

The PhilNews

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Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful submissions to the PhilNews. We have received a lot of submissions during the past week, and unfortunately the PhilNews is not big enough for all of them. If your submission does not appear in this issue, don't worry! We haven't rejected it—it will be printed in the upcoming issues.

Corrections!

In two of the past issues we listed The Porch's hours incorrectly. The Correct hours are
7:30 A.M. - 2 P.M. Monday -Friday.

In Issue 3 "Caught in the Act" Photo was by
Adrienne Lalli

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Mark's Minute

Nearly four weeks have passed since the first crews arrived on the Ranch. June 8th was an exciting day; it signified the end of our formal training and the beginning of program delivery across the Ranch.

As we finished training and began implementing what we prepared for, I hope that you have adopted the philosophy that "I can improve each day of the summer!" This helps us look at our job and find avenues to accomplish it in new ways that help you remain fresh and enthusiastic, and it also helps you to engage each participant in a way that they feel that the entire summer is focused specifically on them and on the quality of experience that they will have.

Pearl Buck wrote "The secret to joy in work is contained in one word: excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it."

We should each strive for "excellence." As we improve over the summer, the level of our excellence will also improve and the joy of the job will grow.

Each of us can enjoy the summer through the accomplishment of "excellence."

Mark Anderson
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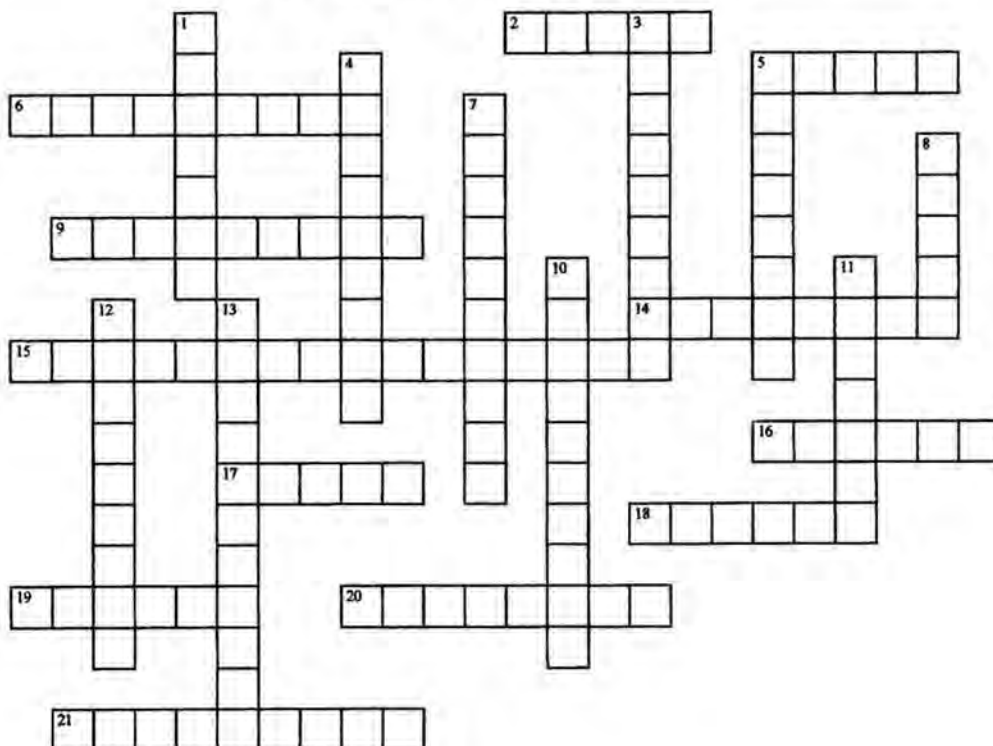
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Bear Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2 Bears first emerge from dens in this month
- 5 Bears do this when they are curious about something and want to gather more information about it
- 6 The area a bear confines its activity to and returns to when relocated
- 9 Bears do this in the winter
- 14 A bear 1-3 years old
- 15 This consists of a fire ring, bear cables, and a sump
- 16 Bears can run up to ___ mph
- 17 Tents must be ___ feet away from all points of the bearmuda triangle
- 18 Bears exhibit this behavior when they are relocated and return home just like this pigeon
- 19 A major fall food source important for hibernation
- 20 Bears are this type of eater
- 21 This scientific term refers to a species that is at or near carrying capacity (K), grows slowly, has a long life span, and reproduces late in life

DOWN

- 1 A sugary fall food source
- 3 Bears and humans cannot digest this plant fiber
- 4 This drops to as few as 8 per minute during hibernation
- 5 At Philmont bears can live long lives. Currently there is a 90% _____ rate for adult and subadult females and a 80% _____ rate for adult and subadult males per year
- 7 A bear that encounters people and has neither a positive or negative association with humans (Philmont bears are this due to seeing numerous crews in the summer)
- 8 A bear +4 years old
- 10 A bear's diet consists 80% of this
- 11 A common threat sign involving heavy breathing
- 12 Bears eat the yellow flower of this common weed
- 13 This belongs in the bear bags, but is commonly left at the sump

Directions:

There are no spaces or dashes in this puzzle, though some answers may consist of multiple words. There are several easy clues; however, 5 down and 21 across are hard. A hint for 21 across is to remember any vocabulary that you learned in biology or ecology. Answers in next week's Philnews. Have fun and as always, be bear aware!

-Your Bear Researchers Dana and Matt

Relationships Week at PTC Yields Recognition for Chaplain Family

Each year, sponsoring organizations have the opportunity to meet at Philmont Training Center to teach participants how Scouting may be integrated into their programs. Most BSA units are organized by religious organizations. This year, Methodists, Catholics, Baptists, Jews and other organizations provided program. It is only natural that our Chaplains participate in programs at PTC during relationships week, and this year our Chaplaincy family were recognized for their hard work over many years.


Elder David Wilson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints received the St. George Medal from the National Committee on Catholic Scouting. This year, Elder Wilson serves his eighth year as a PhilChaplain, seven of which have been as Chaplain Coordinator. He, his wife Charlene and daughter Amber are well known among the staff for their hospitality and root beer floats.



Shoshanah Tobesman received the Religious Life Bronze Award and Trust Award for her work in Venturing. Shoshanah is one of only seven female Venturers to have received the Etz Chaim Award from the Jewish faith. She is the daughter well-beloved PhilChaplain Rachmiel Tobesman, best known to all of us as Rabbi Rock. Rabbi Rock has served Philmont for three years, and Shoshanah is now in her second year on staff.

PhilChaplain Gene Foley was honored with the Daniel Carter Beard Award for service to youth by a Master Mason. The award was presented during a meeting of Cimarron Lodge No. 37, A. F. & A. M. by the lodge and members of the Jewish Relationships class at PTC. Chaplain Gene is one of our Protestant Chaplains and has served at Philmont, Sea Base, National and World Jamborees and at local council camps since 1992.





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Dutch Oven Cooking at the Kit Carson Challenge

Submission by Margaret Hedderman

Ah, yes, the sweet taste of failure. The sweet, flowing dark chocolate, crisp coconut kind of failure.

Now that's what I'm talking about.

8:00 A.M. on Friday, June 26th and I somehow make it into the News and Photo office with no coffee in my lifeblood system. And there waiting, is Kevin Faragher. His third summer at Philmont, Faragher has a sharp, candid wit that more often than not gets him into a lot of trouble when aimed in the wrong direction. I don't know how long he's been lurking here for me, or why, but I expect the worst.

"Hey, you want to enter a Dutch oven contest with me? It'll be fun."

In my innocent, de-caffeinated state of mind, I think: maybe it will be fun. How should I know Faragher's definition of fun involves inglorious defeat, emotional turmoil, and the destruction of my self-esteem?

Every summer the Rayado Ruffians host the Kit Carson Challenge – a series of events designed to test the ultimate Philmont backcountry skills: facial hair growing, tomahawk throwing, and Dutch oven cooking among others. This is a no-holds barred, we're not pulling any punches kind of competition.

Faragher and I plan a seemingly ambitious menu: spicy pineapple pork with garlic green beans, stuffed jalapeños and a coffee chocolate cake for dessert. We arrive (late) at Rayado to find Robert Fudge and Spencer Powell from Cons producing a perfect pear tart and Dale Hiatt from Services magically conjuring a cheesecake sopapilla. I'm sorry, *a what?* That's... that's

impressive. Well, at least I've got plenty of chocolate to make myself feel better.



Photo By: Kevin Faragher

The contestants carefully adjust their coals, check the bubbling goulashes, and generally seem to know what their doing. Not us. We unload our humble supplies and discover... oh, we have to make our own coals here? With an hour before show time, no food cooking, and no heat source, Faragher abandons the pork. We concentrate all our energy and resources on the cake.

Tim Caster, the full-bearded Camp Director of Kit Carson, announces the rules. Points are awarded based on presentation, creativity, historical significance, difficulty and taste. The judging will begin in thirty minutes and already hungry spectators look curiously at our dish. Meanwhile, the Devil's Tooth cheesecake being adorned with fresh strawberries by Jim Van Hecke, also of Services, garners far more *oohs* and *aahs* than our bucket of chocolate sludge.

Suddenly the countdown is over. It's time to plate and Faragher has a brain wave that may save a

teaspoon of our pride. Miraculously, the cake isn't burnt and actually doesn't look too bad. In fact it looks delicious sprinkled heavily with coconut flakes, walnuts and chocolate chips. With an empty tin can serving as a pastry cutter, Faragher gently cuts and serves... a giant gooey pile of what might be cake. I'm not too sure any more.

As Faragher groans in agony at our ruined creation, next to us, Fudge neatly slices his tart and gently plates it. I'll give him an A+ for style. In a last ditch effort to "polish that tur..." (well, you get the picture), Faragher cuts thin slivers of strawberry to dress our chocolate cow pies.

The judges make the rounds. Every entry is met with enthusiastic applause – especially dark horse Paul "Jebediah" Akers who cooked glazed pineapple rolls on the forge.

The competition winds down. And we didn't win . . . - despite Faragher's charming and theatrical presentation. I couldn't be bothered to be depressed over the loss. Maybe it was on account of a chocolate

overload or perhaps it was the festivities. For in spite of the intense competition, a general feeling of camaraderie and good will was embraced by all entrants, judges, and, of course, tasters.

Winners

Savory Cooking - Robert Fudge, OATC

Sweet Cooking - Dale Hiatt, Services

Blacksmithing - Iron John Logan, Roving Prospector

Tomahawk Throwing - Tim Collver, Roving Prospector

Black Powder Marksmanship - Matt Randahl, Miranda

Bear Bag Toss & Tie - Topher Schaller, Environmental Education Conservation

Most Awesome Facial Hair - Tim Collver, Roving Prospector

Interps - women - Melissa Bateman, Crooked Creek
men - Iron John Logan, Roving Prospector

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In a local council there is a position called the District Executive. This is a full-time person hired by the council to support the volunteers and programs within a geographic area of the council known as a district. They are the person that the community in that district looks towards to help support their Scouting programs through helping to organize their membership recruitment, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and training, and program support.

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On Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 PM, there is a reception at the Villa Philamonte for individuals interested in learning more about Professional Scouting. Joining the reception are several Scout Executives who are the CEO's for local councils, as well as representatives from the regional and national offices of the Boy Scouts of America to answer questions about professional Scouting.

If you are interested in attending the reception or want to learn more about professional Scouting, contact Owen McCulloch at Camping Headquarters, 575-376-1131 (office) or 575-447-2115 (mobile). Be sure to contact Owen if you are interested in attending the reception so you will receive an invitation.

Mutterings From the Paymaster

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- Open your envelope and look at the check.
- Don't mail the check home, or to your bank without looking at it.
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Whisper words of wisdom, Zastrow reminds

Outside the cabin of Zastrow camp are three flagpoles, a horseshoe pit, and a sundial shaped like an axe and log. Up until 2002, Wood Badge National Training was held at Zastrow. Those days are now long gone, but the memory remains in the axe and log sundial sitting proudly out front.

These days Zastrow offers a different set of programs such as orienteering training, nightly dutch oven cooking, and a ceremony called the Rededication to Scouting.

courses, at night they participate in a Rededication to Scouting ceremony. The rededication ceremony takes place on a ridge near the camp in a circle of stones shaped to emulate a compass, with each compass point taking on a meaning integral to Scouting. The participating crews gather around the stone circle, while three staff members take up a position on the compass points to the South, East, and West, while a narrator calls for a moment of silence. Afterwards the staff members on the compass points reflect on different aspects of the

Scout Oath and Law.

According to Camp Director Mike Welch, after the South, East, and West representatives say their part the narrator goes around and asks the participants if they are looking for the north point of the compass before telling them that “The north point of the compass *is* them, that they are choosing their own direction in life, and that if they live by the Scout Oath and Law that they will have great success not only on their trek but throughout



Photo By: Anita Altschul

The orienteering courses include both a standard compass course as well as a GPS course. The standard compass course works to remind participants of the basics of orienteering. However, the GPS course distinguishes itself as it is themed after the movie *Red Dawn*, in that each point in the course plays a part in the story up to the rescue of the president of the United States. The GPS course has two separate endpoints depending on which path crews choose to take at the start of the course.

While during the day crews enjoy the compass

the rest of their lives.”

The Rededication to Scouting ceremony is one of the most well received programs in any Philmont staff camp, with many participants and advisors saying the experience reconnected them to the merits of Scouting.

“The feedback that we get after the ceremony is always very good.” said Mike, “The Scouts and the advisors really appreciate that we bring them up here to such a nice area and do such a good ceremony for them and help give them a reminder of the Scout Oath and how it relates to not only Philmont, but their lives also.”

Scouts of the Oath and Law

By: Justin Lyon
PhilNews Writer

Some crews are so affected by the ceremony that they choose to continue it a little after it has officially ended. "After the ceremonies, crews that are on their second night on the trail, which is their last night with their ranger, oftentimes stay up with the rangers afterwards to do their Wilderness Pledge" said Mike.

Even though Zastrow's role at Philmont has changed over time it still has a vital impact on the participants that visit. Today focusing on basic Scout skills like orienteering and dutch oven cooking while also providing Scouts and Scouters a chance to reflect on the ideals of Scouting

at Philmont and their everyday lives makes Zastrow a great camp that is nestled in the woods of the South Country.

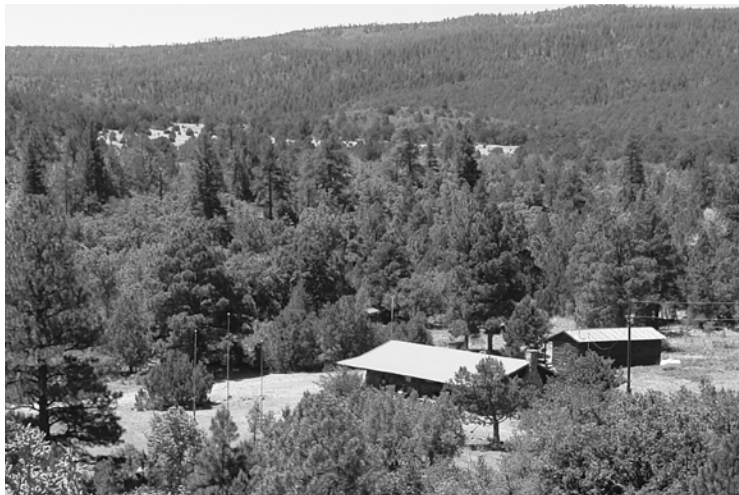


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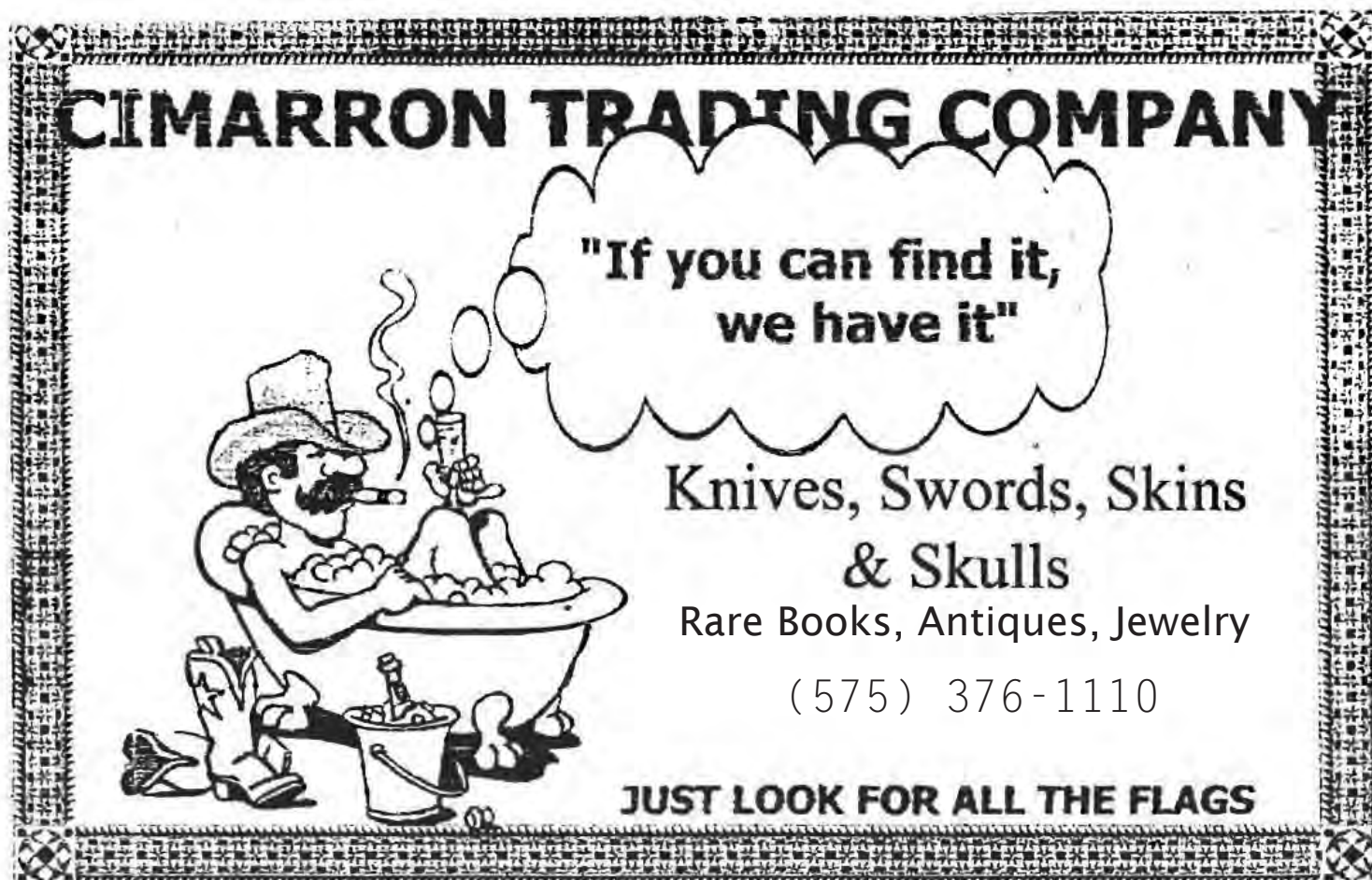
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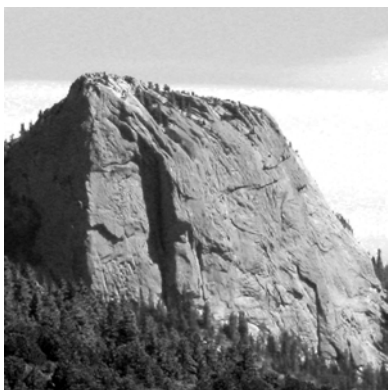
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Sea Base Ain't got One of These

God's Unique Creation

By Chaplain Eugene Foley

A little more than three years ago, the Florida High Adventure Sea Base acquired a gorgeous 46' Newton dive boat for its program. It can hold four crews on the main deck and another crew on the bridge, plus staff, dive tanks and assorted other paraphernalia. It is powered by two gigantic John Deere diesel engines and sounds like a jet plane taking off as it leaves the harbor. WOW!!!

Of course, it had to be named. One of the proposals that were rejected was: "Philmont Ain't Got One of These." Although the name was set aside for a more appropriate one, it brought some laughter and the name was superimposed on a picture of the boat and distributed to some staff members at both Philmont and Sea Base. The fact is that Philmont, Sea Base and Northern Tier are all unique. Each offers an incredible lifetime experience that cannot be replaced by another. All three serve a unique purpose and have a special place among the possible opportunities that Scouting offers.

One thing that we can find in common between our high adventure bases is the presence of God's mighty works of creation. To be sure, God created incredible beauty by which we might experience His awesome power. Each site is affected by the natural cycle of His creation, whether deluges of rain or long periods of drought, or even the pesky mosquito, which

I am told is the official bird in the Northern Tier, we cannot help but be humbled by our individual smallness in the presence of God's handiwork.

Despite our smallness, God has given us the right to name that which He has created. We name our boats, our mountains, our pets, and pretty much everything we can identify. Along with this right to name things, we are given dominion and responsibility over His creation. This is an awesome responsibility when one considers the fine line between using and abusing what our God has given us. We are all acutely aware of the fragility of the back country of Philmont. Those at Sea Base are similarly concerned with the amazingly beautiful reefs that are used for diving and exploring adventures. I know that those in the Northern Tier treasure the verdant life of the region that they call their home.

We who are proud to be PhilStaff know how critical it is to share with participants, and those that we return to as the season comes to an end, how important Philmont is to us. It is just as important that we share with others that what they do back home has in impact on our mountains, our forests, our coasts and our rivers. My first season at Sea Base as a chaplain, was back in 1992, and my first season at Philmont as a chaplain was in 1993. As I return to these immeasurably beautiful hints at paradise, I remember how they used to be. You too will return to Philmont and note the differences each time you come back. As I get older, I come increasingly to realize that everything about our planet was originally made good and beautiful in unique and irreplaceable ways, and that all of it is part of a single act of love emanating from God. We are the ambassadors of our Creator with a special understanding of His works. Do more than offer prayers of thanks...tell people of your experience in God's Country. Share your passion for what is truly holy and wonderful.

A large house overlooks a closed in yard. Easily seen from the porch of the house is a small cantina connected to an outdoor oven built of adobe bricks.

Chickens run free in the yard, goats cry from a shed.

You walk into the house and notice a ceiling of polished tin, of bronze, large

counters windows, a warm stove, and comfortable bedrooms. This is Abreu, the former home of the wealthy Mexican-American Abreu family, and the current home of one of Philmont's kindest staff camps.

The staff at Abreu interpret the daily life of the family of Jesus Gil Abreu, the original owner of the Abreu homestead. The staff offers crews the chance to tour the Abreu cabin, make adobe bricks, milk the goats, and relax in the local cantina with a cold cup of root beer.

"The cabin tour is probably the highlight of our camp," said cantina manager Nick Cole, "The cabin is a gorgeous piece of construction and the stove is probably the pride and joy of the cabin. It'll cook pretty much anything. It's one of the nicest stoves I've seen out in Philmont."

Participants from crew 615-H3 enjoyed the cabin tour immensely. "I like how they keep it in the age" said one member of the crew when asked what he liked most about the tour.

As with most interpretive camps, the staffers of Abreu try to maximize the experience for the participants by staying in character. "I like being

able to play a character and to try and stay in character as much as possible." said Nick, "It's fun to be outlandish and a little over the top, but it gets the kids motivated and it gives them a reason to feel like they are in a different place as opposed to Philmont."

By: Justin Lyon
PhilNews Writer

Staying in character is never easy, though. "They [the Scouts]

try their best to get you out of character and ask you questions about things that shouldn't necessarily be there" said Nick. "We do what we can to give them answers like *'The simple answer is, we're a very wealthy family so we can afford pretty much anything.'*"

Of course, there's the always important long winded spiel on how something supposedly modern, like a root beer cooler, is brought to the camp. Nick winds up the campers by telling them, "It's brewed here on site, every day. We roll the barrel up the hill

and down the hill, all morning and night, and it comes out of those taps—we found those taps in the woods—and it isn't real Mug Root Beer it's Abreu Root Beer."



Photo by Rebecca Bost



Photo by Rebecca Bost

Perhaps because of that very enthusiastic spiel, or maybe due to providing a haven for tired Scouts fresh off the trail, Abreu's cantina stands as one of the camp's most popular attractions. The cantina is located on the foundation of the original Abreu cabin. Within it are several tables and games for crews to rest and pass the time, as well as a trading post of sorts for obtaining any forgotten essentials like food, maps, and water bottles.

Abreu is located in close proximity to the Zastrow Turnaround, and as such is often placed at either the beginning or the end of some crews itineraries. As a result, Abreu is typically visited by crews on either their first days or their last days on the trail. As such, it is home to a nice contrast of newer crews that are still in awe of the scale of Philmont, and the older crews that finally managed to grasp their Philmont experience. The mixture of these two ends of the trail makes for a unique perspective of just how drastically Philmont can mold and mature a Scout in just ten short days. Either way, the root beer is pretty darn good no matter if you've just got on the trail, or if you're about to get off the trail.

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A R^an^do^m Interview With a R^an^do^m Staffer

Name/Age: Neal Wilson, 36

Hometown: Woodbury, GA

Job: Trading Post Warehouse

Yrs. on Staff: First year on staff

Scout Rank: Eagle Scout

Troop Position: Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 104

Favorite part of the Scout Law: Cheerful.

Favorite Food Wall item: Stinger gummies.

Favorite piece of gear: Nalgene Firefly.

Favorite Philmont fauna: Minibears.

Passions: Fair tax program, Boy Scouts of America.

Instruments played: Kazoo.



Photo by: Michael Hunter

Why Philmont? Well, I've been working at my old camp for 14 years at Camp Thunder [in Molena, GA]. I needed a change of scenery.

Best Scouting memory: Getting Eagle in 1996.

Favorite Place on the Ranch: Possibly the Seaton Library because it has a lot of the old Boys Life Magazines.

What has Scouting taught you? Friendliness and caring are a big role. Some of the younger Scouts can talk to me when they can't talk to another Scouter because I actually listen to them.

Favorite thing to do: Talking to people and hopefully making them happy or smile.

What do you miss most about home: My Pembroke Welsh corgi, Eddie and little terrier, Lil' Girl.

Favorite quote: "Being popular is not always right; being right is not always popular."

If you could change one thing in the world? Get rid of political correctness and zero tolerance.

Favorite Merit Badge: Even though it's a very hard merit badge, Personal Management, especially the financial part of it. It isn't taught in school, and yet people are expected to be experts at it.

If you could go anywhere in the world? I'd like to go to England and visit Baden-Powell's house.

Favorite book: Personal Finances for Dummies. All the dummies books are awesome, period.

Shadows in the Mist

By: Jordon Shinn
PhilNews Writer

Last week's crossword puzzle, "Mountains, Peaks and Mesas," tested your knowledge of Philmont's rugged landscape. You probably needed your map and maybe even a Philmanac to solve it.

It is our hope that you discovered some of the lesser-known landforms, overshadowed by the tallest and most popular destinations, such as Trail Peak, the Tooth of Time and Baldy Mountain. Who climbs Bear Mountain or Apache Peak anymore? What about all those un-named high points in South Country marked with an "x" which rise above ten thousand feet? And that hill you always walk by but never venture to climb?

For your entertainment, the PhilNews traveled to two "forgotten" peaks, unveiling their mysteries and, hopefully, sparking your curiosity.

Garcia Peak

This forgotten peak is located on the far southwest border of Philmont. After stopping by Crooked Creek to milk the cow and let the chickens out, take the trail through the pasture and wind your way uphill through a spooky and haunted wood of fir and pine trees. Much of the forest here is bleak, thick with dead grey limbs, the narrow trail cutting timidly through. However, the forest does occasionally break to open meadow, in which the grass is vivid green and downed trail signs mark the remoteness of the land.

Arriving at Wild Horse Camp, one might find the

trail camp crewless, seemingly abandoned and ghostly. There are no horses. A large meadow breaks through the camp, stretching to the end of a ridge, which rises diagonally from the ground, peaking somewhere northward shrouded in tree cover.

The trail out of camp juts steeply north, upward over bare rock—a tough climb for any hiker. After about a quarter mile the trail levels out. An attentive hiker might notice a clearing on the left—an ancient road trudging uphill into the forest. A glance at the map shows Garcia Peak about a half mile east of the trail. Like most roads, this one winds off course to counter the incline. The forest stops at a fence line, alongside another forgotten road. Overgrown, but established enough to still be drivable, this road is neither ancient, nor on the map.

A few hundred yards uphill, past the road and over a false summit, the hill peaks at about 10,950 feet, according to handheld GPS. Although the map does not show the elevation, two old rock circles about six feet across are presumable elevation markers.

There is no great view on top, shrouded in tree cover. Rejoining with the ancient road on the east side of the peak, it descends downhill toward a meadow. Tree stumps dot the landscape like chickenpox, remnants of some long-ago logging project. In this manufactured meadow, the rocks are moss-covered and wildflowers flourish. Through a clearing in the trees, the land beyond Philmont is exposed—red-rock mountains, ridges and a jagged canyon with a river running through it, and behind it the blueness of lakes and the flatness of the plains beyond. This side of the ranch few people ever see.

The wood here is sleepy, tranquil, retaking what man has abandoned.

Burn Peak

A day hike from Beaubien, Burn Peak is located about a half-mile west of Webster's Pass. The road to the pass traces the contours of the ridge leading to Burn Peak. On top of the ridge, an old wooden-post barbed wire



Photo by: Michael Hunter



Photo by: Michael Hunter

fence follows the ridgeline like a spine, marking the path to the top. Deadfall and charred trees tell of little rainfall and a forgotten fire long ago, which named this peak “Burn.” It has been abandoned ever since.

Few feet have followed this fence in recent years, save the hooves of elk and mule deer, scraping away the topsoil in streaks as they gallop along the incline of the ridge. My photographer Michael and I are some of the few to hike this route in decades.

The peak seems to elude us, dodging just beyond each rise of the ridge. Resting atop a hill, we orient our map and take a bearing. We spot an old road on our left, no doubt headed for the top. Like the roads on Garcia, they are overgrown and indirect. The fence travels farther west, approaching a steep hill—one last push to the top. We deviate from the fence, which curves off course for the first time, and head straight up, toward the horizon of clear sky and treetop.

Reaching the summit, our vision levels out. To the east, Trail Peak and Fowler Mesa seem distant. We are exhausted. Having hiked from Beaubien and after about 40 minutes of following the fence line, hunger has gripped us like a minibear on a packet of Jalapeño Squeeze Cheese. We eat lunch, flies finding our sweaty limbs one by one, and soon a whole swarm circles us, rare delicacies.

“Where do they come from when there are no humans?” Michael asked.

“They come from the earth, who feeds them

in our absence” I reply, sagelike in my exhaustion and bliss of being atop the peak.

A rock pile marks the summit—the only sign of civilization. Just right of the pile is a charred log, evidence that the fire reached the summit. A meadow on the west side is lush and full of butterflies. This peak is quiet and truly forgotten, except for the fauna that live here in peace.

Our path to Websters Pass is straight down from the meadow. I set a bearing on my compass, headed for the edge of depicted rock scree. According to the map, we are only about a half-mile away, as the crow flies. However, the east side of Burn slopes sharply north-northeast, and is covered with deadfall so dense it is almost impenetrable. The road, although somewhat flat, is equally overgrown.

We never reach the scree. After nearly an hour of stumbling our way downhill over fallen trunks, boulders, vines and slippery soil, and frequently checking our map and resetting our bearing, we regain the main trail.

Reorienting our map, we discover the slope and deadfall had pushed us far north off course. We now had to hike a mile back uphill to Webster’s Pass.

Despite our disappointment, there was something deeply reassuring about being back on the beaten path, leaving those old roads and fencelines behind us in the forgotten wood—fading memories of Philmont’s past best left undisturbed.

The Burro Racing Assoc.

By Chloe Euston
PhilNews Writer

Six shots rang out above the mountains on a hot Wednesday morning. The sound could be heard along the trail, halfway up the mountain to Harlan.

The backcountry camp Harlan is a peaceful setting, perched in a clearing high in the hills of the Central Country of Philmont Scout Ranch. The main cabin looks out onto a meadow where a half-broken sprinkler lazily waters grass in the heat of the day. Burros saunter through the shade of trees in a pen just down the hill.

This peace is broken only by the sound of Scouts firing shotguns.

Crew 611-V2 arrived at Harlan on the evening of June 16. It was too late in the day to go out to the range, but they had their chance the following day.

“We’re gonna get to shoot shotguns. You should be pumped!” Forestiere said.

Forestiere covered the basic points of gun safety outlined by the National Rifle Association. The top three rules are: always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction, always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot and always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot. Forestiere also showed the crew the proper way to hold a shotgun.

“We’re not shooting a bazooka; we’re not Chuck Norris in an action flick,” Forestiere said, demonstrating improper postures.

The shotgun program at Harlan uses 12-gauge shotguns and clay pigeons—circular discs made from an asphalt-clay mixture, which are propelled into the air

by a firing mechanism that sits next to the shooter. Two Scouts can shoot at a time, each with a Harlan staff member at their side to reload the gun and give tips on hitting the target.

On Wednesday, June 17, Jack Daly and Andrew Bell were working the Harlan shooting range. Scouts from Crew 611-V2 came in twos, starting with Crew Leader Plummer, to test their aim on clay pigeons.

“It’s gonna come up, up, up, into the blue,” Daly said, “Dust it! Easy cheesy.”

The day isn’t over when crews are finished at the range. Every evening around 7 P.M., Harlan holds burro races. Each of the six burros wears a harness, and Scouts grab on and run down the meadow with



Sam Hovey of 611-V2

Photo By: Andrea McCurdy

Around noon on June 17, Crew Leader Sam Plummer and his fellow Scouts from Ontario, Ore. sat down for a chat about gun safety with Harlan staff member Brett Forestiere.



2009 Harlan Staff

Photo By: Andrea McCurdy

the burros. The competition isn't exactly fierce though. A burro by the name of Pistol is always the winner of the Harlan races, and he often outruns the Scout who is leading him.

"Harlan is pro-burro, anti-dislocated joints," Bell said, in reference to a radio call about a Scout with a dislocated elbow.

Pro-burro is indeed a fair description of Harlan. Each day Harlan staff members go down to the burro pen with apples and pears to supplement the burros' hay diet. Bell knows each burro by name—Pistol, Whip, Coach, Poncho, Lefty and the aptly named Mange—and can recognize their individual personalities. Bell explained that Pistol and Whip, the youngest burros at Harlan, are either a hot item or they are siblings. They are practically inseparable and have almost identical coloring. Coach, Poncho and Lefty are older and slightly less eager to race, but still eager to eat apples. The black burro Mange is less sociable with humans

and mostly keeps to himself.

The Harlan burros occasionally get into some trouble, but it's rarely cause for alarm. When they get away, they run to the closest big patch of grass and start eating, Bell said.

The advisers from Crew 611-V2 sang praises of Harlan and their welcoming staff who made accommodations for the late-arriving crew. The crew was on the seventh day of their Philmont trek on Itinerary 29, which would be over fairly soon after their visit to Harlan.

As for Harlan itself, their summer can only get better. Another improvement could be made if their sprinkler gets fixed; the Harlan meadow is the perfect location for a slip-n-slide, although it might be against BSA policy.

AMERICAN LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Tampa Bay	43	35	.551	7	won 6	8-2
Boston	47	29	.618	-	won 1	7-3
NY Yankees	43	32	.573	3.5	won 5	6-4
Toronto	41	37	.526	7	lost 3	4-6
Baltimore	34	42	.447	13	lost 2	5-5
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Minnesota	39	39	.500	4	lost 1	5-5
Chicago Sox	38	38	.500	4	won 3	7-3
Detroit	42	34	.533	-	lost 1	7-3
Kansas City	33	42	.440	8.5	won 2	4-6
Cleveland	31	47	.397	12	lost 3	2-8
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	42	32	.568	-	won 6	7-3
Texas	40	35	.533	2.5	lost 3	3-7
Oakland	32	43	.427	10.5	won 1	4-6
Seattle	39	36	.520	3.5	won 2	7-2
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Philadelphia	39	34	.534	-	won 2	3-7
Florida	39	39	.500	2.5	won 1	6-4
NY Mets	37	38	.493	3	lost 4	3-7
Atlanta	35	40	.467	5	won 1	4-6
Washington	22	52	.297	17.5	lost 1	4-6
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Arizona	30	46	.395	18.5	lost 5	2-8
LA Dodgers	39	28	.636	-	won 1	5-5
Colorado	40	36	.526	8.5	lost 1	7-3
San Francisco	41	34	.547	7	won 2	7-3
San Diego	33	42	.440	15	lost 1	4-6
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Cubs	36	37	.493	3.5	won 1	4-6
Milwaukee	41	35	.539	-	won 1	4-6
St. Louis	41	37	.526	1	lost 2	4-6
Houston	36	38	.486	3	won 1	6-4
Pittsburgh	35	41	.461	6	lost 2	4-6
Cincinnati	37	37	.500	3	won 2	4-6

Cycling

Lance Ready To Support Contador

After winning the Nevada City Classic in June, Lance Armstrong says he is ready to win an eighth Tour de France.

In an interview with the Associate Press, Armstrong said that although he is capable of winning, he will gladly support his Astana teammate and rival Alberto Contador, if it proves likelier he would win.

Despite his doubts at age 37, Armstrong also said that people should not underestimate him.

The three-week Tour starts Saturday.

Tennis

Williams Sisters Headed For Showdown

The Williams sisters are headed for a Wimbledon showdown.

Defending Wimbledon Champion Venus Williams defeated Agnieszka Radwanska 6-1, 6-2, while older sister, Serena, defeated Victoria Azarenka 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals Tuesday.

Venus will face top-ranked Dinara Safina in the semis. Serena will face Elena Dementieva.

Williams is the dominant female player on grass. She has won Wimbledon five times and is seeking her third straight victory. Serena has won Wimbledon twice.

"Do I feel invincible?" Williams told the Associate press. "I'd like to say yes, but I really do work at it."

At least one Williams sister has been in every final in the last nine years, except

once.

Soccer

U.S. Hangs With Brazil In Cup Final

The U.S. was up by two at the half, against Brazil at the Confederations Cup finals in South Africa on Sunday.

Clint Dempsey, followed by Landon Donovan, scored the goals.

However, Brazil, three time winner of the tournament and one of the world's best teams, rallied in the second half to score three goals and win the match 3-2.

Brazil took 22 shots, compared to the U.S.'s seven, showing a stronger offense.

This is only the second time this decade the U.S. has advanced to the semifinals.

Not to be overshadowed, the U.S. defeated top-ranked Spain 2-0 in the semifinals, to end its 15-game winning streak, and advance to the team's first international finals match.

One year away, there is much anticipation over the U.S. team's likely performance in the World Cup next summer, also in South Africa.

Basketball

Yao Ming Injured, Will Not Play

Yao Ming, All-Star center of the Houston Rockets, might not play next season due to stress fracture in his left foot.

He is under indefinite medical suspension from his team. Yao suffered the fracture in the second-round playoff loss to the Lakers on May 8. A post-season bone scan revealed the fracture has not healed.

The hairline stress fracture is in the tarsal navicular bone of the inner aspect of the midfoot, anterior to the ankle joint. This bone is a landmark in

the foot, forming part of the medial arch.

Although Yao was initially scheduled to sit out 12 weeks, there is currently no timeline for his return to basketball. His contract is scheduled to end after next season, with a player option for the 2010-2011 season. However, his team has expressed no desire to trade Yao, despite frequent injury leave.

After the playoffs, Ming returned to China, where he has been participating in charity events and basketball camps.

Baseball

Mets Lose Subway Series

The Mets' poor defense cost them the Subway Series. In the second inning, New York made three errors leading to a three-run second inning for the Yankees, who finished with a 9-1 win Friday night at Citi Field.

This is the first time the Mets have made three errors in a single inning since 2004 against St. Louis.

Manny Returns To MLB

Manny Ramirez's 50-game suspension from the Los Angeles Dodgers for violating baseball's drug policy ends Friday, July 3.

Ramirez played what is expected to be his last game for the minor league Class-A Inland Empire on Monday night, going 1 for 3 with two strikeouts. The boisterous slugger has been playing for the Inland Empire during his suspension from the majors.

During his five minor league appearances, Ramirez went 3 for 10 with a home run and two runs scored. All games were sell-outs.

The Dodgers originally planned to have him play one more game with the minor league team, but announced its decision on Tuesday to end Ramirez's suspension early.

He is not expected to be in top form after serving his suspension.

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Caught in the Act!



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A Scout is Clean!

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"!

Crew 618-T was caught cleaning out their tents before leaving Base Camp to head home. In the photo are Dan Greg, Matt Greg, Kevin Barbour, Peter Zlotnicki, Connor Bailey, David Myk, Matt Tokarski, and David LeGare. Thanks guys!

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Iran's Disputed Election Recounted

Iran's Guardian Council recounted random ballot boxes Monday, June 29, and they have declared once again that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is the winner. Monday's recount covered 10 percent of ballot boxes used in the election. The Council has dismissed the 646 complaints submitted by Mousavi and two other opponents. Five of the nine Iranian staff members of the British embassy have been released, while the other four are still being questioned for involvement in riots in Tehran following the June 12 election. Iranian officials and state media put the death toll of Tehran's post-election protests between 17 and 20, while witnesses estimate a much higher number.

Honduran President Captured **Government Overthrown**

The Honduran military captured President Manuel Zelaya Sunday, June 28, breaking into his bedroom in the presidential palace and getting him out of bed. Roberto Micheletti, a Honduran congressman of the same party as Zelaya was sworn in as president later Sunday afternoon. Polls were set to open Sunday for a referendum to allow Zelaya to extend his non-renewable four-year presidency. The new government in Honduras promised Monday, June 29 to stay in power. Zelaya has been flown to Costa Rica. The incident has resulted in international outrage, pro-Zelaya protests in Tegucigalpa and the shutting down of several news outlets in Honduras. Internationally, Zelaya is still recognized as the president of Honduras.

Ambassadors Still **Being Held in Iran**

The European Union is threatening to withdraw all their ambassadors from Iran, in an attempt to get Iran to release the British embassy employees currently being held. EU diplomats said accusations of the employees' involvement in protests are entirely false. Of the nine arrested employees, four, allegedly the most senior, are still being held. The embassy employees have also been accused of collecting information for the embassy.

Israel Angers Palestinians with **Land Plan**

Israel has planned to seize land on the West Bank between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea and build a settlement of 50 houses. Objecting Palestinians can file appeals within 45 days. The new settlement will relocate settlers from Migron, an outpost built without approval on private Palestinian land, allowing its removal. Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak left Monday June 29 for Washington to meet with President Obama in an effort to diffuse tension over the new settlement.

Argentine Bonds Soar as Ruling **Couple Lose Favor**

Argentina's sovereign bonds rose several points Monday, June 29, giving hope to a friendlier business environment. Poor results in Sunday's election for President Cristina Fernandez and her husband, former President Nestor Kirchner, mean they will lose majorities in both houses when a new legislature takes office in December. Kirchner resigned as leader of the ruling political party Monday, after losing a race for a congressional seat in Buenos Aires province. Argentina is now likely to slow spending and focus on paying off debts after being largely shut out of global credit markets when it defaulted on \$100 billion of debt in 2002.

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Ponzi mastermind given 150 year sentence

Bernard Madoff, mastermind of one of the largest Ponzi schemes in history, was convicted and sentenced to 150 years in prison. Madoff fronted his illegal activities as an investment firm, where fresh money from new investors was used to make payments to more mature investors, fabricating an image of legitimate returns. Madoff pleaded guilty to 11 criminal counts, including fraud, money laundering, perjury, and false filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, among others. After receiving his sentence, Madoff offered an apology, and said that he was not asking for forgiveness nor giving any excuses for his crimes. Losses from Madoff's schemes totals to over \$13 billion.

Ed McMahon dies

Ed McMahon, sidekick to former "The Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson, died shortly after midnight June 23, at age 86. McMahon was hospitalized in February with pneumonia and other health problems. McMahon had hosted a variety of shows, but his real claim to fame was as the pitchman and sidekick to Johnny Carson, from which McMahon's phrase "Heeeeeerree's Johnny!" became iconic.

Farrah Fawcett dies

Sex symbol and actress Farrah Fawcett, perhaps best known for her best selling pinup poster and role as Jill Munroe on the television show "Charlie's Angels" died

Thursday, June 25 at age 62. Fawcett had checked into a hospital in early April due to her ongoing battle with anal cancer. Fawcett's son, Redmond O'Neal—who was convicted of a drug felony in September—will be released long enough to attend the funeral.

Michael Jackson dies

Pop star Michael Jackson, creator of such pop music albums as "Thriller," "Bad," and "Dangerous," died Thursday, June 25. He was 50. Jackson collapsed in his residence in Los Angeles, California after suffering cardiac arrest, and was discovered by his personal physician who attempted to resuscitate the pop star while awaiting paramedics. He died later at the UCLA Medical Center. Jackson's three children were placed in the temporary guardianship of their grandmother, Katherine Jackson. No funeral plans have been announced, but the funeral is expected to be open to the public.

Billy Mays dies

Infomercial pitchman Billy Mays, age 50, was announced dead in his Tampa home on Sunday, June 28. Mays' autopsy the following Monday revealed that the cause of death was a hypertensive heart disease. Mays was famous for his booming voice pitching such products as OxiClean and Orange Glo in TV commercials. Mays also co-hosted the Discovery Channel television show "Pitchmen."

Fred Travalena, dies

Comedian and impersonator Fred Travalena, age 66, died Sunday, June 28, after struggling with cancer for seven years. He died in his home in Encino, California. Travalena was diagnosed in 2002 with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and with prostate cancer in 2003. Since then he had been in and out of chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation therapy. Travalena, was known as "The Man of a Thousand Voices" during his 40-year career, and allegedly had more than 360 celebrity voices in his repertoire, including such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Bob Hope.



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From Building Philmont trails to leading Combat Engineer missions in Iraq
On my Honor as an Eagle Scout – my duty to God and Country

By First Lieutenant (1LT) Stephen Austria

The trail of my life has taken me many places, and I have been blessed to have been mentored by and to have worked with some of the most wonderful and professional people.

One of the most distinct memories of my childhood was the night I received my Bobcat Award in Cub Scouting. Right from the ceremony we took my father to his Army base and he deployed to Operation Desert Storm, leaving us behind in Germany with the rest of the deployed soldiers' families.

My father retired after 20 years in the Army and we moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where I continued on the Scouting trail to Eagle in the Cornhusker Council. I earned my Eagle when I was 14 and determined that was only the beginning of many more chapters of Scouting. My heart was set on Philmont Scout Ranch.

During my high school summers, I was on the Junior Leader

Training Staff and taught Scouts techniques to help them improve their leadership in their troops and in their lives. I was on the Camp Cornhusker staff as the aquatics instructor. I also became very active in the Golden Sun Lodge of the Order of the Arrow and took advantage of many National OA programs. I attended many National Order of the Arrow Conferences and served on the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch.

My father first became my Scoutmaster, then subsequently our Venture Crew Advisor. We created Troop 99, then as we grew older, Venture Crew 99. Our Venture Crew's main focus was high adventure and the outdoors. We were coed and diverse. We all

participated in marching and concert bands, played sports, attended church, and some even took each other to our high school proms. Later on, others joined me as members of the Philmont Scout Ranch Staff.

Being selected to be an Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC) Foreman on the Philmont conservation staff for 2004 and 2005 has not only been one of the highlights in my Scouting career, but also in my life. Philmont is a backpacker's and Boy Scout's dream. It brings out the best in Scouting, and you have to have been there in order to understand and feel the "Philmont Magic" watching a backcountry campfire program, learning the history of the area, watching the sun rise or set over one of its peaks, hiking Tooth Ridge and standing on top of the Tooth of Time.

As the members of Crew 99 got older, they went off to college, and some got married. The majority joined the military; they either enlisted or went to school and received their commission. Our Scouting family lost

a good friend, brother, and fellow Scout when 1LT Garrison Avery was killed in action in February 2006 by an improvised explosive device (IED) in Iraq while leading his infantry platoon on a mission in Baghdad. He graduated from West Point, and he always had his mind set on being a leader in the Army, a goal he achieved with distinction. We had always thought he was invincible and would come back unharmed. It was a kick in the gut that brought the

war home to us. I have a picture of Garrison fishing out of the back of a canoe in the Boundary Waters above Basswood Falls with the peaceful lake mirroring the clouds in the sky, and I know that's what he is doing today.

I graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, and following in my father's footsteps, I received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Like my father giving me the Eagle Scout Charge and my parents pinning on my Eagle Scout rank, my father gave me the oath of office, and they pinned on my gold second lieutenant bars. I completed my engineer officer training, reported to my unit at



Fort Lewis, Washington and was given a sapper platoon right away. When I arrived there, we had only four more months to prepare before we were deployed to Iraq.

Many of the combat engineers in my platoon were fresh out of high school, though some had been in the Army for several years already. They were no different from the Scouts on my OATC Crews out at Philmont. Except this time, we would be going to war together and living with each other in Iraq for the next 15 months.

My platoon's mission was to clear routes of IEDs. This prevents the enemy from effectively using IEDs, which is one of the primary killers of U.S. Soldiers. I wanted to do everything I could to prevent any more American flag-draped coffins from coming home, and to avoid burying another friend and fellow soldier.

The platoon became very close, living together in the same tent and going out on missions together. On these missions we would go 15 miles per hour for thousands of miles, looking for anything that might blow up. We became a family, knew one another's weaknesses and strengths and always helped out one another. Each soldier played a big role in the platoon's success and had huge responsibilities.

One day I was standing on the summit of Baldy, showing guys how to build a trail, and the next I was leading my platoon on over two hundred missions along the most dangerous roads of Iraq. I am very proud of the soldiers in my platoon; they are all very brave and I trusted my life. We were blown up and shot at in our armored vehicles, but I am very lucky to say no one in my platoon ever got a scratch.

The experiences in my life have always been centered around Scouting and the military, which correlate in many ways and have developed me into

who I am today. I have worked with and have been mentored by the best people I could ask for, and they are the ones who helped me travel beyond my trail to Eagle and to continue to serve my country with honor.

About the Author

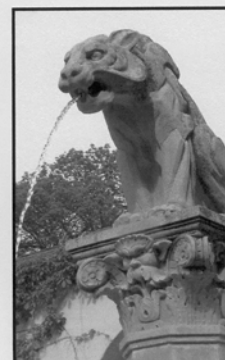
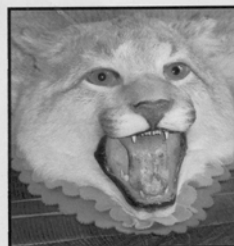


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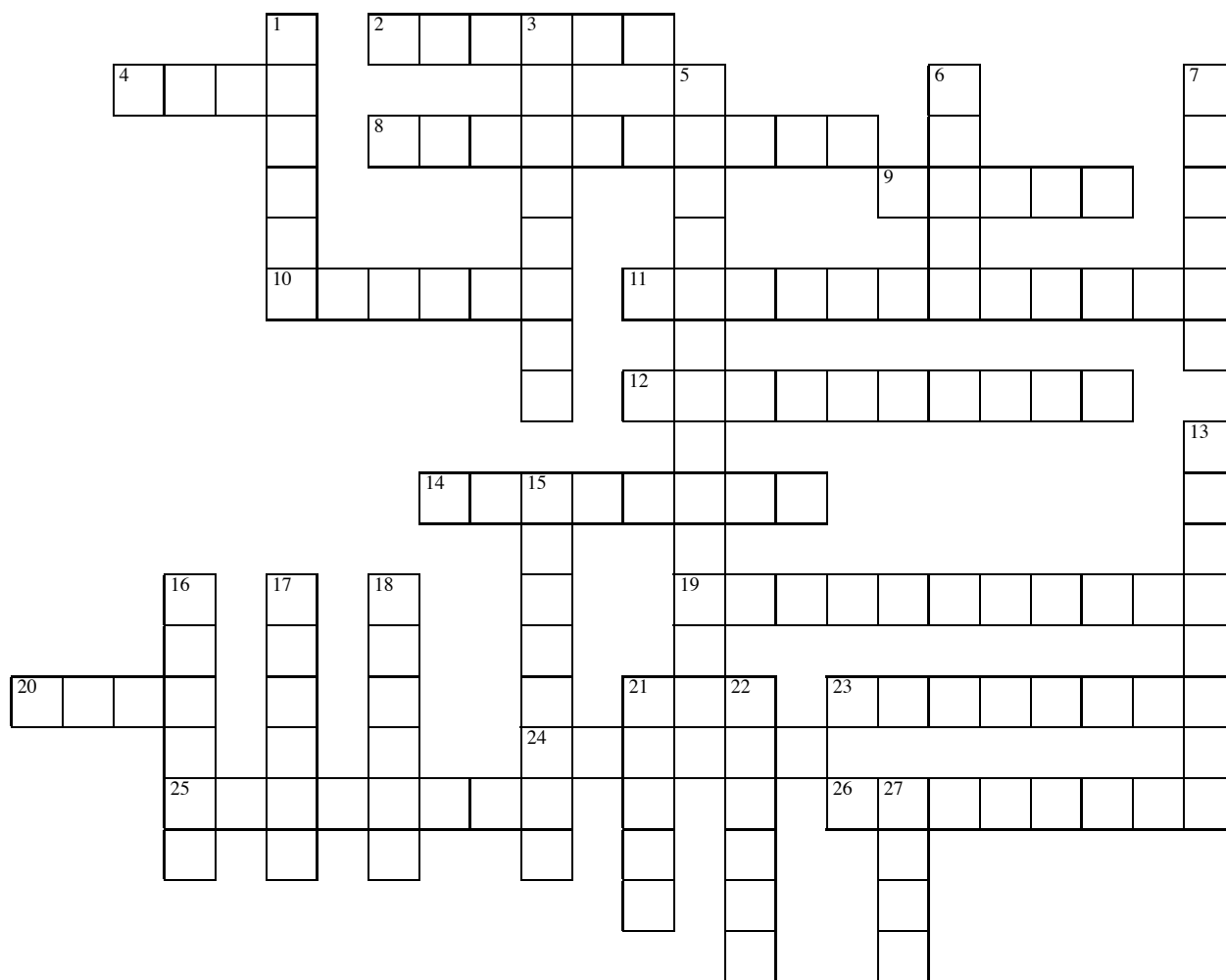
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On the hour and half hour:

8:00—11:00 am

12:30—4:30 pm

The 7:45 am, 11:00 am and 4:30 pm are abbreviated to accommodate meal times.)

Mountains, Peaks and Mesas*



ACROSS

- 2 Beware of the magpies on this mesa
- 4 Remember not to feed this mountain
- 8 Zig-zag back to base
- 9 The mountain that separates the men from the boys (and girls)
- 10 This peak is "ruff"
- 11 The tooth that didn't floss
- 12 This mountain is beyond your reach
- 14 Last stop before thunder ridge
- 19 It's been chewing on me
- 20 Flames once consumed this peak
- 23 The water here tastes like venison

DOWN

- 1 Some say an asteroid carved this peak
- 3 Don't let this mesa run away
- 5 You'll need climbing ropes and a machete to summit this peak
- 6 The air is thin atop this mountain
- 7 Take a swig from the spring before climbing this peak
- 13 Fill up on water before hiking this peak to ridge to base
- 15 Mesa overlooking hwy 64
- 16 A "beautiful" peak
- 17 This mountain is not as spicy as your chewing gum

*Reprint of last week, see correction on next page!

Crossword Correction!

Last week the cross word was missing the clues below. We are very sorry! We have reprinted the crossword with all of the clues! The answers are on page 31.

Across

- 24 On the southwest border, you've probably never climbed this peak
 25 Take a seat on this ridge
 26 A clear creek resides beyond this mountain

Down

- 18 There are no chickens on this mesa
 21 Next time fly over this peak
 22 Everyone's favorite volleyball
 27 Earth! wind! fire! water! ____!

Philmont Staff Photo Contest

2009 Entry Form

Name _____

Department _____

Photo Title _____

Rules and polices for contest

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 are permitted, except in the "Digital creations" category.
3. Photos, memory cards, CD ect. can be I-camped to Activities or sent to philmontpc@yahoo.com. They can also be dropped off to the Activities office.
4. All photos will be printed in 8 X 10 size. Printed photos will be scanned and reprinted.
5. All photos submitted become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.
6. All photos must have your name, title of photo, and category on picture. Any photos missing one of these will not be accepted.

Category (circle one):

Landscape

Sunrise & Sunset

Storms & Rainbows

Flowers & Plants

Wildlife

Humor (no vulgarity)

Digital Creations

Staff Activity

Camper Activity

Black & White

Porch View

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All staff are invited to participate in the

VILLA



**Three categories to place entries,
with a limit of two entries per
person!**

Photography, Drawing, Painting

**Subject: THE VILLA—Interior or
Exterior—your choice.**

**Black & white or color but no computer
enhancements.**

**Submissions must include: your name,
department, title of piece and a short
explanation of materials used and par-
ticular subject chosen.**



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 6:00 p.m. Sat., July 25.

**Top prizes will be awarded
at the show!** All Philmont
staff welcome! Refreshments
provided!!
Sat., August 1, 2009!!!

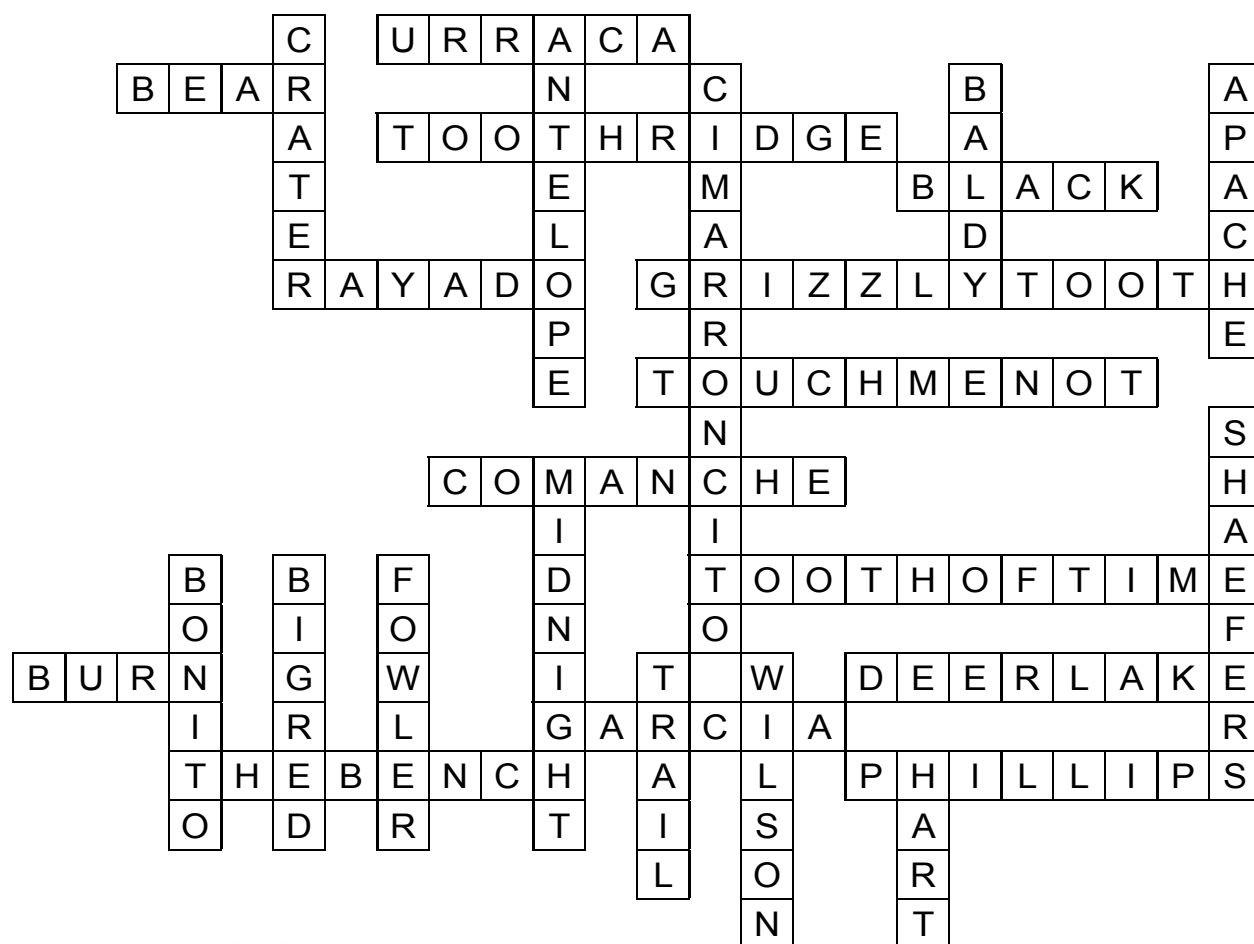
**Digital submissions mailed to:
villaartchallenge@gmail.com
Or, send/bring to the Villa**



For time inside the Villa: Come to the WP Gallery
during the day and speak to a tour guide.
Evenings: July 1, July 8, July 13, July 16, July 20 and
July 23rd.
6:00—8:00 p.m.

Solutions to last week's games!

Mountains, Peaks and Mesas



Calendar

Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
3 RODEO DANCE IN TOWN AND BOARD GAME NIGHT	4 <u>MOVIE NIGHT</u> 8PM SSSAC <u>TV ROOM</u> PTC: OPENING PROGRAM 7:30PM 9AM PARADE, CIMARRON	5 <u>CAMPSTOVE</u> <u>TOP CHEF</u> 8PM BALDY <u>PAVILION</u> CT: FLORA AND FAUNA	6 <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> 8PM <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> <u>COURTS</u> CT: CREW LEADER DEVELOPMENT	7 <u>IMPROV NIGHT</u> 8PM BALDY <u>PAVILION</u> PTC: CRACKER BARREL AT TENT CITY OFFICES 7:30PM	8 <u>ICE CREAM</u> 8PM SSSAC <u>KITCHEN</u> CT: CREW LEADER DEVELOPMENT PTC: BUFFALO BARBECUE 5:30PM & WESTERN NIGHT 6:30 PM <u>WISE GUYS 7 PM</u>	9 <u>Tie-Dye</u> 8pm Fitness <u>Pavilion</u> PTC: CLOSING PROGRAM 7:30PM <u>WISE GUYS 7</u> <u>PM</u>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
10 <u>Brat Day</u> 11am- 1pm Baldy <u>Pavillion</u>	11 FREE SKILL CRAFT NIGHT 8PM SSSAC	12 I WANT TO BE A ROCK STAR 8PM BALDY PAVILLION PTC: OPENING PROGRAM 8:15PM 10:30-12:30 PTC BRUNCH	13 MOVIE NIGHT 8:15PM SSSAC TV ROOM OR BALDY PAVILLION	14 PIE EATING CONTEST 8PM BALDY PAVILLION PTC: BUFFALO BARBECUE 5:30PM & WESTERN NIGHT 6:30 PM	15 FOUR SQUARE AND HOP SCOTCH 8PM BALDY PAVILLION	16 SALSA NIGHT 8PM BALDY PAVILLION

* Continuing training, held at the Ranger Office

Have a thought, idea, complaint, comic or other submission?

The PhilNews welcomes submissions and letters to the editor. Feel free to I-camp your submission to the PhilNews or drop it by the NPS office. Please remember that all submissions must include your name! For a submission to be considered for the next issue, please have it to us by Monday at 5 p.m. All Submissions become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.