

# The PhilNews

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# Get on your Soap Box!



Welcome to the first full issue of the PhilNews. We will be taking submissions, drawings, and letters to the editor. So get on your soap box and tell us what you think! Just remember to include your name and where you work with your submission!

*Yours in Scouting,  
Tawny  
Slaughter*

*P.S. It's not just for staff we will take submissions from scouts, scouters, and everyone else!*

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# Meet the 2009 NPS Staff . . .

## Our Fearless leader



photo by Chris Ferguson

Name: Henry Watson

Age: 45

Hometown: unknown

Job: NPS Manager

Yrs on staff: 3

Fav. piece of gear: *sleeping bag*

Why do you work at NPS? *the challenge*

Fav. flavor of gum: *cinnamon*

tv or radio?

"Wait! Before you change that pizza topping, we have to get approval"

## Marketing

Name: Kevin Faragher

Age: 22

Hometown: Cookville, TN

Job: Marketing

Yrs. on Staff: 3

Fav. piece of gear: *Ankle-cut smart wool socks.*

Why do you work at Philmont? *For the trail food.*

Describe your self in one word: *Spastic.*

Summer or Winter? *Fall.*



photo by Adrienne Lalli

"Ummmm about that . . ."



photo by Patrick Bonz

Name: Jeremy Gregory

Age: 26

Hometown: Lodge Grass, MT

Job: Marketing

Yrs. on staff: 1

Fav. piece of gear: *Axe body spray.*

Why do you work at NPS?

*"I'm suppose to do work for them"*

Describe yourself in one word: *Random*

Waffles or pancakes? *Neither.*

"What's my age again?"





photo by Chris Ferguson

Name: Martin Stamat  
 Age: 21  
 Job: Photo Mgr.  
 Fav. piece of gear: *Stove*.  
 Describe yourself in one word: *Uh-huh*.  
 Fav. flavor of gum: *Delicious*.  
 Apples or oranges?

"Who's watching?  
 Tell me, who's watching?  
 Who's watching me?"

## The Photography Dept.



photo by Chris Ferguson

"I'm Nate . . ."

Name: Nate Waldock  
 Age: 23  
 Job: Photographer  
 Hometown: Austin, TX

Describe yourself in one word: *Wholesome*.  
 Mexico or Canada? *"I plead the 5th."*



photo by Patrick Bonz

"We promise we  
 don't know how that  
 happened."

Name: Anita Altschul  
 Age: ?  
 Hometown: Asheville, NC  
 Job: Photographer  
 Fav. piece of gear: *Socks*.  
 Fav. flavor of bubblegum: *Tropical Twist*.

Birds always chirping or  
 crickets always chirping?

Name: Andrea McCurdy  
 Age: ?  
 Hometown: Hurst, TX  
 Job: Photographer  
 Fav. piece of gear? *Hammock*.  
 Describe yourself in one word: *Dark comedy*.  
 Why do you work at Philmont? *I love NM!*  
 East Coast or West?



photo by Chris Ferguson

"Aren't my sunglasses cute?! . . . I swiped them off the editor."

Name: Rebecca Bost  
 Age: 19  
 Hometown: Austin, TX  
 Job: Photographer  
 Yrs. on staff: 2

Fav. flavor of bubble gum: *Bubblegum*.  
 Grow taller forever or shrink down forever?



photo by Chris Ferguson

"Be a man, Be a man, Be a 'manly' man!"

Name: Caitlin Ficke  
Age: 21  
Hometown: Lincoln, NM  
Job: Photographer  
Yrs on staff: 3  
Fav. piece of gear: Lantern  
Scrabble or Boggle? *I only play games when Anne makes me play games.*

Name: Adrienne Lalli  
Age: 22  
Hometown: Tulsa, OK  
Job: Photographer  
Yrs. on staff: 1  
Why do you work at NPS? *Because I was hired here.*  
Describe yourself in one word: **Verbose!**  
Wake up early or stay up late?



"Don't ask."

Name: Michael Hunter  
Age: 18  
Hometown: Coppell, TX  
Job: Photographer  
Yrs. on Staff: 1  
Why do you work at Philmont? *I love the outdoors.*  
Describe yourself in one word: **OUTGOING!**  
Pink or Purple?

## VIDEO DEPT

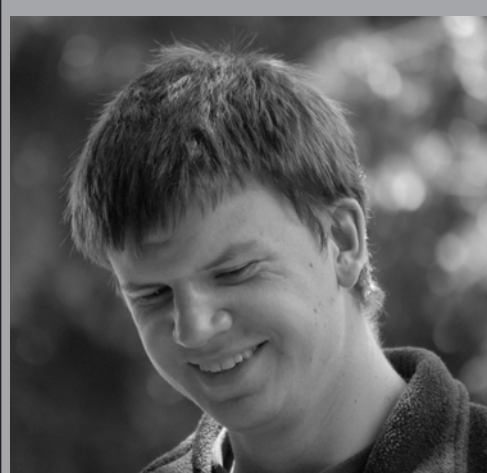


photo by Chris Ferguson

"Mr. Hayek"

Name: Bryan Hayek  
Age: 22  
Hometown: Port Orchard, WA  
Job: Video Mgr.  
Yrs. on staff: 2  
Fav. piece of gear: *Backpack. It's hard to carry all your stuff w/out it.*  
Fav. flavor of bubblegum: *Winterfresh.*  
Glitter or Rhinestones?



"Nooooope, I'mmm nooot coooold."

Name: Margaret Hedderman  
Age: 23  
Hometown: Cimarron, NM  
Yrs. on Staff: 4  
Job: Videographer  
Describe yourself in one word: *Heiligenscheine.*  
Fav. flavor of gum: *Cinnamon*  
Sound or Vision?



"I think my boss is crazy."

Name: Jennifer Wendel  
Age: 18  
Hometown: Tucson, AZ  
Yrs. on Staff: 1  
Job: Videographer  
Why do you work at NPS? *Cus I applied here.*  
Describe yourself in one word: *Petite.*  
Haiku or Epic Poem?



## The PhilNews

"Do not take my picture"

Name: Tawny Slaughter

Age: Just a day over 21

Job: PhilNews Mgr.

Fav. piece of gear: my iPhone!

Why do you work at NPS? *They have the best coffee.*

Describe your self in one word: *Supercilious.*

Mac or PC? MAC!

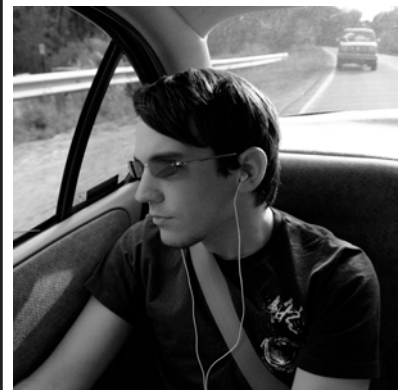


photo by Rebecca Bost

"Yeah, I'm listening, Tawny."

Name: Justin Lyon

Age: 19

Hometown: Mandeville, LA

Job: PhilNews Writer

Favorite Band: Pink Floyd

Fav. flavor of gum? Strawberry.

Fried eggs or scrambled?



photo by Chris Ferguson

"I am Jor`don, and I am an art`ist."

Name: Jordon Shinn

Age: 20

Job: PhilNews Writer

Hometown: Stillwater, OK

Fav. music? Birdsong.

Describe your self in one word: *Capricious.*

hardback or paperback?

Name: Chloe Euston

Age: 18

Job: PhilNews Writer

Why do you work at Philmont? *So I can get paid to breathe fresh mountain air.*

Describe your self in one word: *Sanguine.*

Paris Hilton or Lindsay Lohan?

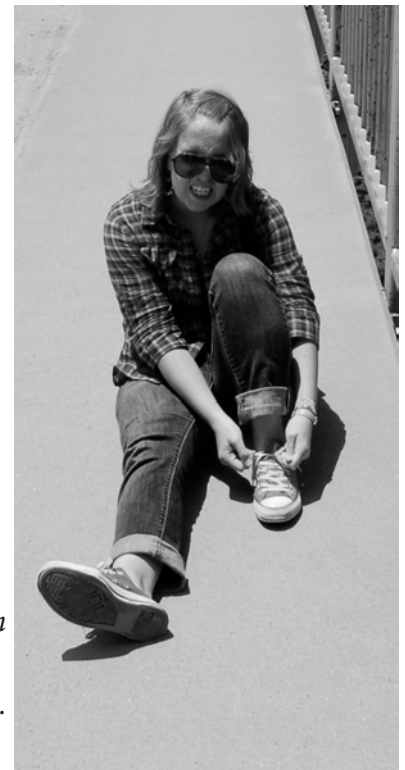


photo by Chris Ferguson

"Really, now . . ."



## The Photo Lab



photo by Anita Altschul

Name: Patrick Bonz  
 Age: Undisclosed (42)  
 Hometown: Dubuque, Iowa  
 Job: Lead Photo Lab Tech  
 Yrs. on staff: 9 million (8)  
 Fav. piece of gear: Map.  
 Describe yourself in one word: Middle-aged.  
 Disney or Nickelodeon? I don't have cable.

"What's that youngun'?!  
 You think you can beat me in  
 ping-pong?!"

Name: Fer Gie

Age: "This many."

Hometown: Eagan, MN

Yrs. on staff: 2

Why do you work at Philmont? *B/C it will help me achieve my goal of world domination. Bwahahahaha! . . .also to get adopted by Owen McCulloch.*

Beach or Mountains?



photo by Chris Ferguson

"I'm closer than I appear."

## A TASTE OF CIVILIZATION

### **Eagle Nest, NM**

Eagle Nest, N.M., 24 miles west of Philmont, has a grocery store, restaurants and a coffee shop. Zella's Kitchen Shoppe in Eagle Nest sells homemade fudge, and the Golden Eagle RV Park hosts a weekly farmer's market on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Angel Fire, NM**

At 36 miles west of Philmont, Angel Fire has grocery stores, a bookstore and a toy store. Some of Angel Fire's restaurants and cafés even have WIFI!

### **Raton, NM**

Thirty-six miles north of Philmont, Raton hosts the nearest K-Mart, a movie theater and various restaurants and fast food chains including Denny's, Dairy Queen and McDonald's.

### **Taos, NM**

Taos is 56 miles west of Philmont. Taos is home to the nearest Wal-Mart, several art galleries, a movie theater, coffee shops, restaurants and a chocolate shop.

### **Trinidad, CO**

Trinidad, 63 miles north of Philmont, boasts a Wal-Mart Super Center, a thrift store, restaurants, fast food chains, a bookstore and a candy store.

# Mark's Minute

## PhilFish!

Many of you completed a Fish Experience as part of your training. It emphasized that when we work together we can **catch the energy and release the potential** that is found in the four concepts: **Play, Be There, Make their Day**, and **Choose Your Attitude**.

### Play -

As we watched the fish mongers of the Pikes Street Market we saw that they had fun while they **played** (worked) and that **fun** can be energizing.

- Happy people treat others well.
- Fun leads to creativity.
- The time passes quickly.
- Having a good time is healthy.
- Work becomes a reward and not just a way to rewards.

*“No one keeps his enthusiasm automatically. Enthusiasm must be nourished with new actions, new aspirations, new efforts, new vision.” Papyrus*

**We can be serious about our work without being serious about ourselves.**

### Be There -

When you are **present** you show consideration for the other person. You can multi-task stuff – you can't multi-task people.

In the film the fish mongers were truly present. They were not day dreaming or on the phone. They were always scanning the crowd and interacting with customers. They talked to each person as if they were their long lost friend.

As we get to know each other well over the summer it is easy to focus our attention within our specific team or department and forget the customer, even the customer who is from some other team or department on the Ranch.

Remember here at Philmont we have both internal customers as well as external customers. Our internal customers include our co-workers and fellow Philmont Staff members. Our external customers include participants and visitors. Each of us comes in contact with both groups of customers each day. The all deserve our focus.

### Make Their Day –

In the film the fish guys included the customers in their good time. They engaged their customers in ways which create energy and goodwill.

Through this engagement we each have many opportunities to extend ourselves and feel the satisfaction that comes by serving others. We can make a positive difference with each encounter.

How we participate in the delivery of the Philmont Experience can help to insure that Philmont is truly a world famous place.

Smile!

Express appreciation!

Follow through with a request!

Do something unexpected or out of the ordinary for someone else!

Take that extra step that you didn't have too!

We can make both our internal customer but also our external customer's day.



### **Choose Your Attitude –**

The fish guys were aware that they choose their attitude each day. One of the fish guys said in the film “When you are doing what you are doing, who are you being? Are you being grouchy, irritable, moody, impatient and bored, or are you being world famous? You are going to act differently if you are being world famous.”

**There is always a choice about the way you do your work, even if there is not a choice about the work itself.**

Benefits we can identify as a result of choosing our attitude:

- By accepting that you choose your attitude, you demonstrate a level of personal accountability and pro-activity which will fill our work places with energy, all by itself.

- Choosing your attitude and acting like a victim are mutually exclusive.

- We hope the attitude you choose is to bring your best self to work and love the work you do. We can bring our best qualities to our work – it is our choice. If we can accomplish this one thing, our work area will become an oasis of energy, flexibility, and creativity even at a busy, challenging location like Philmont Scout Ranch.

**Be the person you want to spend time with.**

We should all reflect on our PhilFish experience and catch the energy and release the potential as we work with each other to insure that we each share in the Philmont Experience.

- Mark Anderson  
Director of Program

**As good health practices and in light of the H1N1 influenza virus staff is being encouraged to take these everyday actions to stay healthy:**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Hand cleaners can also be effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Stay home if you get sick and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Follow public health advice.

# Are you smarter than the average bear?

Take this ursine quiz from your Bear Researchers Matt and Dana and find out!

1. Recent studies suggest that the American Black Bear is most closely related to which other species of bear?

- a. The Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*)
- b. The Panda Bear (*Ailuropoda melandeuca*)
- c. The Koala Bear (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)
- d. The Golden Bear (*Jack nicklaus*)

2. American Black Bears are known to naturally occur in which color?

- a. White
- b. Blue
- c. Brown
- d. All of the above (Crazy, I know. They should really consider a new name)

3. When are Philmont bears most likely to mate?

- a. December to January
- b. March to April
- c. June to July
- d. October to September

4. Which famous fictional bear was actually a real black bear from the great state of New Mexico?

- a. Smokey Bear
- b. Winnie the Pooh
- c. Baloo the Bear
- d. Paddington Bear

5. What was Smokey Bear's original name?

- a. Smokey *the* Bear (The Forest Service eliminated the "the" back in '42 to conserve letters crucial to the war effort)
- b. *Smoky* Bear (Spelling adjectives wrong on purpose seemed cooler)
- c. Hotfoot Teddy (Forest fire burned his paws and hind legs as a cub)
- d. Cinder Sam (Too close to Cinderella)

6. Who was the first animal to carry the United States forest fire prevention campaign?

- a. Snoopy
- b. Smokey Bear
- c. Yogi Bear
- d. Bambi

7. The Teddy Bear was named after which US president who refused to shoot a tethered Louisiana Black Bear on a hunting trip in Mississippi?

- a. Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt
- b. Millard Fillmore
- c. James K. Polk
- d. Really? You need a fourth answer?! It's TEDDY Roosevelt. Pick "a." already. Geez...

8. The Black Bear skull used in talks given by the bear researchers has a well-developed sagittal crest, wide temporalis fossae, and thick zygomatic arches. This means:

- a. The skull came from a mature adult
- b. Black Bears have both well-developed temporalis and masseter muscles balancing force between the anterior and posterior portion of the jaw and giving them the perfect bite structure for an omnivore

Answers: 1:a, 2:d, 3:c, 4:a, 5:c, 6:d, 7:a, 8:d, 9:c, 10:a....or d

- c. Bear Researcher Matt is way too into vertebrate skull morphology
  - d. All of the above
9. Which campsite item should most definitely go up in a bear bag?
- a. Non-smellable water bottle that has only held water
  - b. Trail clothes
  - c. Sump Frisbee
  - d. Clean dishes
10. Papa Bears often find their porridge to be:
- a. Too hot
  - b. Too cold
  - c. Just right
  - d. Who cares? I'm a bear! I'll eat anything I can fit in my mouth!

## How did you do?

(We apologize in advance for the bruin related puns.)

9-10 You're definitely smarter than the average bear! You should have no problem stealing pic-a-nic baskets from the Rangers.

7-8 You've got your bear necessities covered.

5-6 You're bear-ly passing. Walk over to the Cons Office to sign up for a bear presentation.

0-4 You're un-bear-able. Study your bear procedures, rinse, lather, and repeat.

The Bear Researchers need your help!

You may have seen our new life sized cardboard Philmont Bear that we drag around for bear talks. He needs a name! (So far, Phil and Monty have been suggested) Please I-Camp your submissions to the Bear Researchers with your name and we'll pick a lucky winner by the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.



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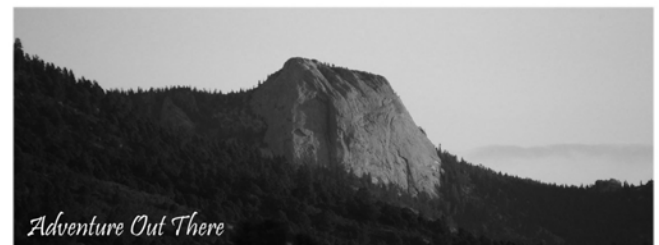
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- As any checks are received, we will work to get those checks to you with all possible haste.
- Please check the amount of your check. The number of days worked and which are included in the check might be incorrect. If you are under-paid, the correct amount will be paid retroactively. Likewise, if you have been over-paid, an appropriate amount will be withheld from your next check.
- If you believe an error has been made, or if you have a question about your paycheck, please come to the Personnel Office in Camping Headquarters where your personal situation can be reviewed and where any necessary steps to correct a problem will be taken promptly.

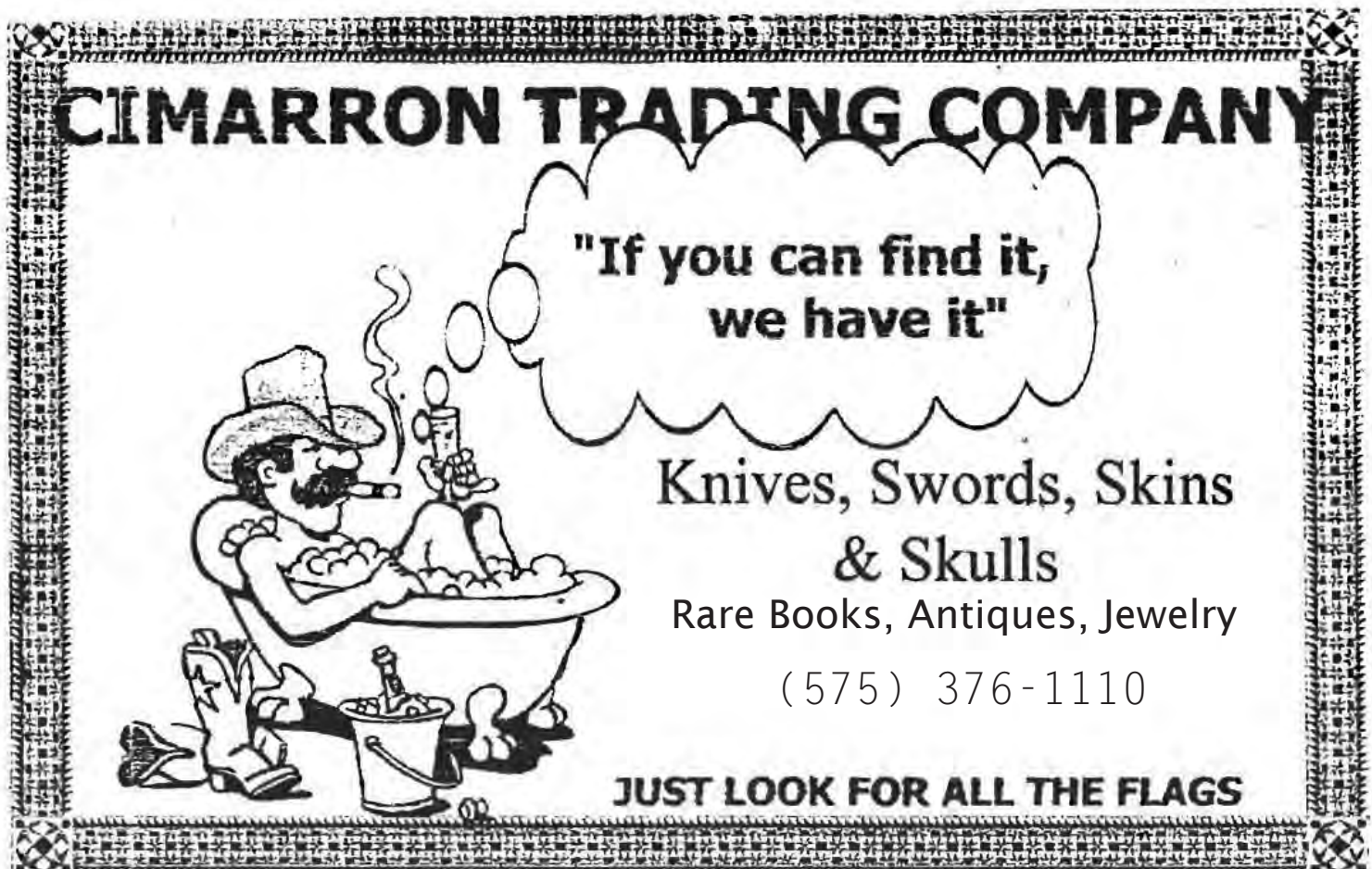
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## ***Dare to Excel!***

*"Bite off more than you can chew and chew it,  
Dare to do more than you can do and do it.  
Hitch you wagon to a star,  
Keep your seat,  
And there you are."*

These lines penned many years ago by the wife of Henry Ford, the man who became one of the world's greatest industrialists in his time summarize and reflect the spirit of one of the greatest organizations that I have had the privilege to work with - the Boy Scouts of America. BSA was founded in 1910 and in less than 1 year we will have the privilege of celebrating the centennial birthday of this great organization. A little closer to home, I have the opportunity to share this year with each of you as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the interaction the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) with Philmont. How times flies when you're having fun here in God's country.

Much has changed in Scouting in these 100 years as the organization has tried to keep pace with an ever changing society and world. Yet the fundamentals of Scouting remain strong and true. Principles that have been central to Scouting from its beginning still ring true today. Such things as stating, "On my Honor", helping other people, doing ones duty to God and country, being found physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight are still true and central to Scouting today.

Equally important is the concept on which Scouting thrives: Boys grow up to be men, young ladies grow up to be women - individuals who do something no one else is willing to do - daring to bite off more than they can chew and then chewing it. Being willing to make that concept a reality is something that we as Philmont Staff

understand and take up as a challenge! We do this daily, and come back for more!

Every day, we are expected to be at our best, to greet people (sometimes complete strangers) with a smile and a, "Welcome to Philmont." This is boldness beyond belief, and yet we do it day in and day out. It's part of the magic of Philmont and of Scouting. We dare to excel in what we do.

As a Chaplain I have the wonderful blessing and opportunity to interact with almost every part of the Ranch, from the young adults working at the training center to the homesteaders in the back country. I see each of you rise up and be a strong example of excellence to all of the participants (our "guests") young and old at the Ranch. It's wonderful to behold. It is even more humbling to be able to be a small part of it.

You are a choice generation, one that is willing to be strong, brave, and true. You are building upon the Scouting foundation of helping others to feel that they have accomplished something impossible during their stay at Philmont. You are daring not only yourselves but others to excel. May I say, "Thank you and God bless you."

"Bite off more than you can chew..."

- Elder Wilson (LDS Chaplain)

Chapel Services are now meeting every night at 7 pm for all four Chapels, (Protestant, Catholic, LDS, and Jewish). All four are located in the NW corner of Base Camp.

# THE MATT MURRAY EXPRESSWAY

By: Tawny Slaughter, PhilNews Manager



L to R; Tawny Slaughter, Blake Butler, Greg Pappenfuss, Sean Gertsch, Matt Murray

When four months is just not enough Philmont to satisfy your inner need for Philmagic, then may I suggest PhilBreak. For two different weeks in March, Philmont offers PhilBreak a chance for 18 to 26 yr. olds to come and enjoy the Backcountry for a few days. This year I attended the second session of PhilBreak and it is something I am not soon to forget. I arrived on Monday to meet my two fellow crew members and our two guides, Blake Butler (A BCM for the summer) and Matt Murray(DH Business Mgr.). We got a little training in “winter camping” (it was 65° in Base Camp) and were issued our winter gear.

For our three day, two-night journey into the backcountry the three of us were allowed to create our own itinerary. We settled on Lovers Leap turnaround to Miners Park where we spent night one, then to Tooth Ridge Camp via Shaefers Pass coming into base on the third day. As we set out on day one it was a lovely 65°, rendering the snowshoes I had been issued entirely useless. We chose to drop our snowshoes at Miners Park and move on to Shaefers Pass without them. This lightened my load but by no means reduced it to the weight of a summer pack.

We reached Shaefers Pass in good time and

decided to take a break for lunch and a short nap. I laid on my blue sleeping pad in the meadow to take in some spring sunshine and I must say, took the best nap of my life. Then we took off for the Tooth with our trusty guide Matt assuring me it would be flat and down from there. An hour later, out of breath, I questioned Matt’s definition of flat and down and all I got was his mischievous smile and a shrug of the shoulders.

We then drove on around the backside of the tooth and encountered our first bit of real snow. There was just enough to make hiking miserable and snowshoes worthless, (which we had left at Miners anyway). As we slip-slided our way down the trail, it became colder and trail conditions worsened. We stopped to look at the map and Matt assured us the base of the Tooth was just a half mile away. I don’t know how they count miles down at the HH, but that was the longest half-mile of my life.

As my pack was weighed down with all the extra winter gear, if I leaned at all too much in one direction my pack would overtake me. (If you don’t know I just break 5 ft.) At one point I took an excellent nosedive into the snow and rocks. I felt like a ladybug who had been flipped upside down.



Nonetheless, through the snow and cold we made it to our camping spot for the night. The next morning we hiked up the Tooth to see the amazing view only the Tooth can offer and then headed into Base Camp.

We were headed for the pasture trail, but somewhere between the Stockade Trail and the pasture trail we found the Matt Murray Expressway. Now, don't go looking for it on your map - you won't find it. Most likely no one else has ever been down it and I don't suggest anyone try. Matt assured us this was the trail and if it wasn't, we were going to cross the pasture trail anytime now.

### **We never crossed the pasture trail.**

A decision had to be made: to go back up or keep plunging forward into the unknown. With that question Matt got the "What are you thinking" look girls can do so well. Meanwhile I just kept falling, scratching, sliding my way forward, fighting the wilderness on my way to the pasture and once again he gave me the mischievous smile and shrugged his shoulders.

Three hours and a few permanent scars later, we made it to the pasture. Never in my life have I been so happy to see dead grass and buffalo manure.

Frost says

"Two roads diverged in the woods and I,  
I took the one less traveled by  
and that has made all the difference"

While this might be true in most situations in life, I'm not sure Frost had the Matt Murray Expressway in mind. My advice to you in the future, when it comes to hiking, take the traveled.

Nonetheless it was three days in the Backcounty with four new friends, neither of which I will soon forget. Though we may have encountered some not-so-fun elements of the weather, and occasionally take paths less traveled Blake and Matt did an outstanding job at keeping us going and keeping us safe. It's a spring break I never could have experienced on the beaches of Mexico.

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# Accepting the Challenge on the Disc Golf Course . .

By: Jordon Shinn, PhilNews Writer

. . Yes! CHQ has one!

Redesigned for 2009, the new disc golf course behind the Silver Sage Staff Association Center and the tent cities is a full 18-holes of wilderness adventure, utilizing the rugged landscape below Tooth Ridge.

The old dilapidated course was sparsely used in previous years. A small group of conservation staff members, who were some of the few to use the course, recognized the need for it to be redesigned. Starting last summer, they mapped the new course, cleared brush and relocated the old baskets. The baskets are now slid onto heavier, sturdier pipes cemented in the ground and can now be removed for storage during the winter. Also, new railroad-tie enclosed, sand-filled tee-pads have been added at each hole.

The new course sports a variety of shots and panoramic views as it leads players through the piñon/juniper ecosystem. "We wanted a course that had a diversity of play - holes that curved left, holes that curved right, some long narrow shots," said Head Conservationist, John Celley, who designed the course. "We decided that since we have the luxury of a disc golf course, we should take advantage and use the area we have back there."

Hole one starts right out back of Baldy Pavilion. A section of un-barbed wire fence allows staffers to slip in the course unscathed. A whopping 829 feet, hole two jots northeast,

along the backside of Base Camp. At hole four, the course turns back southwest toward the SSSAC before curving far west to hole 14. The second longest drive, hole 15 stretches the course 729 feet home. Altogether, the 59-par course covers 6010 feet.



photo by Tawny Slaughter

Although the idea started with the conservation staff, the project was a collective effort that utilized the help of staff and campers during the past year.

Last summer, Rangers cleared brush from the overgrown landscape during workdays. "We couldn't have cleared out the brush without their help," Celley said. During the off-season, Kanik crews then moved the baskets and built the tee-pads, and this summer's early arriving staff helped with the final touches.

"There's still work to do, there's still tee-pad work to do," Celley said. "All the remaining dead branches and trees are purposefully left to make the course

more interesting."

Despite extensive thinning and brush removal, large patches of brush, tall as a man and wide as a Phil-burban, remain, waiting to engulf a disc thrown too far off course.

"We're going to do some more thinning because I think it's better to do some more thinning than to have people just bust through there, and also I think it makes it more enjoyable when your discs are accessible," Celley said. "[On] some of the

holes, it can be challenging to hunt down your discs, but we're getting there. Progress is being made."

To prevent the new course from becoming overgrown and neglected like the previous one, the new course needs continual play and attention. "There's maintenance required to maintain the environment we want out there," Celley said.

Staff can get a map of the new course from the Activities office, but eventually signs will be placed at each tee-box showing the direction of the next hole. Also, a sign will be posted at the first hole, encouraging staff to play in small groups of four or five. The first hole will be moved to make way for a rock wall, Celley said.

Input on the new design was hard to find due to the few staffers who played the old course. Yet, the new course has already seen a substantial influx in interest this summer, with as many as 20 staffers playing at a time. "I've actually met a lot of people this summer who play," Celley said. "It's kind of a challenging course, but we want it to be accessible to everyone because there are more people disc golfing out here than there ever have been."

Staff can check out discs at the SSSAC or buy a starter set at the Tooth of Time trading post.

Celley also said the Cons. Dept. will host a disc golf tournament later this summer, when it is less busy. Although challenging, the new course is not just for the experienced disc golfer.

Josh Dusam of the Trading Post said he first became interested in the sport back home in Dallas, at a park near his house, but it wasn't until he got to Philmont this summer that he started to play. "I've been playing ever since I got to Philmont. I really like the course we have," Dusam said. "I bought some discs at the trading post, they're really good by

the way. When I found out we had one here, I went ahead and bought a set."

Duram said the course is challenging but "It's worth it when you get done, if you have a really good score." He advises staffers new to the game to, "Go grab a set and try your best at it. You'll get better."

Although a staff recreational area, the course is part of the Backcountry and the last steps crews take on their trek.

"People have to be conscious of what's going on around them," Celley said. "If you're playing during chapel [services], it is possible to hear yelling from the protestant chapel."

And the best hole? "Hole 15 is my favorite hole," Celley said. "It was designed to drive the disc as far as possible - with the wind, downhill, great view, perfect hole."

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## Tour De Suisse

This week's Tour de Suisse is the last major stage race in lieu of July's Tour de France. The nine-day race takes place in the Swiss mountains—where all major contenders will come into top form and team leaders for the Tour will be chosen, maybe.

Three previous Tour winners will ride in France, including Alberto Contador (Astana), Carlos Sastra (Cervelo-TestTeam) and Lance Armstrong (Astana). Contador won the Tour in 2007. But Armstrong is back. After a three-year retirement, he is hoping to seal an eighth title.

Dejavu. In the 1986 Tour, five time winner, Bernard Hinault, battled for team leadership and the yellow jersey against his younger teammate, Greg LeMond, on team Le Vie Claire. But Hinault cracked in the mountains, and LeMond proved stronger of the two, winning his first Tour.

This July, everything is proven in the mountains.

## Game Three

The L.A. Lakers had won the first two games of the NBA finals against the Orlando Magic. But in game three Tuesday, Kobe Bryant fumbled the basketball with half a minute to go. It was stolen and a four-point gap established. Orlando won, 108-104,

If the Lakers won game four Thursday, they need one more win to be league champions. If not, the series is tied, 2-2, and game five will be a tied-breaker.

Game five is Sunday night, 8 pm ET, on ABC.

## Federer Wins French Open

Roger Federer mastered the clay court at Roland Garros, Saturday, defeating Robin Soderling in the finals 6-1, 7-6 (1). His 127 mph serve sealed his first French Open victory.

No. 2 ranked Federer is the sixth man to complete a Grand Slam, winning all four major championships, and has now tied Pete Sampras' record of 14 major singles titles.

This year's defending champion, No. 1 ranked Rafael Nadal, dropped out in the fourth round to Soderling. Nadal had won the last four French Open titles, defeating Federer in the last three finals, and eliminating him early in 2005.

England's Wimbledon is the next major championship, June 22 – July 5. Nadal is the defending champion of this grass-court title. There is talk concerning his recent knee tendonitis. However, Federer has already taken six weeks off this year due to back injury.

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# Coming from Sea Base to Philmont

By: Justin Lyon  
PhilNews Writer

Five current Philmont staff members worked at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base last Spring. These staff members are Matt Rendahl, the Camp Director of Miranda; Josh “Feather” Hahn, the Logistics Communications Manager; Bin Lizzo, the Camp Director of Hunting Lodge; Steven Storey, one of our Rangers; and Clyde Clark, a member of the Logistics Staff. Additionally, Rachel Metzger—another member of the Spring Sea Base staff—will be serving as a Crew Advisor for her Atlanta Area Council Expedition, No. 617V.

Sea Base is a High Adventure camp that focuses on nautical programs such as sailing, diving, fishing, snorkeling, and out island camping. The available programs at Sea Base differ greatly from those at Philmont due to geographic differences, as Philmont is mountain based, and Sea Base is ocean based. So logically there won’t be any mountain climbing at Sea Base, and there won’t be any deep sea diving at Philmont.

Many of the programs at Sea Base take place on the water. Scout crews sail on and manage large 40 foot sail boats and small 14 ft or 17 ft sail boats taught by Coral Reef Mates, the Sea Base equivalent of Philmont’s Rangers. During the last Sea Base spring season Matt Rendahl and Josh Hann worked as Coral Reef Mates. There are also programs for larger crews on 85 foot sail boats, where the crews are assisted by a boat captain and a Sea Exploring Mate who acts as a 1<sup>st</sup> Mate. Bin Lizzo worked as a Sea Exploring Mate during the last spring season. Beyond the boating programs are island camping programs that take place on the outer islands near Sea Base. These


programs are run and assisted by an Island Mate. Steven Storey worked as an Island Mate during the last spring season. Much like Philmont’s PTC, Sea Base also has a training program and conferences organized by Conference Mates. Clyde Clark worked as a Conference Mate last spring season.

Although these High Adventure Camps have little in common geographically, they both have the appeal of Scouting and provide opportunities



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# New Treats and Old Favorites at the Villa

By: Chloe Euston, PhilNews Writer

Sitting on a buffalo rug in the trophy room of the Villa Philmonte and gazing into the eyes of the larger-than-life buffalo head that dominates the wall, it is easy to say that Waite Phillips was a collector.

Villa Philmonte, the home of the Phillips family in the mountains, is not just a beautiful house full of priceless antiques and rugs so dear one cannot tread on them with shod feet. It serves as a history lesson for Philmont and as a standing monument for the “good turn” that the Phillips did for the Boy Scouts in 1941.

Most staff members at Philmont are probably familiar with the story: Waite Phillips gave 127,500 acres to the Boy Scouts in two gifts in 1938 and 1941, including his summer home and all of its extravagant furnishings. Curator Nancy Klein is well-versed in this history, and part of her job is educating staff and visitors at Philmont so that they can perhaps develop an appreciation for Phillips’s generosity

For those who have toured the Villa before, it’s worth seeing again this summer, especially for vintage car enthusiasts. Phillips’s Ford Model N returned to the Villa September 2008 after a lengthy restoration.

“Waite loved history, and he loved collecting vehicles,” Klein said.

The Model N was a vintage find and a collectible at the time that Phillips purchased it. The car was produced in 1906, and Phillips

purchased the 89<sup>th</sup> Model N in the 1920s. The car was designed as a runabout, a lightweight car with a single bench seat. It is unknown if Phillips ever drove the car.

“He left it because he thought the scouts would get a kick out of it,” Klein said.

The garage is the last stop on the tour of the Villa Philmonte, but it’s worth the wait. There is plenty of fine workmanship to be found

in the Villa—blacksmithing, painting, woodworking and taxidermy, to name a few—and the Model N is just another example of the Phillips’s good taste.

In addition to the return of Phillips’s Model N, some other changes have taken place at the Villa. The adorable “froggy fountain” is now in working order, and can be found in

a small courtyard behind the Villa.

“We elevated it so kids wouldn’t bounce on the heads any more,” Klein said.

Most of the Villa, however, has not changed. The bear rugs and antique furniture are just as stunning as ever, and subtle notes of customization still show evidence of the Phillips’ influence on all aspects of the house.

The Villa Philmonte and the Ford Model N are proof that Waite Phillips was a man of his words: “The only things we keep permanently are those we give away.”



## Caught in the Act!



Dean Cow are the first individuals found “Caught in the Act” of carrying out the Scout Oath or Law. When an NPS staff member missed his ride back to Philmont from Taos the Dean Cow Staff graciously gave him a ride back to basecamp!

A Scout is Helpful!

This section of the PhilNews will highlight people the PhilNews staff has seen carrying out a part of the Scout Oath or law. So careful what you do, you just might get “Caught in the act”!



# Rayado Ruffians

By Jordon Shinn  
PhilNews Writer

A man in a top hat and spectacles haggles over a pocket watch. A woman heaves an axe above her head, while someone pounds a mallet at the red tip of a heated iron bar. Slowly, tools are replaced with instruments. A man with brown curly hair stoops on a stump, lost in the abstract melody of his harmonica. The man in the top hat joins in on an upright bass. The woman, dressed in an ankle-long dress, picks up a fiddle. A blonde Scotsman strums a guitar. Others join in on vocals and mandolin and soon a crowd of spectators has gathered in the dirt courtyard, scattering the chickens, to watch the musical performance.

The Kit Carson Museum's new theme, A Moment in Time, features theatrical, historical presentations.

"It'll start with music, which will be the thing that sucks the people into the central courtyard. And the building will come alive into 1850," said Tim Caster, Camp Director. The performances will be held twice a day in the museum's courtyard.

The new program rides on the wave of recent museum overhauls. Last summer, the initial hour-long sit-down history lesson was omitted, and tomahawk throwing and hide tanning of Philmont's seasonally butchered bison were added. Caster was hired to rejuvenate the facilities. Now as Camp Director he is invigorating the program.

"[The crews] had spent 18 months waiting to go hiking, and then they'd sit them down and give them a history lesson. That's a rough one," Caster said.

The museum's main building was built in 1950, a century after the time period the staff interprets. Also,

neither the guitar nor the harmonica was popular in the west during the 1850s. "So far I haven't been able to find a great deal of information on the hacienda's construction. I'm not sure of the accuracy of the building," Caster said. "We're not sure of the accuracy of the information imparted of the particular objects."



But what campers will likely remember is the experience, not exact details, names and dates.

For a camp that traditionally does not incorporate music into its program, the greatest addition to Rayado this summer is the staff.

"They're all passionate musicians, so I think their energy and their experience is going to

be a real asset," Caster said.

The musical line-up includes mandolin, guitar, bass, banjo, harmonica, fiddle, washboard, and even trumpet and trombone.

"It's a full compliment string band," said Zach Lombardo, museum P.C. and leader of the newly assembled music group. "I know there's such a strong musical tradition at Philmont, and I thought it'd be really cool to bring new stuff to the table, but also to reinforce the traditions."

The staff will also host campfires for crews at the nearby Olympia trail camp, and Wednesday nights the staff will hold an open jam session for any other Philmont or local musicians.

"They've been welcomed in by all the other musicians here. The seasoned musicians have been really kind and generous and inclusive," Caster said. "And that's nice, that's the grand spirit of Philmont."



# A R<sup>a</sup><sub>n</sub>dom Interview

## with R<sup>a</sup><sub>n</sub>d<sup>o</sup>m Staff Members

BY: C<sub>h</sub>lo<sub>e</sub> E<sub>u</sub>st<sub>o</sub>n  
PhilNews Writer

I played a game of Q & A with a group of Philmont staff members—Mic Mullins, Andrew Waters, Kirk Lemmen, and Eric Wardlaw—standing around a bench outside the dining hall. Here are some of their more interesting answers.



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Eric Wardlaw

### **What was your worst bio experiment?**

“I left a bowl of rice in the fridge on the first day of fall semester. On the last day of spring semester, I pulled it out and it had colonies of grown yellow, red and green bacteria,” Mullins said.

### **What is your dream piece of gear?**

Waters dreams of a ski- bike—a bicycle body with skis on it, while Mullins dreams of a steri-pen that actually works.



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Andrew Waters

### **What was your favorite Philmont moment?**

“Chasing a bear at Miners when the bear took a swipe at me,” Wardlaw said.

### **What is the farthest you’ve been from home?**

Mullins answered that the farthest he’d been was somewhere along the Appalachian Trail. Waters and Lemmen had journeyed to Italy and the Netherlands, respectively. Wardlaw took a road trip of “over one thousand miles, at least,” to Crazy Horse monument in South Dakota.

### **What, if any, is your rank in scouting?**

All interviewed were Eagles.

### **If you could change one thing about Philmont, what would it be?**

Wardlaw would like to build Earth-ships for non-interpretive backcountry camps. Waters would like to have a house built on Philmont that he could live in.

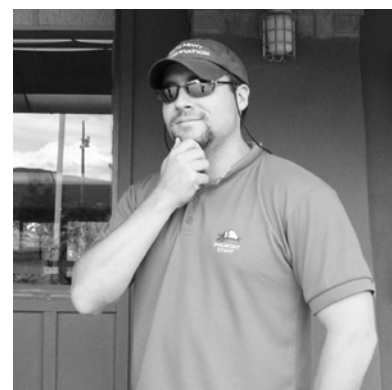


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Kirk Lemmen

### **If the color orange and the color yellow got into a fight, who would win?**

The group agreed that the color orange would win.



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Mic Mullins



## *Tour the Villa Philmonte*

*See the summer home of Waite and Genevieve Phillips. Built in the Spanish-Mediterranean style in 1927, it is 28,000 square feet in size and still holds the original furnishings. Fresco paintings decorate ceilings and Mr. Phillips' recently restored Model 'N' Ford is back in the garage.*

### *This Summer:*

1. The black marble fountain has been restored to its original glory.
2. Flowers in the old swimming pool depict the U.S. flag and the New Mexico state flag.



3. Waite and Genevieve Phillips' saddles are in the Waite Phillips Photo Gallery along with copies of the original blueprints of the Villa and early construction photos. (You do **not** need a tour guide to visit the Photo Gallery. The entrance is at the north end of the courtyards.)

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## **French Passenger Plane Disappears Over Atlantic**

Air France Flight 447 departed for Paris from Rio De Janeiro 7 p.m. Sunday, May 31, carrying 228 people. Four hours after takeoff, the Airbus A330-200 sent an automatic message, signaling electric circuit failure in strong turbulence. A piece of the plane's tail and 16 bodies were found Monday, June 8. The search is ongoing for "black boxes," devices that store recorded information from the plane that might tell what caused the crash.

## **Cuba**

The Organization of American States met Tuesday, June 2 to decide whether Cuba would be readmitted to the OAS. The group agreed Wednesday, June 3 to undo Cuba's suspension, put in place in 1962. The head of the OAS said Monday, June 8 he is confident that Cuba will rejoin after more dialogue.

## **Iranian Mosque Bombing**

A bombing at a mosque in Zahedan, Iran during evening prayer on Thursday, May 28 killed at least 15 and injured more than 50. Three men were convicted for the bombing and executed Saturday. The men were already in custody before Thursday's attack took place. They were arrested in connection with an attack on Iran's Revolutionary Guard that took place in 2007.

The city of Zahedan is mostly Sunni Muslim, and the bombing took place at a Shia mosque. A court spokesman said the men confessed to providing the explosives used in Thursday's bombing.

## **Susan Boyle is treated for exhaustion**

The 48-year-old Scottish singing sensation and viral video star was admitted to a clinic Sunday

May 31 after coming in second to a dance group on "Britain's Got Talent." After achieving sudden fame and the resultant media pressure, Boyle is reportedly emotionally drained and is lying low at a clinic in London. The YouTube clip of Boyle's first performance on the show has racked up more than 220 million views, making it the fifth most popular in YouTube history. Boyle took her defeat graciously, and the winning dance team Diversity will go on to perform for the queen.

## **Taliban hostages in Pakistan**

Taliban militants abducted at least 400 students, staff and relatives from the Razmak Cadet College. Police began negotiations with the Taliban Monday for the release of the hostages. They are reportedly being held in a militant stronghold in North Waziristan.

## **North Korea**

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said Monday June 1 that North Korea is preparing to launch another long-range missile, capable of reaching Alaska or Hawaii. Pentagon officials report that satellite images have shown a missile propped up and ready for launch. North Korea's last two attempts at launching such a missile failed. The missile in question is an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) with a range of 4,000 miles. Secretary of State Hilary Rodham Clinton said in an interview Sunday June 7 that the U.S. will consider reinstating North Korea to a list of state sponsors of terrorism.

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## Microsoft Announces Camera-Based Xbox Controller

During Microsoft's E3 press conference earlier this week representatives revealed a camera-based controller for the Xbox 360 that responds to player movements to allow players to control games through body movement in a 3D space. The controller is labeled Project Natal, and apart from gesture response the controller also responds to voice and face recognition. The project director of Project Natal, Kudo Tsunoda, demonstrated at E3 Project Natal's capability for "real-time" motion capture and 3D movement. The launch date and initial pricing for the controller are not yet specified.

## General Motors files for Bankruptcy

On June 1, 2009, General Motors filed for corporate bankruptcy. The company announced plans to close 12 facilities and layoff 20,000 workers in order to prepare for restructuring. The government will commit \$30 billion to General Motors to help cover losses and help fund the restoration. General Motors CEO Fritz Henderson plans to continue running the company, and is confident that General Motors can recover from the bankruptcy, and that a "new GM" would be made with no risk of failure in the future. The new GM will only have \$17 billion in debt compared to the \$54.4 billion owed prior to the bankruptcy.

## 46 States Plan Common Education Standards

Earlier this week forty-six states and the District of Columbia announced the planned mold for common reading and math standards in public schools. This education system reform proposal is expected to minimize discrepancy in the quality between state education standards, particularly where students may score well on state mandated test, yet perform poorly on national exams. Once the organizers agree on a proposal, each state will decide whether to conform to the new standard. So far the only state leaders not to sign on to the program are Texas, Alaska, Missouri, and South Carolina. Education experts are hard at work planning this set of "readiness standards" for high schools across the nation and are expected to reveal these standards by July.

## Border Control for Home Bound US Citizens Tightens

A new rule added to the airline travel industry—named the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative—requires American and Canadian citizens hoping to enter the United States to show a passport or other form of identification before they will be allowed in. The same rule will also be instated at the southern United States border. Critics say that business and tourist destinations will be hurt by this new rule, specifically retail businesses and restaurants lining both ends of the border.

## Sotomayor Nominated for Supreme Court

President Obama has nominated Judge Sonia Sotomayor for the Supreme Court. She is currently a judge in the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals. Sotomayor has a Yale Law degree and has been involved with the judicial system at several levels. Her confirmation hearing has been set for July 13th.



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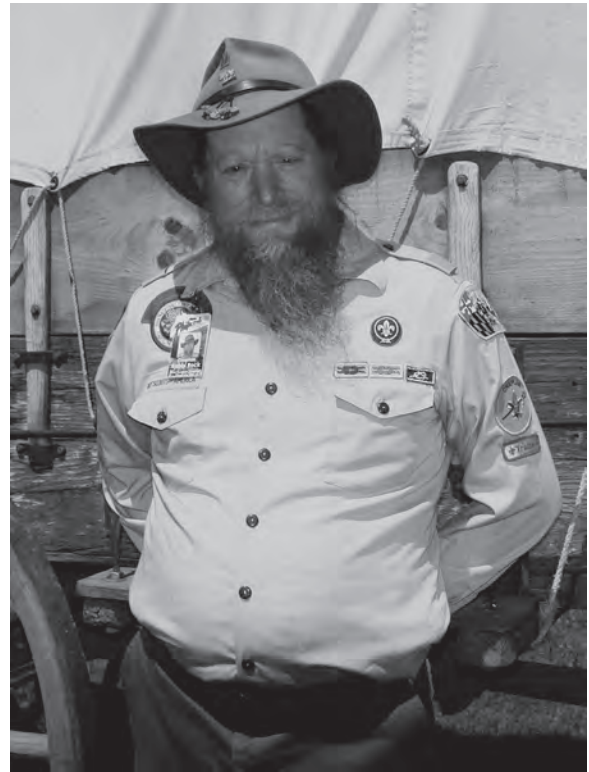
People of all ages enjoy stories more than any other form of entertainment. They laugh, cry, smile, and sigh as they enjoy age-old lessons and tales of communities throughout the world. They can travel through time with but a whisper. At one time Jewish storytelling rabbis traveled from community to community to strengthen the heart and soul of Jewish people. The stories told of greatness, nobility, and wisdom while at the same time raising the hopes for a better tomorrow.

One such traveling spiritual storyteller (maggid) is Rabbi Rachmiel (Rock) Tobesman who has shared and taught people from childhood through the golden years in many areas of the United States. He has been invited to teach educators and community leaders how to use the power of storytelling to improve the quality of services to the people of all backgrounds. As a traditional spiritual storyteller, Rachmiel Tobesman touches the heart and soul with stories long forgotten.

The Palm Beach Sun Times observed that *"Rabbi Tobesman weaves stories and spreads magic as the medieval wizard cast spells... Everyone felt the wonder and excitement as he told stories long forgotten... His stories kept everyone spell bound from young to old."* The St. Louis Jewish Times reported that *"Rabbi Tobesman teaches through stories and tells Jewish stories in the tradition of the Breslover Chasidim. He stirs the memory and sparks the heart and soul of everyone."*

He is the chairman of Baltimore Area Council Jewish Committee on Scouting and has received the Shofar Award, District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. Rabbi Rock returns to Philmont for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and will be telling stories all season.

The plain, simple meaning of the spiritual storyteller's stories strongly motivate a person toward the Holy One, blessed be He. All the



stories consist of mysteries, wonder, beauty, honor, and spirituality, and aside from their secret meanings, they have a great power to uplift everyone and help them on their spiritual journey.

May all your tales end with Shalom (peace).

Rabbi Rock will be telling stories every Monday and Thursday nights at 8:15 p.m. in South Tent City at PTC.

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## Chaplain Gene Foley

I am very excited to return to Philmont as a Protestant Chaplain this year. My first season as a Philmont Chaplain was 1993. I spent the last three years as the All-Faiths Chaplain at the Florida Sea Base, and while other sites are great, Philmont holds a special place in my memories. Each time I come back, it's like coming home. My time as a national chaplain began back in 1992, when I was a chaplain at the Florida Sea Base when it was still under the guidance of its founder, Sam Wampler. Since then, in addition to being a chaplain at our High Adventure Bases, I have been a chaplain at both National and World Jamborees, in addition to serving a variety of local council camps.

I was recently informed that I have been assigned as Protestant Chaplain Coordinator-at-Large at the 2010 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill. Being a Scout Chaplain is one of the most fulfilling opportunities I have ever enjoyed!

I am the Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 62, which meets on the Battleship (BB62) New Jersey, which is berthed on the waterfront of Camden, New Jersey. In Sea Scouting, I am a member of the Northeast Region Committee and just finished a five year term as Commodore of the Delaware Valley Flotilla. I am honored to have received the Commander Keane Award and to have been the Skipper (Course Director)



of Sea Badge NE-XIII.

I currently live near New Brunswick, New Jersey where I do research in public policy at Rutgers University. I am an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver Recipient, a recipient of the Whitney Young Award by the National Council for service to low income youth, and a recipient of the Daniel Carter Bear Award from the Masonic fraternity. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at the chapel services we hold every night at 7:00 p.m. in the Protestant Chapel or any time you need to talk. May God Bless you here in God's Country, Philmont.

## Father Don

I'm from Clark, New Jersey, and I've been in Scouting for 51 years, since I started as a cubby. When I was a kid, we was a wolf, bear, and lion in the Cub Scouts. I became an Eagle Scout in 1965, and I'm a member of the Order of the Arrow. I worked in a summer camp as a "bronze god." I've been a priest for 31 years, with a background in parish work, high school work, and campus ministry. I am currently the Director of Ongoing Formation and Continuing Education for Priests in the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. I first came to Philmont in 1972. I've worked at Philmont for 20 years total, including 18 consecutive years as a catholic chaplain. I've had almost every job there is in Scouting, and being a Philmont chaplain is by far my favorite!



At age eighteen I began preaching. At nineteen I was on the streets of Philadelphia trying to help African-American boys at risk. Thereafter I served sixteen congregations, in two denominations, in seven states, in five regions of the United States. For the past thirty-nine years my affiliation has been the Presbyterian Church (USA). I hold a Master of Arts in Theology, a Master of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry, with a concentration in spirituality for those who have suffered serious trauma. As a youth I held numerous leadership positions in Scouts, reaching the rank of Life and becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow. For the last thirty years I have been a Scouter, founding one troop and rebuilding two others.



Dr. William Paul Tarbell



Christopher Axline

I am in my third year seminarian studying for the Catholic priesthood for the Diocese of Phoenix Arizona. I am working as one of the Catholic Chaplains and was previously a Philmont participant. I earned the rank of Eagle Scout in March of 1999 and was awarded a Heroism Medal in August of 1999 by BSA for my actions during an automobile accident. I am excited to be here and am looking forward to serving and getting to know all the staff members and trekkers. May God's blessings be with you now and forever!

During the month of June, I will be serving as a Catholic Chaplain at Philmont. This is my second year on Philmont's staff, and sixth time to the Ranch. As a youth growing up in Wheaton, IL, I spent many years in Scouting, earning both my Arrow of Light and Eagle Scout rank. As an adult, I have been an Assistant Scoutmaster and has worked off-and-on with the Catholic Committee on Scouting, directing diocesan Scout retreats, helping Scouts earn their religious emblem, and hiking as an advisor on the St. George Trek here at Philmont. Later this summer I will move back to Milwaukee, WI, where I will take up a position at Marquette University High School as a teacher and administrator.



Father Mark Carr, S.J.,



Rayado Ruffians, Continued from page 23

All we're trying to do is add to the program, not anything more."

This summer, Caster sports a tan Bailey hat with a gus-crease and bound edge with a pencil curl. He started growing his beard out in January in preparation for Philmont. Dubbed "mutton chops," his thick gray facial hair juts downward from his sideburns.

Caster brings a unique guidance to the museum. An adopted member of the Ponca Indians, he lived with them in Oklahoma through the 1990s to the early 2000s.

"Pow-Wow season conflicts with Philmont season, so even though I wanted to come back, I was doing other things," Caster said.

For the past seven-and-a-half years, he has been the Principle Technician of Islamic Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, as well as working at the Museum of Natural History.

This summer, Caster and his staff will again host the Kit Carson Challenge.

"It's basically a fun competition amongst the Phil-staff of their mountain man skills, from cooking to tomahawk throwing," Caster said.

The competition will be comprised of eight events. Two new events are a bear rope toss and best original Philmont song.

However ambitious, the vision of the 2009 "Rayado Roughians" is realistic.

"It doesn't need to be boring. It has access by car. It's an incredible piece of history," Caster said. "This was the first area inhabited by white folks, settled by white folks, from this chunk of property here on the Santa Fe.

"It was exciting 160 years ago, so there's no reason it shouldn't continue to be an interesting place to come to."

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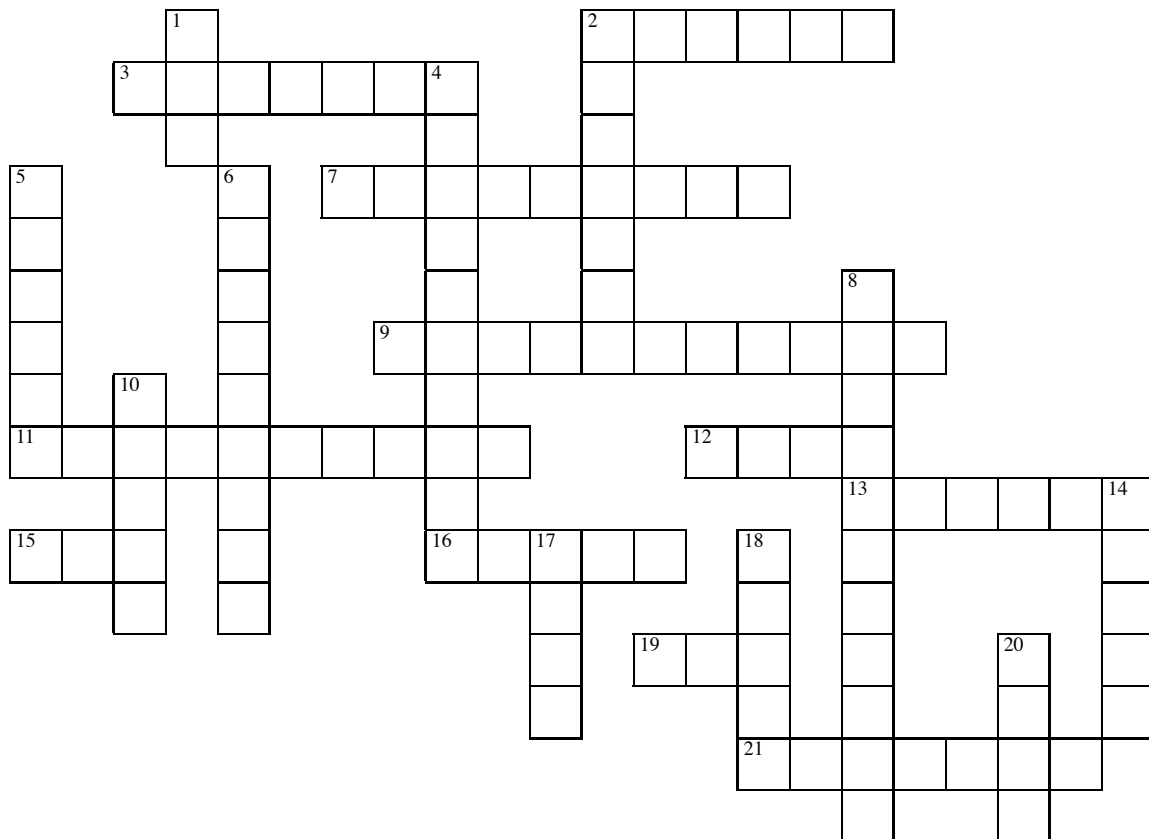
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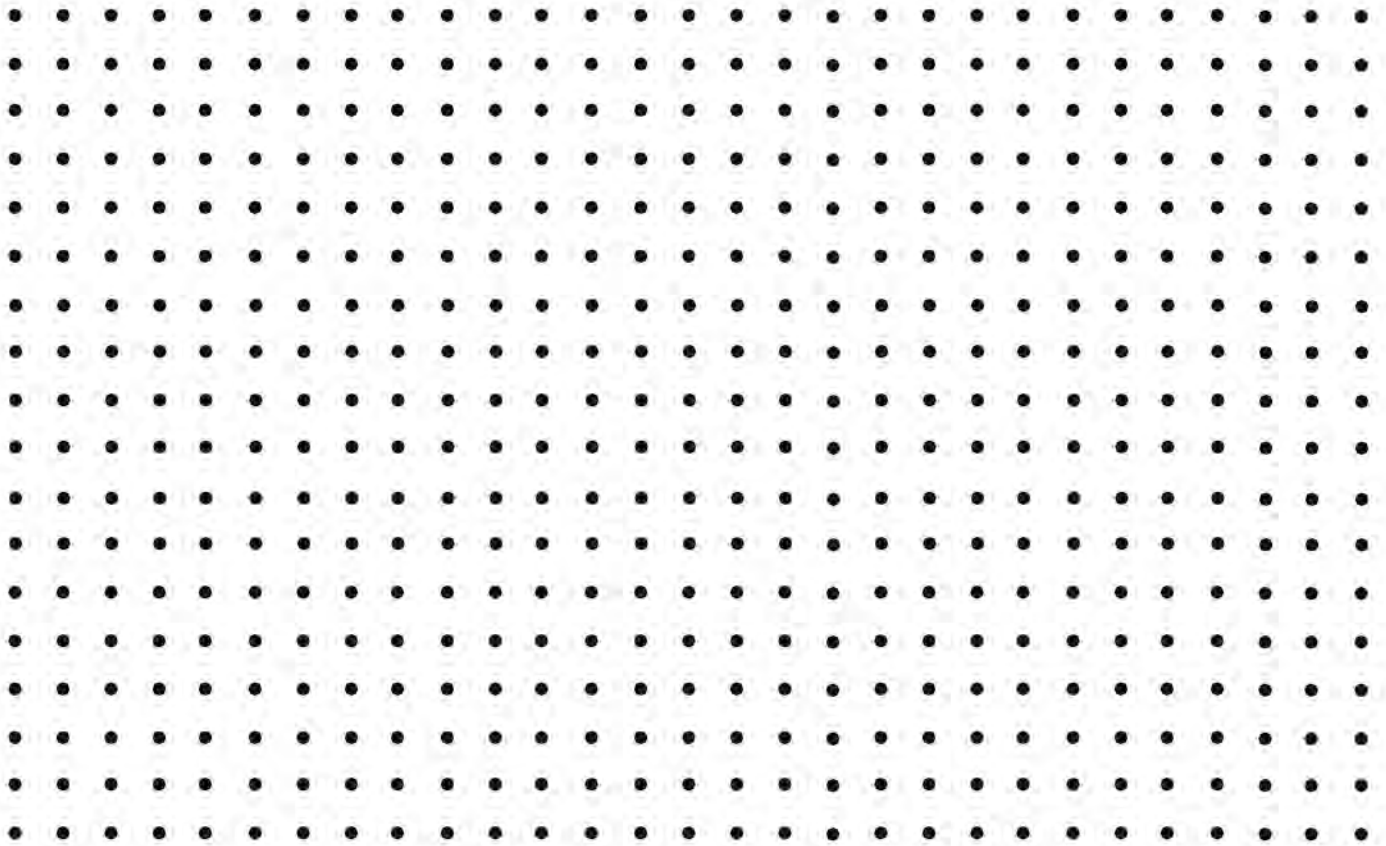


### ACROSS

- 2 To capture a moment
- 3 To light your fire
- 7 Without it you burn
- 9 Hydration device
- 11 Use this every day
- 12 Can you ride it with no handlebars?
- 13 Always has a cool side
- 15 Covers your head
- 16 Work best when matching
- 19 You need one to get to Taos
- 21 You don't want it in your eyes

### DOWN

- 1 Blows a lot of cold air
- 2 Extends battery life
- 4 Not smart to wear at night
- 5 Keeps the rain off
- 6 Used for texting
- 8 Keeps you warm at night
- 10 For those long hikes
- 14 To see the time
- 17 Cold hard
- 18 Can't play poker without them
- 20 Holds your songs



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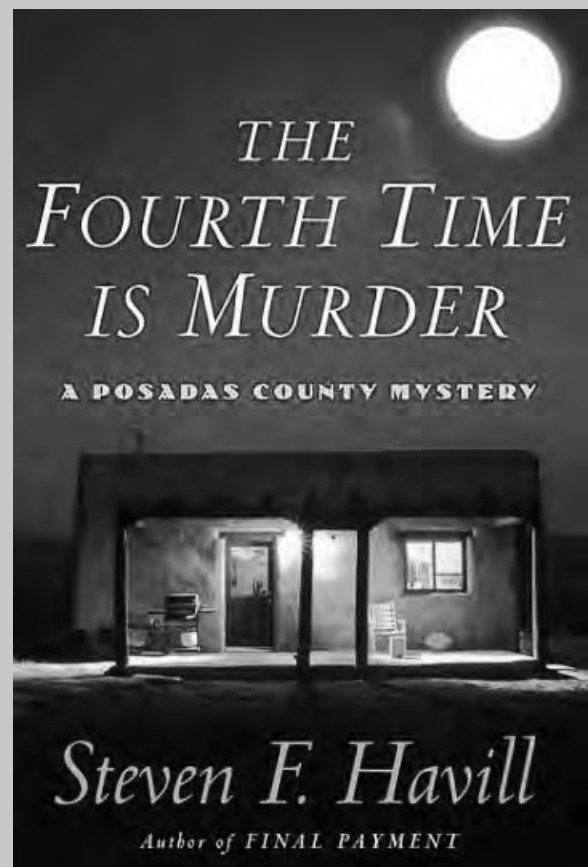
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## Steven F. Havill Book Signing

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Saturday, June 27th at 1pm

His latest book is *The Fourth Time is Murder*.  
He has also written *Final Payment* and many others.



Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<u>12</u> <u>TIE-DYE</u> <u>8PM FITNESS</u> <u>PAVILION</u> <u>(OLD BRAT</u> <u>LOCATION)</u>  <u>CT*: BUS</u> <u>TOURS 6 PM</u>	<u>13</u> <u>YOGA NIGHT</u> <u>8PM FITNESS</u> <u>ROOM</u>  <u>CT:</u> <u>WILDERNESS</u> <u>PLEDGE 6 PM</u>	<u>14</u> <u>Movie Night</u> <u>8pm SSSAC</u> <u>TV Room</u> <u>or Baldy</u> <u>Pavilion</u>  <u>CT: LEAVE NO</u> <u>TRACE 6 PM</u>	<u>15</u> <u>Capture the</u> <u>Flag 8pm</u> <u>Field by</u> <u>Volleyball</u> <u>Court and</u> <u>Health Lodge</u>  <u>CT: GROUP</u> <u>DYNAMICS 6</u> <u>PM</u>	<u>16</u> <u>Casino Night</u> <u>8pm SSSAC</u>  <u>CT: LEAVE NO</u> <u>TRACE 6 PM</u>  <u>PTC</u> <u>BUFFALO</u> <u>BARBEQUE</u> <u>5:30 PM</u> <u>WESTERN</u> <u>DANCE 6:30PM</u>	<u>17</u> <u>ICE CREAM</u> <u>NIGHT 8PM</u> <u>SSSAC</u> <u>KITCHEN</u>  <u>CT: Group</u> <u>Dynamics 6</u> <u>pm</u>	<u>18</u> <u>Bingo 8pm</u> <u>SSSAC</u>  <u>CT: Ecology</u> <u>6 PM</u>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<u>19</u> <u>Monkey Day</u> <u>8pm SSSAC</u> <u>and Baldy</u> <u>Pavilion</u>  <u>CT: CONFLICT</u> <u>RESOLUTION</u> <u>6 PM</u>	<u>20</u> <u>BRAT DAY</u> <u>11AM-1PM</u> <u>BALDY</u> <u>PAVILION</u>  <u>CT: Ecology</u> <u>6 PM</u>	<u>21</u> <u>KICKBALL</u> <u>8PM FIELD BY</u> <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> <u>COURT AND</u> <u>HEALTH LODGE</u>  <u>CT: CONFLICT</u> <u>RESOLUTION</u> <u>6 PM</u>	<u>22</u> <u>Freeze Tag</u> <u>8pm Baldy</u> <u>Pavilion</u>  <u>CT:</u> <u>ASTRONOMY</u> <u>6PM</u>	<u>23</u> <u>Movie Night</u> <u>8pm SSSAC TV</u> <u>Room or Baldy</u> <u>Pavilion</u>  <u>PTC</u> <u>BUFFALO</u> <u>BARBEQUE</u> <u>5:30 PM</u> <u>WESTERN DANCE</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	<u>24</u> <u>SAND</u> <u>CASTLE 8PM</u> <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> <u>COURTS</u>  <u>CT:</u> <u>ASTRONOMY</u> <u>6PM</u>	<u>25</u> <u>Euchre</u> <u>Tourney 8pm</u> <u>SSSAC</u>

\* Continuing training, held at the Ranger Office

## Staff Uniform Reminder and Addendum

As we start to welcome our participants and guests this summer, a few reminders about our appearance are in order:

- Wear your Philmont ID tag at all times on the Ranch. It is part of our customer service and security procedures.
- Appropriate uniform (as per your 2009 Staff Guidebook) must be worn for all meals and when in Philmont public areas (does not include Staff Tent City)
- Appropriate uniform is required in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center during the day. Appropriate Casual Attire with a Philmont ID tag is acceptable after dinner in the SSSAC.