louis that wind and flood insurance legislation is moving forward.

### **Missouri**

Capital punishment opponents are renewing their support for a moratorium on the state's death penalty five years after a Kansas City man was released from prison after 17 years on death row.

### **Montana**

Republican candidate for Attorney General Tim Fox said on June 21 that the people of Montana should not be held criminally liable for killing a home intruder.

### **Nebraska**

Nebraska will receive \$2.6 million in disaster funds for individuals that sustained property damage from the storms, flooding, and tornadoes earlier in the year.

### **Nevada**

Tax lawyer John Marvel called his ethics accusations "ludicrous," and said he did nothing improper in helping Gov. Jim Gibbons receive a money-saving tax break.

### **New Hampshire**

New Hampshire's health department will receive a grant to help prevent obesity for the next five years, specifically to develop programs for better nutrition, physical activities, and obesity programs.

### **New Jersey**

The New Jersey Transit department says it has seen an increase in ridership due to rising gas prices.

### **New Mexico**

Gov. Bill Richardson is seeking a draft to protect certain portions of Rio Arriba County from oil and gas drilling, citing concerns that streams in that area may become contaminated.

### **New York**

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo

is threatening to take legal action against Comcast Corp. if it does not terminate access to child pornography though its Internet service.

### **North Carolina**

Human trafficking appears to be on the rise in North Carolina, according to several experts who have been tracking those cases.

### **North Dakota**

Tax relief may be on the ballots this November, due to surpluses in the state's budget.

### **Ohio**

Ohio rated fourth in the nation in the 2008 Biotechnology Strength Report, according to Business Facilities Magazine.

### **Oklahoma**

According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), Oklahoma has the best gas prices in the nation for the second time in less than a month, with an average of \$3.83 a gallon.

### **Oregon**

An court decision is coming closer to a ruling that could require employers to verify employee's social security numbers, which could result in the loss of over 173,000 jobs in the state.

### **Pennsylvania**

State Sen. Stewart Greenleaf is hoping to get a bill passed that would allow low-speed electric cars onto the road, although with top speeds of 25 miles an hour, the cars still raise safety concerns.

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## Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority board has adopted a budget that has a \$12-million deficit for the next year, and has not said how it will compensate for this deficit.

## South Carolina

The state budget is in trouble, as high gas, food, and other rising costs are slowing consumer spending and sales tax revenues, which in turn is slowing the economy.

## South Dakota

For the second consecutive year, inmate populations have gone down due to better inmate corrections while in prison and better community programs after prison, according to the Department of Corrections.

## Tennessee

Former state Sen. John Ford was convicted on June 18 of six counts of wire-fraud charges.

## Texas

Hurricane Dolly is predicted to hit Texas on June 23, and officials are worrying that the levees will not be strong enough to hold the amount of water that is expected.

## Utah

Prosecutors are seeking news footage from KSL-TV and KSL News Radio in response to allegations of bribery in the state treasury's primary election.

## Vermont

State officials failed to reach an agreement on a special legislative session for sex offenders on June

22 in response to the death of a 12-year-old girl at the hands of a convicted sex offender.

## Virginia

The civil rights monument was unveiled on June 21 on the Virginia Capitol lawn. Statues commemorating civil rights leaders now appear next to statues of men who tried to deny racial equality, on what was once the Confederate Capitol lawn.

## Washington

Democrats have denied a request to look into the connection between negotiations by Gov. Chris Gregoire and political contributions and gambling contracts.

## West Virginia

Some 50,000 unclaimed rebate stimulus checks that could potentially boost the economy by at least \$30 million have yet to be cashed. Taxpayers have until Oct. 15 to file a tax return that would make them eligible for the rebate.

## Wisconsin

State lawmakers plan to reverse a decision that will allow homebuyers to sue for fraud when the sellers lie about the condition of the home.

## Wyoming

A federal judge has reinstated gray wolves on the endangered species list in the Northern Rockies.

*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

## Tour de France: racer finishes despite crash down mountain

John-Lee Augustyn, 22, misjudged a hairpin turn during a descent of Bonette, fell off his bike and slid down the mountain off the side of the road on July 22. Augustyn lost his bike down the mountain and had to wait for a replacement before finishing 35th in the 16th Stage.

France's Cyril Dessel won the stage for his first stage victory on the 98-mile course.

## Bengals coach Lewis will not re-sign Henry

Coach Marvin Lewis told reporters that the Cincinnati Bengal organization was "not interested" in re-signing receiver Chris Henry to the team, saying there are "responsibilities to being an NFL player."

The Bengals released Henry after being arrested for the fifth time, and the NFL suspended him indefinitely. After his case was dropped in court, Henry asked for reinstatement, but Lewis stood firm with his statement.

## Ohio State basketball signs with 7-foot transfer

University of Alabama-Birmingham's Zisis Sarikopoulos, a seven-foot center from Greece, signed to play for the Ohio State Buckeyes. Ohio State Coach Thad Matta announced the transfer on July 17. Sarikopoulos will have to sit out the 2008-2009 season to satisfy NCAA transfer rules.

# in sports?

## Calzaghe calls off fight with Jones Jr. after wrist injury

After injuring his hand during training on July 20, heavyweight champion Joe Calzaghe called off his proposed fight with Roy Jones Jr. The unbeaten 36-year-old said he will seek a hand specialist and reschedule his fights.

## Powell out-sprints world's fastest

Asafa Powell, the former world-record holder in the 100 meters, defeated the now-world's fastest Usain Bolt at the July 22 DN Galan meet. Powell's quick start gave him a one-hundredth of a second edge as he finished in 9.88 seconds.

## Serena drops out of tournament with injury

Serena Williams dropped out of the East West Bank Classic on July 22 due to an injured knee. Williams is nursing the injury so she will be ready for the Olympics and the U.S. Open. She is scheduled to play singles and doubles with her sister Venus at the Olympics. Williams is the fourth player to withdraw from the tournament due to injury.

## Dungy optimistic about Manning's knee injury

Indianapolist Colts coach Tony Dungy told reporters on July 21 that he thinks quarterback Petyon Manning will be able to play, come preseason. Manning had surgery on his knee to remove an infected bursa sac, a procedure said to require four to six weeks to heal.

### American League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Tampa Bay	58	40	0.592	-	Won 1	3 to 7
Boston	58	43	0.574	1.5	Won 1	6 to 4
Yankees	54	45	0.545	4.5	Won 4	7 to 3
Baltimore	48	50	0.49	10	Won 1	4 to 6
Toronto	48	51	0.485	10.5	Lost 1	6 to 4

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Sox	55	43	0.561	-	Lost 3	4 to 6
Minnesota	55	44	0.556	0.5	Lost 2	5 to 5
Detroit	50	49	0.505	5.5	Won 2	5 to 5
Kansas City	45	55	0.45	11	Lost 1	5 to 5
Cleveland	44	54	0.449	11	Won 3	7 to 3

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	60	39	0.606	-	Lost 1	6 to 4
Texas	52	48	0.52	8.5	Won 2	6 to 4
Oakland	51	48	0.515	9	Lost 6	3 to 7
Seattle	38	61	0.384	22	Lost 3	3 to 7

### National League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Philadelphia	53	46	0.535	-	Lost 2	5 to 5
NY Mets	53	46	0.535	-	Won 1	8 to 2
Florida	52	47	0.525	1	Lost 1	6 to 4
Atlanta	47	52	0.475	6	Won 1	5 to 5
Washington	38	61	0.384	15	Won 2	4 to 6

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Cubs	58	41	0.586	-	Lost 1	5 to 5
Milwaukee	56	43	0.566	2	Won 5	7 to 3
St. Louis	57	44	0.564	2	Lost 1	6 to 4
Cincinnati	48	53	0.475	11	Lost 2	5 to 5
Boston	46	53	0.465	12	Lost 2	5 to 5
Pittsburgh	45	54	0.455	13	Won 1	3 to 7

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Dodgers	49	50	0.495	-	Won 2	5 to 5
Arizona	49	50	0.495	-	Won 1	5 to 5
Colorado	43	58	0.426	7	Lost 1	5 to 5
San Francisco	40	58	0.408	8.5	Lost 3	1 to 9
San Diego	38	62	0.38	11.5	Won 1	3 to 7



# What exactly is the

**by Chris Dunn**  
*PhilNews Manager*

If you're headed down south to the land of the junipers, don't expect the lush ponderosa and aspen forests of Philmont. The Double H High Adventure Base is 211 square miles of plains and mountains – a dry, harsh environment dotted by juniper trees, cacti and, in some areas, ponderosa pines.

It's a vastly different set of vistas, program and atmosphere at the Double H, but ultimately its mission is similar to Philmont's.

"We're here to provide a rugged, fun, different hiking experience," Double H Base Director Dave Kopsa said. "Unique, rugged, fun, challenging experience. Same kind of thing Philmont is."

Yet, the Double H program is unlike that of Philmont. While Philmont's program is defined by the various peaks and 30-something staffed camps sprinkled throughout the backcountry, the Double H's program is shaped by the land use and ideals established by those who made the high adventure base possible.

In 2000, outdoorsman Robert Torstenson purchased the 95,000-acre Double H Ranch, to develop a wildlife area with emphasis on conservation and youth

outdoor education. Torstenson died in 2002, but donated the land to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, which then partnered with the Boy Scouts of America and Philmont to establish the Double H High Adventure Base. The first crews began hiking the vast landscapes in the summer of 2004.

Whereas Philmont is an expanse of trails and established trail and staffed camps, the Double H is an expanse of near-desert wilderness. There is one staffed camp, and fewer than 30 trail camps (which can be identified only by the presence of a water well). There are no trails in the backcountry.

Crews arrive, run through the base camp procedures and start hiking on their first day at the Double H. Wilderness guides – not to be confused with the rangers here at Philmont – remain with their crews for the entire seven-day, six-night trek. Along the way, the guides provide daily program that ties into the land use and ideals of the Double H.

Land use is a running theme at the Double H. Because of the program's relationship with the Elk Foundation, emphasis is placed on enjoying the land in as near as pristine a condition as possible.

"The Double H is like a coral snake," wilderness guide Dave Dinkins said. "It's beautiful to look at, but





# Double H?

photo by Daniel Flatt, PhilNews writer

you don't want to [mess] around with it. It's really nice, but it's austere."

Or, as Kopsa put it, "We always want to be a very wilderness experience, so I'm in with conservation policies that the Elk Foundation has on this land. It's not going to be adding two or three more staffed camps, and I really wouldn't want to."

Ideals include Leave No Trace principles and an emphasis on the backpacking experience. Wilderness guides instruct their crews to follow Leave No Trace policies, which corresponds well with the absence of trails. Other program highlights include challenge courses, SAR instruction and astronomy.

As for the backpacking experience, crews must rely on maps and compasses to navigate their way as they follow the various itineraries. Without trails, crews can modify their itineraries by determining their own routes between trail camps, as well as occasionally deciding to camp at a different site. But the dryness of the area means it is imperative that crews take extra caution in what choices they make.

"It's instructing even for experienced backpackers to come out here," 714-AA adviser Denny Schoch said. "It's a different Leave No Trace experience. It's very extreme. Water is your limiting factor, in how much

you can carry and where you can get it."

But despite the challenges provided by the somewhat unforgiving environment, the Double H is imbued with a sense of calm that may be lacking at Philmont. Schoch, who has 37 years of backpacking experience and has been to Philmont three times, was especially vocal about this contrast between the two high adventure camps.

"In a way, Philmont is overprogrammed, because you have to make a time and a controlled plan, or you'll miss your program," Schoch said. "If [crews are] getting laid up at camp in the morning and they miss their horseback ride because they got there too late to sign up, oh well – maybe that'll teach you in life to be on time or you'll miss out."

"But here, it's almost like, more laidback than I expected," he continued. "So it's just the opposite of that. Program is whenever you and your guide want it to be. It's very flexible, and so are the itinerary changes. You don't get that at Philmont."

The flexibility and laidback atmosphere at the Double H, in a way, balance out the challenges presented by the harsh environment. But none of these would mean anything without the participants or the staff.

Read on.



photo by Daniel Flatt, PhilNews writer

*Wilderness guide Alex Greene takes a break with his crew, in the shade of a juniper tree. Wilderness guides' duties range from taking out crews to performing various base camp duties when not in the backcountry.*

## Good times at the Double H: what it's like to staff there

**by Chris Dunn**  
PhilNews Manager

Going from Philmont to the Double H High Adventure Base can present somewhat of a culture shock. The pace at Philmont is often a fast one, with various departments in base camp arriving at work as the sun rises and wrapping up the workday well into the night, and with backcountry camps on a 24/7 alert to keep crews safe.

Things roll differently at the Double H. Whereas Philmont staff are tidily assigned to departments whose roles are specific and well-defined, the staff at the Double H typically belong to one of three categories: wilderness guides, support staff or leadership.

The wilderness guides make up the bulk of the

staff. They take out crews, remain with them for the full seven days of their trek and provide program. Chris Hespe was a ranger at Philmont in 2005, and was ready and willing to compare his experiences as a ranger and as a wilderness guide.

"We all know that in the job of the ranger, when they get their crew, they jump on a picnic table and scream, '710-Bravo!'" Hespe said. "And they have the bell stories. And you only have two days with them as a ranger, so there's a lot more energy. But you don't have to put in as much commitment because you're not hiking with them for the full seven days. So you definitely put a lot more into your crews here."

Hespe retains his ranger training as part of his style, by teaching crews on the first day in the backcountry, observing them on the second day and taking

questions on the third day.

"Then we hit Martin Camp on Day Four," Hespe said. "Then I say, 'All right, I'm an adviser now. I'm going to hike in the back and that's about it.' At that point, we're really there for safety more than anything else."

With one staffed camp in the entire 211 square miles of expanse, the Double H cannot rely on a network of backcountry staff support should a Health Lodge case arise. For this reason, all guides with crews in the backcountry are equipped with radios.

"Our first responsibility is to keep the crews alive, and then keep them smiling," Hespe said.

"You've got it wrong, Hespe," fellow guide Joe Foreman said. "It goes, 'fun, safety, fun, and then it'd be pretty cool if they learn something about backpacking.' That's how I do it."

When not in the backcountry or on days off, wilderness guides act as base camp staff, along with the designated support staff. Their base camp duties can range from distributing food from the Services trailer to taking crew photos to working at the trading post.

"I think it's really cool to have the staff so cross-trained as it is, and for the size of our program, it's an efficient way to do things," Double H Base Director Dave Kopsa said. "It's a really great experience for the guides. They're doing different things every day they're on work days. And when they get reassigned to jobs at Philmont, for those last couple of weeks of summer, it usually works out so well because they're used to doing different jobs."

In the mornings, base camp is hopping with energy, in almost stark contrast to the evenings. Because crews start hiking the day they arrive, and depart for

their homes the day they return to base camp, the staff in the Double H base camp typically have slower evenings than staff do at Philmont.

Although leadership staff keep a constant ear on the radio in the event of a backcountry Health Lodge case, the evenings are a time for staff in base to relax.

"That's good, because the guys are taking out about four crews [a summer], and for those four weeks on the trail, it's a pretty intense job they're doing," Kopsa said. "So when they're here and on days off, or they're doing work days, we like to make sure we're not working 'til all hours of the day."

Typical evening activities for the staff include a movie, kickball and ultimate Frisbee. The house adjoined to the Health Lodge serves as a staff area and is equipped with a kitchen, dining room and lounge, and it's rare that a movie isn't going on in the lounge at night.

"I think the atmosphere is a lot more relaxed than it is at Philmont," wilderness guide Tim Martin said. "It's really a tight-knit group here, and at the end of the summer, you feel like a family."

Hespe said, "It's relaxing in some ways, but it's also slightly more hectic. Out here, it's more or less you know everyone, so you feel more comfortable, but you're also asked to do a lot more. We kind of stole the ranger motto of 'Scramble, be flexible,' but I feel like we take it to a new extreme here at the Double H."

"Yesterday, I got off the trail and they were like, 'Okay, you're on dining hall staff. Start moving,'" Hespe continued. "So I think the Double H is definitely a much more challenging environment, but we don't necessarily have as long a tradition, so it's not as hyped up as the Philmont experience."

Kopsa, who has been the Base Director since 2006, has several years of experience working in the Philmont backcountry, so his take on the Double H environment is an especially interesting one.

"To me, this is kind of like everything that I loved about backcountry camps – it's here at the Double H, and bigger in a lot of respects," Kopsa said. "It's like we're a family here."

"If people want a job where they're out on the trail, really getting hands-on and quality time with crews, I don't think there's a better way to do it than to get on the trail with kids at the Double H," he concluded. "It's a great experience."

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— Wilderness guide Chris Hespe

# What crews can expect at the Double H

by **Daniel Flatt**

*PhilNews writer*

Wilderness guide Alex Greene crouches beneath the scarce shade of a Double H High Adventure Base windmill, watching his crew of seven Scouts filter water from a tank full of green water. In the hot sun, Greene appears cool, calm — soaking in everything the world drifts his way.

“Wait a minute, guys. When’s the last time you guys cleaned the filter?” Greene asks while twiddling a long strand of dry grass between his teeth. “That may be why you’re having a hard time with the pumping.”

With treks sometimes seeing more extreme heat and adverse situations, challenging scenarios like the seemingly easy task of filtering water beat down on Scouts with as much intensity as the sun. This and other subtleties make up the Double H trekking experience.

The biggest difference between guides and Philmont’s rangers is the duration of time for which they stay with the crew.

“At Philmont, you can only go two days with your crew,” said Greene, a first-year guide from Cincinnati. “We get to hike out here for seven days, and enjoy everything that’s out here. My favorite part about Double H is that I’m out here for seven days.”

The guides’ seven-day commitment is imperative to the trek due to the extreme situations and absence of

trails at the Double H. Greene and other guides act as backcountry coaches, pushing the Scouts and advisers along and also providing the backcountry program.

With only one staffed camp, programs are implemented into the everyday hiking and camping experiences the crews have. Greene said he enjoys teaching Leave No Trace principles and challenging the crews while on the trek.

Troop 709 leader Roger Pomeroy of Seattle, Wash., said his crew will hopefully remember the challenges faced in contrast to their previous treks in northwest America.

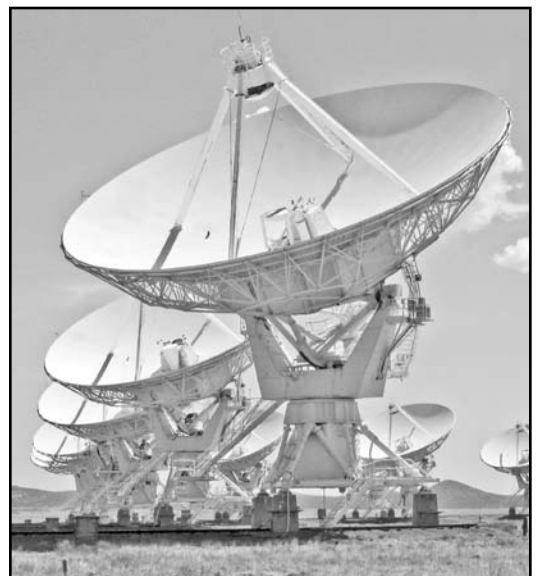
“Most of them will be talking about it at summer camp to the other kids who didn’t come,” Pomeroy said. “I think it will be a fair topic for ‘Wow this was cool,’ and judging from what I’ve seen so far, I think most of them will go, ‘Ew, green slimy water — yeah, it was fairly awful, but it was an experience.’ I don’t think anyone’s going to go home and say, ‘No, I wish I hadn’t done that.’”

The treks take the crews on a backpacking trip on a horseshoe-shaped course that wraps the northern side of the Double H map, hitting places like Long Canyon, John Henry, Blue Mesa and others. Midway through the trek, the crews pass through Martin Camp.

Through all of the hot, rough backpacking and aside from the danger, Greene summed up his experience with “It’s all fun and games here.”

## A nearby attraction

The VLA (Very Large Array), a radio astronomy observatory, is located southeast of Double H High Adventure Base. The observatory is a component of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), and is composed of 27 radio antennas. Each antenna has a dish whose diameter is 25 meters and that weighs 230 tons. These antennas are configured into a Y-shape on the plains of San Agustin, with each arm of the Y running 13 miles long. A specially designed lifting locomotive allows scientists to move the antennas to any chosen point on a certain arm. After a total investment of \$78.5 million, the complex was inaugurated in 1980. It continues to function for NRAO and, with added technology, keeps advancing radio astronomy studies.



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PhilNews Manager**

*PhilNews writer  
Daniel Flatt and  
server Vee Fazio take  
a pose in front of  
the Daily Pie Café's  
menu.*

# Pie Town: for sweet teeth only

**by Daniel Flatt**  
*PhilNews writer*

West of the Double H High Adventure Base in the Continental Divide-straddling town called Pie Town, N.M., lies the Daily Pie Café, where the pie filling is so ample it runs into both the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific. Ask the server, and she'll tell you the key lime cheesecake will sit just perfectly in the middle with a cup of coffee.

But no matter which side of the Rockies your taste buds originate, this little highway diner has a flavor of pie that will flow in your direction.

"We make 50-plus different types of pie," server Vee Fazio said. "There's some that we pretty much have all the time — we have our regulars, but there's quite a few that are new creations. The latest one is the Hawaiian pie."

Mangos, strawberries, pineapple and a crust that brings the pie full circle to the taste buds make up this creation of Hawaiian influence, but it's the story of Pie Town that brings Daily Pie Café's pies to life.

As the legend goes, Texan and World War I veteran Clyde McNorman moved to the area in the mid-1920s to make it big in the gold mining industry. After failed attempts at his late gold rush, he needed a new form of income. Since the area was a passing point for travelers on the Coast to Coast Highway now known as Highway 60, McNorman decided to start a business



from his favorite hobby: baking dried apple pies.

When a post office moved into the area, it needed a town name for its address. As most of its commerce resulted from the all-American desert, Pie Town suited the area perfectly.

Still, almost a century later, pie is the main reason to stop in Pie Town, making it a perfectly delectable outing for guides coming off the trail at the Double H. The Daily Pie Café — one of two different pie places in the town — was started by Michael Rawl. Rawl's Daily Pie Café was the favorite of the Double H staff, so a few News & Photo Service staff and I headed over the Divide and to the little diner on Highway 60.

After enjoying a bacon cheeseburger with the works and home-cut fries, I had two pieces of pie: key lime cheesecake and blueberry pie. PhilNews Manager Chris Dunn followed suit with her coupling of chocolate crème and triple berry pies, while NPS Manager James King went with the banana crème pie. The peanut butter pie was the choice for our driver from the Double H, Patrick Hogan.

Consequently, we covered almost the entire chart of pies, passing plates and cleansing our palates with coffee. I was mesmerized by the diner's charm brought on by an eclectic and homey diner atmosphere, and PIE.

That equals perfection after a long haul on the open range of Double H. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

I even bought a T-shirt. On the back, it says, "feed your piehole." And I did.



# Three shots apiece for crews at Martin

**by Chris Dunn**  
PhilNews Manager

Martin Camp is the only staffed camp at the Double H High Adventure Base, and in a way, it's a smorgasbord of a staffed camp.

Its program features black powder shooting, 3-D archery and a chuckwagon dinner. There are a commissary and a trading post. And staff occupy both a small, mud-plastered cabin and a yurt.

"The Martin Camp is an isolated camp," Program Counselor Mark Malicki said. "It's a laidback environment. We get our program taken care of, we take care of emergencies, but we just have this desert atmosphere that you don't get at Philmont."

"It's kind of surreal, working out here," added Program Counselor Noah Warshauer. "The isolation is interesting in that we're the only staffed camp, so it's not like we can go see other staffed camps – I know that's a very central part of Philmont."

Located at the very center of the horseshoe-shaped routes that all Double H itineraries generally follow, Martin Camp – called "Martin Ranch" on the maps – provides crews a chance to refuel and take in a varied set of program on Day Four of their treks.

"We do a lot more than – I want to say from my understanding – any staffed camp up at Philmont," Warshauer said.

In a way, this is true. Before scattering to the Double H, the Martin staff had to complete homestead training to learn how to operate the chuckwagon, commissary training, black powder training and archery training, in addition to the standard training that all backcountry camp staff must receive.

Martin Camp could almost be described as a microcosm of the Double H base camp. The staff are kept busy in the morning, and evenings are a little more relaxed. But because Martin is the only staffed camp, the staff remain on constant alert for Health Lodge cases in the area.

"It's not like one's going the minute another ends," Warshauer said. "But they're frequent enough that we've learned to stay on our toes and never get too comfortable until all the kids have gone to bed."

In the typical day at Martin Camp,



**photo by Chris Dunn, PhilNews Manager**

*Members of 715-BB prepare to fire arrows at Martin Camp's 3-D archery course. The ranges at Martin and Apache Springs are the only 3-D archery courses in the BSA program.*

crews begin arriving in the early morning. Program begins at 9 a.m., and activity in the archery and black powder ranges is often simultaneous. If the crew load is particularly heavy, program may last well into the afternoon.

"The only forms of hunting on the Double H – which is a working hunting ranch for elk, antelope and mule deer – are archery or black powder shooting," Malicki said. "The Double H wants to have a unique and challenging hunting experience for their participants. That's why we do black powder and archery here at Martin."

Unlike the black powder guns used at Philmont, the guns at Martin are modern-day black powder rifles.

"The rifles that we have are called in-line muzzle loaders, and in a basic sense, it's as close to a modern center-fire rifle that you can get while being a legal form of black powder," Malicki said.

As for the archery, the 3-D course is nearly identical to the one in Apache Springs, except Martin Camp's course includes a Styrofoam elk dummy. Philmont supplies the camp with all the necessary supplies, including the guns, powder, ammunition, bows and arrows.

"For a lot of kids coming out here, it's the first time they've seen anything like this," Warshauer said. "It's the first time they've shot black powder or anything other than a .22, or a proper-sized gun for that matter. I would like to think that we're really providing these kids with a lot of firsts – it's a lot of great, new experiences that they probably wouldn't have gotten otherwise."

The Martin staff strive to make the shooting experiences memorable for the crews. At Philmont's various shooting camps, each crew member is typically allowed one shot with the black powder guns and with the bow-and-arrow. At Martin, crew members are allowed up to three shots.

"Both programs are really great," 714-AA adviser Denny Schoch said. "I've seen them at Philmont and other camps; I thought this was right up there, on a par with Philmont and on a par with the other places I've been. Today, [the Scouts] came back down like they came back from a hunting expedition, swaggering and everything."

Evenings welcome the chuckwagon dinner –



**photo by Chris Dunn, PhilNews Manager**

*Martin Camp Program Counselor Chris Lothers helps a member of 715-AA get his black powder rifle ready to fire.*

which consists of beef stew, biscuits and cobbler – and, if the skies are clear, an astronomy program. At night, crews do not sleep in designated campsites, thanks to the rocky terrain and the expansive growth of cacti. Martin Camp used to be a working horse ranch, and the barn and corrals remain in place.

"The crews sleep in the old corrals, where they used to get beef ready for market and horses for trading," Malicki said.

"And Scouts ready for tomorrow," Warshauer added.

For a crew that's been hiking on a rough terrain under the hot sun for four days, Martin Camp offers much welcome shade and exciting program, and the program counselors seemed to be enjoying themselves. Because there are no backcountry managers at the Double H, the staff at Martin can exercise more freedom than staff at Philmont backcountry camps, but with that freedom comes much responsibility.

"We wake up every day, and we fly by the seat of our pants based on what we have to do," Malicki said. "I think that the staff at Martin Camp has a really good group dynamic. Everyone has a different element that they bring to the table."

"I have yet to have a day that I would describe as a bad day out here," Warshauer said. "We've had hard days, but no bad days. At the end of the day, you go to bed feeling like you've done something. Pretty awesome."

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# Thanks for a hearty Philmont welcome



**by Jim DeLair**

*Protestant Chaplain*

I would like to extend my greetings from the Greater Buffalo (NY) and Southern Ontario (Canada) region to all of you at Philmont. Less than a year ago, I had the privilege to attend training at the Philmont Training Center, and when I left, I looked over my shoulder at the Arrowhead. The dream came true: I made it back to God's Country.

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to you as part of the Philmont Chaplaincy team, as the second Protestant chaplain. My name is Chaplain DeLair; please feel free to call me Chaplain Jim. I have a great love for the Boy Scout program, and especially what High Adventure Challenges can do to grow

young and old men and women of character.

As I consider what to share with you by way of introduction, I find myself reflecting on my first day at Philmont as a member of staff; thank you for making it wonderful. I can honestly say that in the last 34 years of Scouting I have never been to such a place as this, or met such wonderful people. Each of you has been welcoming, wonderful in your greetings, and supportive to my being here. This is often common in the scouting world but this community takes it over the top.

As a youth, I was not financially able to participate in the joys of a Philmont trek, but I made a life-long commitment to Scouting as an Eagle Scout and to service and leadership as a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow. I have always looked for a way to give back to Scouting, as a member of the clergy, part of what it has given me.

This is what I feel is going to be one of the most memorable ways to give back. In just a short 24 hours I have seen marvelous things in my travels to Clark's Fork, Hunting Lodge, and Cimarroncito (thanks for dinner). The most beautiful thing so far has been the brief time I was able to spend at Cimarroncito Reservoir. As I viewed the reservoir and merging of Cathedral Rock and the tree line, I was moved to ponder creation and the creator. In such a place as this how can one's thoughts not find God? I hope that each of you finds just such a place to be still and experience the creator in creation.

Thanks for letting me share my first of many Philmont experiences with you! Please feel free to share your Philmont experiences with me, share with me your holy and majestic locations, and your thoughts about them. Together, let us experience the joys of faith in the creator.

I look forward to meeting many of you, whether it is just a quick hello and a handshake or a lengthy conversation about your joys, concerns or sorrows. Enough of my rambling; see you roadside and trailside.

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# Deer Lake Mesa 'ists work to build trail

by **Jennifer Peters**

*PhilNews writer*

Conservationists, or “ists,” have begun working on a trail that will connect Devil’s Wash Basin to Deer Lake Camp. The ‘ists have been working on this new trail at the site of Devil’s Wash Basin and staying at Deer Lake Mesa Camp since Scatter on June 7.

They are part of the first spike camp to last all summer in 14 years.

The conservation program at Devil’s Wash Basin teaches participants the important aspects of trail building, as well as how to properly use trail building tools.

The ultimate goal of the trail will be to give participants a trail that will deter participants from hiking the road. The trail will be about four or five miles long once it is completed.

Conservationist Joe Weiler said the goal after that trail is completed is to build a trail from Deer Lake Camp or Deer Lake Mesa to Harlan, because generally hikers have to take the road.

“(Philmont) is trying to prevent people from having to walk on the super highway roads they have out here,” Weiler said.

The conservation program at Deer Lake is the only one at Philmont that focuses solely on trail building, and it is the only place that is entirely made up of first-year conservation staff. The three “ists” at Deer Lake are Joe Weiler, Sam Stewart and Kingshuk Mukherjee.

Rick Smith, Michael Serio and Jenna Anderson of the Conservation Department staff come out to survey a trail and put up stakes to mark the trail. The ‘ists at Deer Lake will then follow the stakes and actually build the trail.

“Our superiors Rick, Mike, and Jenna come out, and they survey a trail and they take in aesthetic value and try to create an 8 percent grade in the trail, and they mark it with this stake line,” Weiler said. “They call that our critical edge, and they give that to Sam and I (and Kingshuk), and we have to clear out the corridor, which is cutting down anything that is in the path of the trail, cut the trail itself.



*photo by Danny Shipley, NPS Photographer*

*Conservationist Joe Weiler discusses the use of a bowsaw with a crew at Deer Lake Mesa camp.*

“We’ll make it look nice and pretty by finishing it, creating out slope and back slope, and then we’ll maintain it after it rains and see where we made our mistakes so it’ll last long,” Weiler said.

Living at Deer Lake Camp is no picnic because the staff there has no cabin, established buildings or refrigeration units. During Scatter, they set up their own backcountry tents and a base camp tent for a cook shack, and they had to hike all of their own tools in from the road. They cook on propane stoves and Dutch ovens. They also have to store their food and smellables in a bear box.

The staff at Deer Lake Mesa gives participants a trail and tool talk, and they also joke with the participants. Each adds his own funny spin on the talks.

Stewart tells the crews that the trails must be done by the end of the day so it may take them longer than the three conservation hours that the crew was expecting.

Meanwhile, Weiler tells the crews that the 21-inch bowsaw can fit into an overhead compartment of an airplane, but to be careful because things may shift during flight and the saw could fall out when opened. He also tells crews they can take the saw with them so they could do conservation everywhere.

All joking aside, the staff at Deer Lake Mesa is



highly knowledgeable when it comes to trail building, and they also give the participants tips on using the tools properly.

The lists have three sessions a day for participants – at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – but they try to accommodate crews as much as possible.

Stewart goes over the five steps to trail building – which are surveying, pioneering, rough cutting, finishing, and maintenance – as well as the parts to a trail.

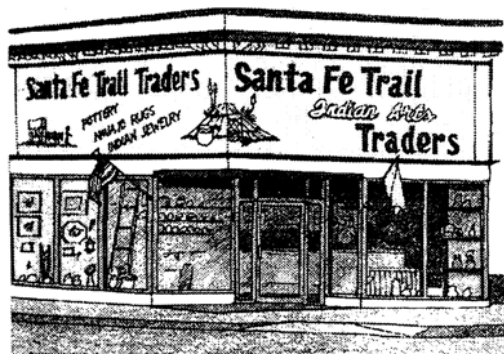
Then Weiler finishes with the tool talk and tells crews how to give trees a proper “haircut.” He also explains how to cut trees branches so that they are less likely to get an insect infestation or infection.

Stewart also tells the participants that “quality is more important than quantity” when it comes to building trail.

“A well-built trail can last 50 years, while a poorly built trail can last eight to 10 years, so there is a big difference between good and bad,” he said.

For staffers looking to learn more about building trail, Deer Lake Mesa is a good place to visit. The staff really enjoy their jobs, and they make their program enjoyable for their visitors.

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*The members of Philmont's first all-female work crew strike a pose with their conservation tools.*

## ***Philmont's first all-female work crew***

***by Tawny Slaughter***  
*PhilNews writer*

Kellen Baggett, Alice Paulding, Beth Fruehan and Kimberly Ames are the members of Work Crew India – the first all-female work crew. The fact that these ladies see themselves as no different than any of the other work crews is just one of the many things that make them an impressive group.

The girls are on a run for nine to 12 days in the backcountry, working on trails and campsites. While on a run, they will work on trails and campsites, dig latrines and sumps and do any other work that needs done in a campsite.

"Everything that's in a campsite, we may do main-

tenance on or install in a new campsite," forewoman Alice Paulding said.

While out on the trail, they carry all their personal equipment along with saws, shovels, pick, gaffing equipment and the rest of the tool shed. Their packs end up weighting 60-90 pounds. They shave off a few pounds by not carrying tents and sleeping together under a tarp.

"So it's always a slumber party and we're never apart," said Fruehan, a third year staff member. The ladies quickly became friends on their first run of the summer, and have remained close as the summer has continued.

These ladies have ended up spending both their working days and days off together. On days off, they

like to visit Miami Lake, Denver and local establishments where they are able to catch up with friends they have not seen while in the backcountry.

On the first day of their second run, they lost Baggett due to a sprained ACL, MCL and a fractured femur. However, she has since recovered and is happy to be back with the crew as they set out on their last two runs. They have worked in the North and Central Countries, and hope to make it to the South Country before the end of the summer.

Though each of the ladies had a different reason for why they selected this as their job for the summer, the opportunity to see all of Philmont was a perk that appealed to every member of the crew. Upper Bench is their favorite campsite they have worked on, because of the beautiful area in which it is situated. They also enjoy watching as large storms gather and come in over Philmont, creating an astounding natural visual.

With spending that much time out on the trail, the ladies' path crosses that of many crews. One night shortly after the fire ban had been lifted, they were cooking dinner over an open fire, and a crew came running with a water platypus to put the fire out.

The one thing the crew unanimously agreed that they missed while out on a run was good food.

"The food gets really dull," Fruehan said.

There is no refrigeration while out on the trail, so cheese gets oily, and frozen foods and milk are a no-go. The foods the ladies wanted most when they got back to base were any thing fried, strawberry popsicles and an ice cold "beverage."

When asked why they picked this job, Baggett was quick to say, "I wanted to do work and not sit on my butt."

Fruehan explained that she "wanted to hike more of Philmont and stay at more camps."

They also like being able to work independently and work at their own pace.

The ladies have no regrets regarding spending the summer on work crew, and are glad to have spent the summer working hard in the backcountry. Though work is literally in the job title, they play just as hard as they work: they spent most of our photo shoot laughing and trying as hard as they could to look serious, only to bust out laughing.

This group of girls puts blood, sweat and laughs into the work they un-begrudgingly do for Philmont.

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# Words of wisdom from Martin Camp

*The Manly Men of Crater Lake are on break for this issue, as the staff of Martin Camp are instead providing their infinite wisdom/advice. The Crater boys will be back next week, so stay tuned!*

**Q: If you were a map, what kind of map would you be?** - GIS expert

A: Topographical! Full of interesting lines, folds and creases.

**Q: If you could modify one of the programs at Martin, what would you do?** - Vaguely curious

A: Conex dodgeball! Small boat sailing! And also black powder archery. Black powder archery would have to be our biggest modification. And sledgehammer elk hunting, which is actually the origin of the Sledgehammer Olympics. It's on exhibition at Beijing, and if it does well and gets a lot of crowds, I've heard that for the London Olympics, they're considering making sledgehammer elk hunting an event.

**Q: Suppose I wanted to use the VLA for my own purposes. How should I go about doing that?** - Alien-believing astronomy major

A: Call them up and request a tour time, but let them know ahead of time that you are going to look for aliens. That'll bump you up the list a little faster. Wearing aluminum foil headgear is required to prevent your brain from melting. Ask them where the aliens are, and put Jodie Foster down as a reference when you request a time.

**Q: If you were to make a pie that would represent Double H, what would go in it?** - Wannabe citizen of Pie Town, N.M.

A: Blood. And some gunpowder, some styrofoam animal parts and more sand than in any pie prior to this one. More sand than you can count.

**Q: The elk is part of the Double H logo. If you could, how would you change the logo?** - Just wondering

A: POLAR BEAR! We actually have a documented polar bear sighting here from a credible source. He's a wilderness expert.

**Q: Does spray paint hurt, and how easily does it come off?** - Aerosal artist

A: Well, I found that when I used acetone, it came off easily. But when I tried burning it off my skin, it didn't work quite so well for me, and now I've got a third-degree burn in places I'm not going to name on tape.

**Q: If you could get an I-camp from anyone, who would it be?** - I-camp maniac

A: If we could get an I-camp from anyone, it would have to be Chuck Norris himself. Getting I-camps from cute girls is always nice, but to get an I-camp from the Chuck Norris - who is sighted on ranch every now and again - would be amazing.

An I-camp from the Deuce, which is likely to happen, would just be great, because he's Mark Anderson. And he was very enthusiastic with the aluminum foil hats at the Double H.

**Q: Mo' money, mo' problems?** - Notorious Philstaff

A: Always. Always.

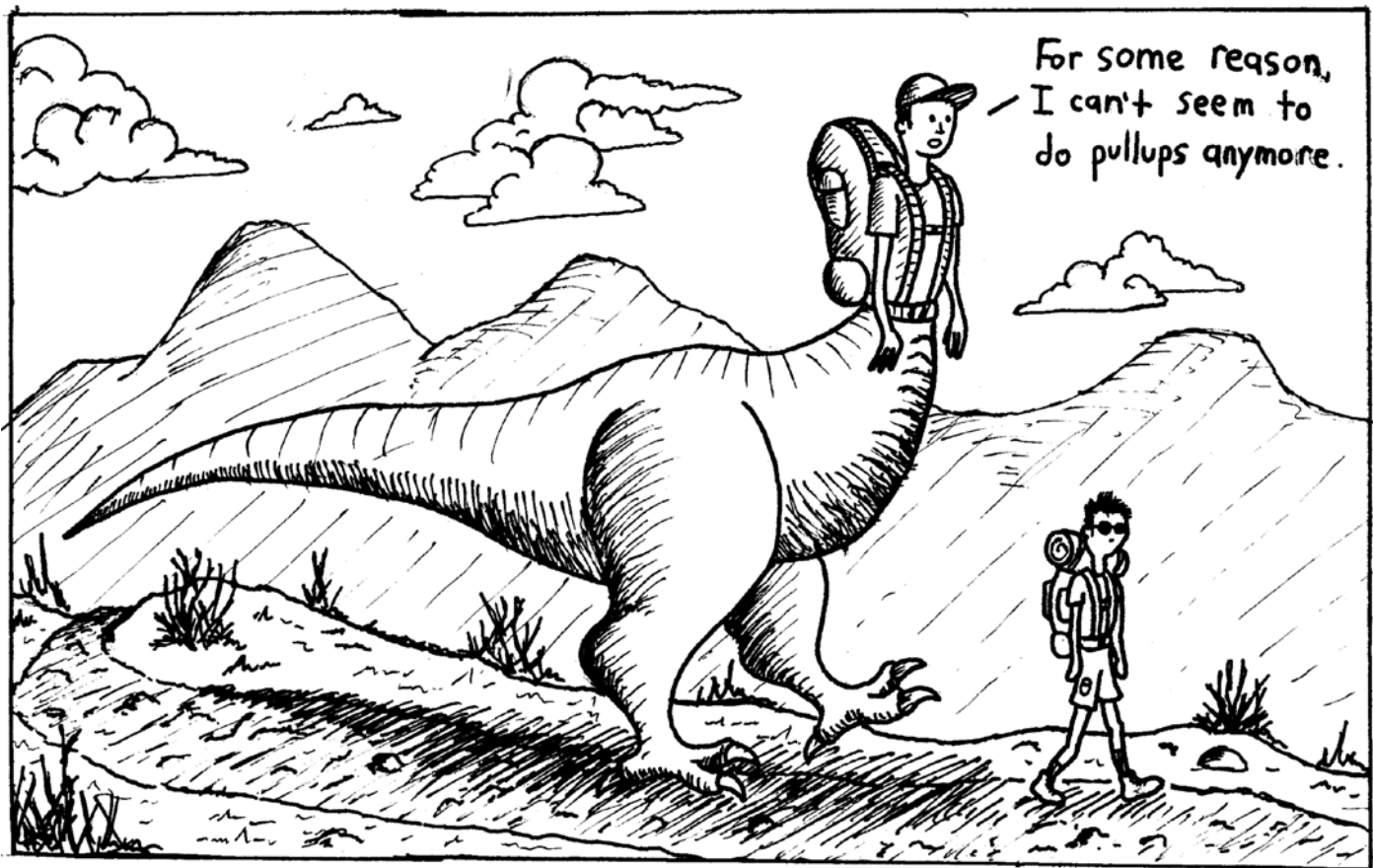
**Q: Suppose I ran into a cow in my new Philburban. What do I do?** - Very anonymous

A: First, stop and make sure the cow won't press charges. Make sure the cow is insured, because the last thing you want to is hit an uninsured cow. Then, sigh very heavily and with no enthusiasm whatsoever. When you report it to the higher-ups, make sure that you lock yourself out of your car in the rain and draw a wonderful diagram of the Philburban hitting said cow. True story, by the way.

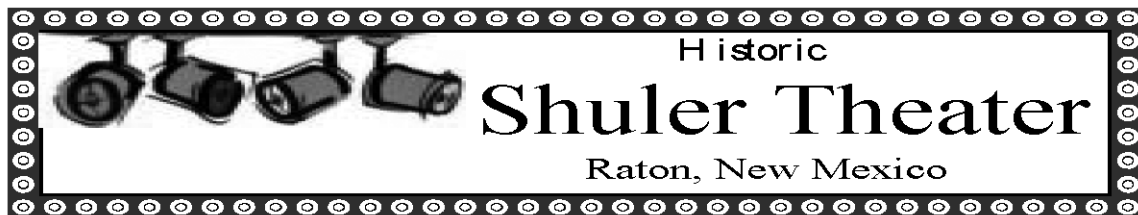
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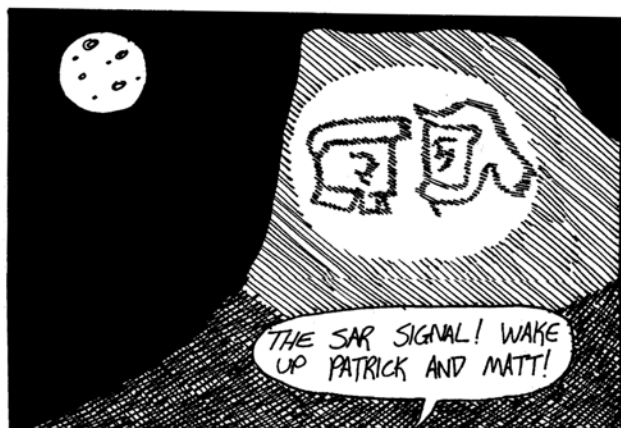
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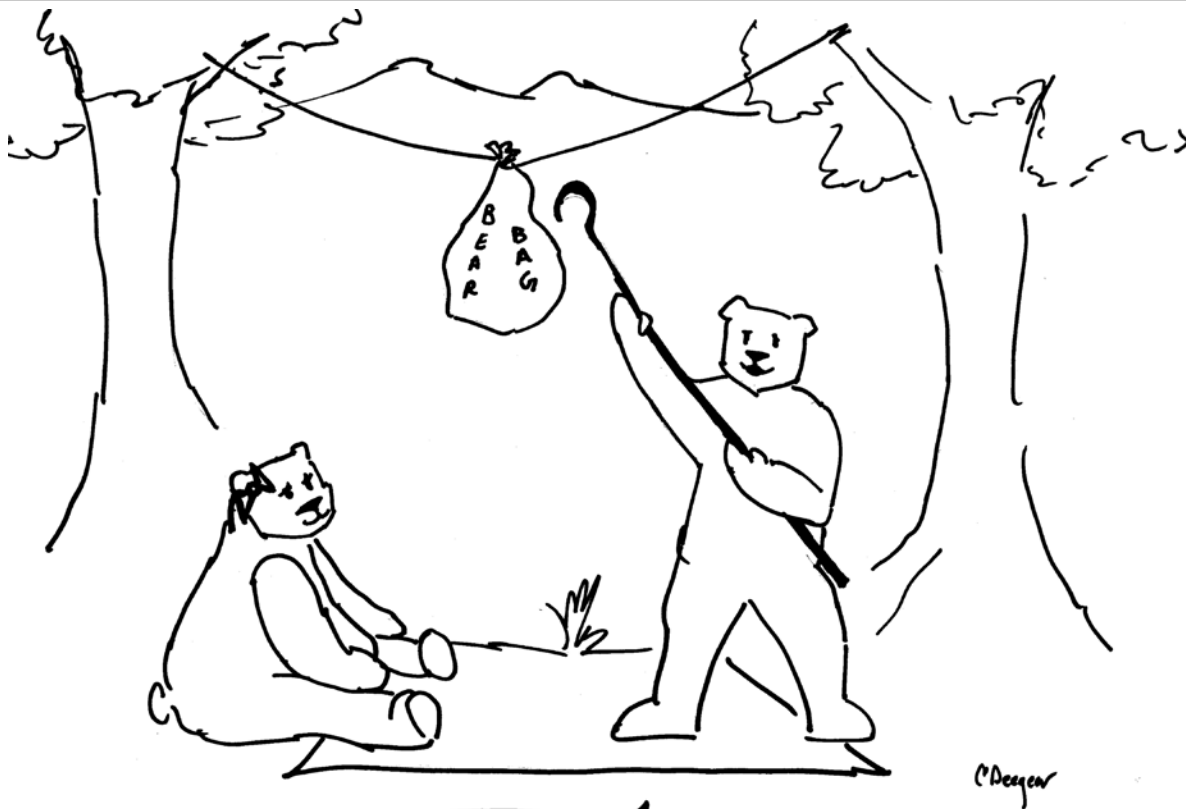
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Thanks for letting me take you out  
for dinner, Marla.

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## CHQ Activities Calendar

<b>Friday</b> (July 25)	Ice Cream Float Night! (8:15 p.m., outside staff lounge)
<b>Saturday</b> (July 26)	Volleyball (8:15 p.m., volleyball courts)
<b>Sunday</b> (July 27)	Improv Night (8:15 p.m., staff lounge courtyard)
<b>Monday</b> (July 28)	Brat day! (11 a.m.- 1 p.m., outside staff lounge)
<b>Tuesday</b> (July 29)	Poker Night (8:15 p.m., outside staff lounge)
<b>Wednesday</b> (July 30)	Salsa Tasting (8:15 p.m., outside staff lounge)
<b>Thursday</b> (July 31)	Move Night (8:15 p.m., Advisers' Meeting Room)
<b>Friday</b> (Aug. 1)	Soccer (8:15 p.m., field outside staff lounge)

**[PLEASE NOTE: Locations of activities are subject to change if SSSAC is completed!]**

## PTC Evening Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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

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