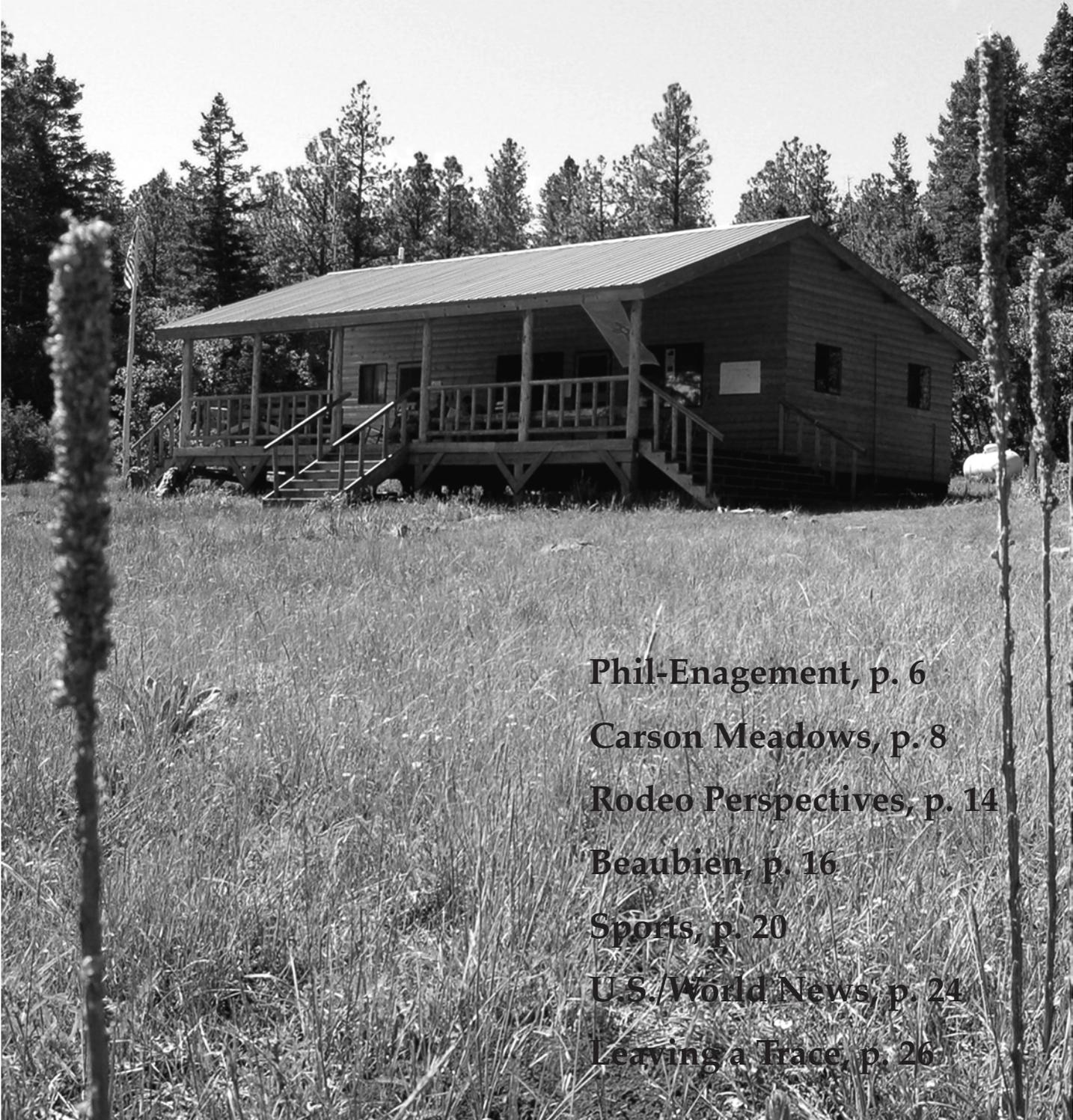


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Ten Years ago

A few days ago I was sorting through a package from home with the usual letter from my parents, bills and other mail that had been sent to my parent's house. When I came across a letter addressed to myself in my own handwriting. I thought "What is this?!" I didn't remember mailing myself anything. So I ripped open the letter to find more of my own handwriting. I was beginning to think I had lost my mind at some point during the summer and mailed myself a letter. Then, however, I saw a second page with Personal Profile written at the top and the first question being Age:15.

During first year at Senior High Church Camp, my councilors had us write a letter to ourselves, that now ten years later they mailed it to us. Wow! My life, dreams, and loves at age 15 all written down in my own messy script. So much has changed and yet so much has stayed the same. I still love shrimp and look up to my brother. My handwriting is still a mess, and my hair is still long. My dreams have developed and my crushes have changed. Yet, with all that has changed and all that has stayed the same, I still don't know exactly where I am going in life, and only now can I see that that is the beautiful part.

*Yours in Scouting,
Tawny
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Mark's Minute

Aggressively Friendly – Walking the Talk!

As we go about our work here at Philmont Scout Ranch, I want to encourage you to become *aggressively friendly*.

To become *aggressively friendly* we should stop whatever we are doing, if we can, and offer help whenever we see a participant in need. If someone appears to be looking for a particular building or is puzzling over a map, offer help. If someone's trying to take a group photo, offer to take the picture so everyone can be in the shot. If someone appears confused about some procedure or process, offer to help and answer questions.

This could be referred to as "Everyone walks the talk." We each share an image of the "Philmont Experience", that special feeling we each have for this special place that brings meaning to our time here. Each one of us wants the best "Philmont Experience" for each participant. We can't just talk about it that would be 'talking the talk'. We should go a step further and 'walk the talk.' This means that we proactively help each participant as opportunities arise.

'Walking the talk' is a task that each one of us must achieve. Participants have many contact points through out their stay at the Ranch. Can we help them fully appreciate the "Philmont Experience" through those contacts?

People – participants, guests and fellow staff members – seem friendlier, more neighborly when we adopt an attitude of being *aggressively friendly*. Each time this attitude is shared it increases the value of the "Philmont Experience.

Join me in being *aggressively friendly!*

Mark Anderson
Director of Program



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A R_anD_om Interview With R_anD_om Scouts



Photo by Justin Lyon

(L-R) Kelton Lastein, Joe Bayless, Andrew Hoyle, Morgan Bounds

Crew 620-Q1

Joe Bayless, 16, Eagle Scout
Hometown: Etowah, North Carolina
Crew Position: Crew leader

What did you like most about Philmont?

I liked seeing all the sights.

What was your favorite piece of gear?

Probably the bear ropes because it kept the food up and away from all the animals.

What did you miss most about home?

My family.

What was your favorite camp?

Crater Lake, I liked their campfire program.

What was your best moment on the trek?

Probably seeing the different camps and meeting all the different staff.

How much wood can a woodchuck chuck?

A lot.

Andrew Hoyle, 16, Life Scout
Hometown: Asheville, North Carolina

What is your favorite piece of gear?

Backpack.

What do you wish you had brought on the trek?

Gold Bond.

What should you probably have left behind?

My iPod.

What is your favorite band?

Rolling Stones.

What was your favorite camp?

Crooked Creek. At the campfire, they sang a bunch of songs and they were really good at singing and playing guitar and banjos.

What was your best moment on the trek?

The sunrise on the Tooth of Time.

Kelton Lastein, 15, Life Scout
 Hometown: Flatrock, North Carolina

What did you like most about Philmont?
 Different terrain, and mountains much higher than ours.

What is your favorite piece of gear?
 Sleeping pad.

Would you rather be chased by a bear or a mountain lion?

Bear.

What do you wish you had brought with you?
 More water.

What was your best moment on the trek?
 Probably getting up on the Tooth.

How much wood can a woodchuck chuck?
 Enough until its teeth hurt.

Morgan Bounds, 17, Life Scout
 Hometown: Newland, North Carolina

What did you like most about Philmont?
 The area is a lot different from where I grew up.

What was your favorite piece of gear?
 Camelback.

What do you wish you had brought with you?
 Probably some Vaseline.

What did you miss most about home?
 Plumbing.

Do you think you could beat Chuck Norris in a fight?
 Probably if I was a long way off with a sniper rifle.

Which of the other high adventure camps would you want to go to?
 I'd like to go to Seabase just because it'd probably be cool. I've never been SCUBA diving.

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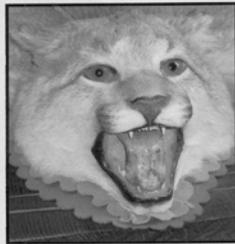
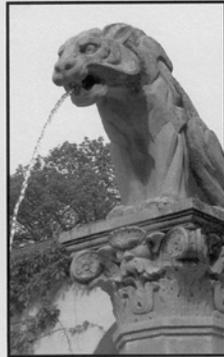


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A Philmont Engagement

Submission by Sarah Porch

Since Daniel, my brother, went on his first Philmont trek in 2003, he has spoken of Philmont as his favorite place on earth and how he could not wait to go back, so he got a summer job and each year he tried to talk me into coming with him. This summer he succeeded. Of course, he had a little help from his girlfriend, Amanda Vogt. Amanda has also visited Philmont on multiple occasions, both on treks and at the training center. She too claims that it is her favorite spot on earth and she could not wait for another chance to return. With the joint efforts of her and Daniel, I was nearly convinced.

There was one final deciding item, the straw that broke the camel's back and caused me to fill out an application. Enclosed within a small, velvet box lay an engagement ring. And I would do almost anything to be there when my brother popped the question - even live in a tent for the summer. But enough about what brought me here, I am sure you would rather hear about the engagement.

My brother had it all planned out. He would join Amanda's trek for a few days and ask her the question on top of Phillips. The view is beautiful (as I am sure all of you know) and the climb would wear her out so much she wouldn't be able to refuse.

Then Daniel's devious mind began to turn, and a new plan began to form. Instead of proposing on Phillips, he decided to ask her at Black Mountain camp. His reasons for this change were twofold: first, her crew arrived at Black Mountain on the 13th of June and both Amanda and Daniel's favorite number is 13 and second, Black Mountain Camp is a Civil War camp (as you probably know) and Amanda's favorite historical time period is the Civil War.

Plans having been made (and approved by me, of course) we set out to meet Amanda's crew at Black Mountain.

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The Black Mountain staff, CD Warren Davis, and PCs Zak Butler, Ryan Fish, and Benjamin Harris

were excited to have a proposal happening in their camp and offered to help in any way. After some discussion, a plan was decided on and all that was left to do was wait. And so we waited... and waited. Meanwhile the clouds began to darken and rain threatened to destroy all of Daniel's carefully made plans. Daniel's anxiety was visibly evident on his face as his glance constantly moved from the ominous clouds to the trail we expected Amanda's crew to follow. Finally, after

what must have seemed an eternity to him, Daniel heard a shout. We didn't believe him at first, but sure enough, a few minutes later we all heard them coming. Daniel hurried into the cabin with two of the staff and they prepared themselves for Amanda's arrival.

When the crew came in they were asked to sit in front of the flag pole for their porch talk (the location that Daniel had decided would be perfect for the proposal). Once they were all seated, the cabin door opened and out walked my brother in a Union uniform and wearing a giant grin. Behind him marched two staff with rifles on their shoulders. Amanda was sitting on the ground looking at Daniel with a look that said something like "You are so silly, what on earth do you think you are doing?" as he continued to come closer.

I was situated nearby with the camera ready to snap some pictures. He asked Amanda to stand (she wasn't too sure about getting back up after all the hiking she had already done but when she saw Daniel's face start to melt, she stood) and then he said something very close to "Amanda, after the year plus we have been together, I have seen your dedication, your love for children, and most importantly your love for God,

and I would like to spend the rest of my life with you..."

After a collective "aww" from all of the girls in her crew (including her sister and cousin), Daniel dropped down onto one knee and said "Will you marry me?" Amanda stood there for an agonizing moment of silence (she had to gather her thoughts and find a better answer than just "duh"). Finally she answered, "I met you 2 days after I was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Your family thinks I said yes to dating you because something was wrong with my brain. But it was because of your love for Family, Scouting, and God that I truly love you... so yes I will marry you." Daniel then took out the ring and as he placed it on her finger the two forgotten staff members took their rifles and gave the couple a black powder salute. Amanda then threw her arms around Daniel and gave him one of the cutest hugs I had seen (they kissed later, I am told, without the audience).

Now Amanda, Daniel, and the Black Mountain crew have another Philmont story to add to their collection and I have a wedding to plan. I hope you enjoyed my little story and my brother would like to thank the Black Mountain staff for all of their help in making the proposal special. If you happen to be looking for a great spot to propose to your true love then you might think of stopping off at Black Mountain,



Photo by Bob Vogt



Photo by Bob Vogt

Please Frolic on the Grass

By Justin Lyon
PhilNews Writer

A cabin overlooks a scenic and beautiful view of the Tooth of Time. Tall grass waves in the wind in an expansive meadow. Each time anyone passes through that meadow, they frolic or face the screech of a megaphone and the booming voice of a staffer reminding them that they **must** frolic! And so you have Scouts frolicking blissfully through a meadow, without a care for time or dignity, all stationed serenely before an absolutely breathtaking view of the Tooth of Time.

The porch of the cabin faces the scene of the Tooth, and on the porch are several staffers eagerly awaiting their next passing crew, while one staffer, Nate, enthusiastically swats flies left and right. Crew advisors sit on comfortable swings and wooden chairs, chatting amiably and laughing boisterously at their frolicking Scouts.

And so sets the scene on the southern-most camp in Philmont, Carson Meadows. Perched between Abreu and Fish Camp, Carson Meadows is accustomed to entertaining passing crews, but those staying are treated to a fantastic search and rescue program, as well as a contest to find the best of the best meadow frolickers, appropriately titled Frolic Fest.

The main focus of Carson Meadow's programs is on search and rescue and wilderness first aid. Crews learn of the importance of even a basic knowledge of search and rescue, as well as the proper procedures of conducting a search for a missing or injured person in the wilderness. In order to learn how to assess and properly

preserve clues to the location of a missing person, crews follow an "items course" where the crew searches a predetermined area for fallen items such as tent stakes or torn clothing.

Taking such a course helps dispel poor searching habits and teaches more practical ones. "A lot of kids, if you asked them 'how are we going to find them?' are just going to say 'let's line up fingertip to fingertip and walk through the woods,' which is highly inefficient," said Camp Director Scott Shipley.

For those crews that are experienced in first aid and search and rescue prior to arriving at Carson Meadows, the staff can prepare a moulage, or set of false injuries, in a simulated search and rescue scenario. While a crew is distracted, the staff will pull one of the advisors aside, fit him or her with a pair of false pants with a bone sticking out to imitate a broken leg, slather the "wound" with fake blood made of hair gel and red and blue food coloring, and lead the advisor to a specified area to be "lost."

The crew searches for—and subsequently performs first aid on—the advisor, and brings him or her back to safety. The crew then retires until later that evening, when they are be presented with the opportunity to prove their frolicking prowess at Frolic Fest.

"If you're wondering what frolicking is, frolicking is the manifestation of the spirit interpreted



Photo by Chris Ferguson



Photo by Chris Ferguson

through the body” said Program Counselor Chris Reed.

And indeed, Frolic Fest participants spin, flip, skip, and jump their way through the meadows to outperform their peers in two or three rounds of frolicking. “It’s an organized game,” said Chris, “It’s just something for them to have fun with, so they can go and goof off and be themselves.”

“It has high entertainment value for the advisors,” said Chris, “they just sit up on the porch to watch their kids and take pictures.”

The first round of Frolic Fest is a freestyle frolic, where participants may frolic however they please. “A lot of times you find some really tired kids, so you get a really tired frolic, or you get some really excited kids, so you get a really excited frolic, or unique kids doing unique things” said Scott.

The second round has participants frolic to a specific theme. These themes can range anywhere from “frolic like a reindeer” to “frolic like a blade of grass.”

If there is no clear winner after these two rounds, a third tiebreaker round is held, where the best frolicker from each group comes forth and chooses the theme for another frolicker.

The energy was high for crew 624-J3 when they participated in Frolic Fest. Following a riveting performance from their crew leader, who performed an amazing rendition of Heath Ledger’s performance as the Joker, crew 624-J3 blew away the staff members with such amazing frolics as “frolic like you’re dancing the Stanky Leg,” “frolic like a slug in a salt shaker,” and “frolic like you have no idea what’s coming next.” As a prize for their fantastic frolics, crew 624-J3 was treated to a stash of chocolate and vanilla cookies.

However, not all crews participate in Frolic Fest. For those crews, Carson Meadows is establishing a new evening program to supplement the camp’s theme of search and rescue. The new program is an item search

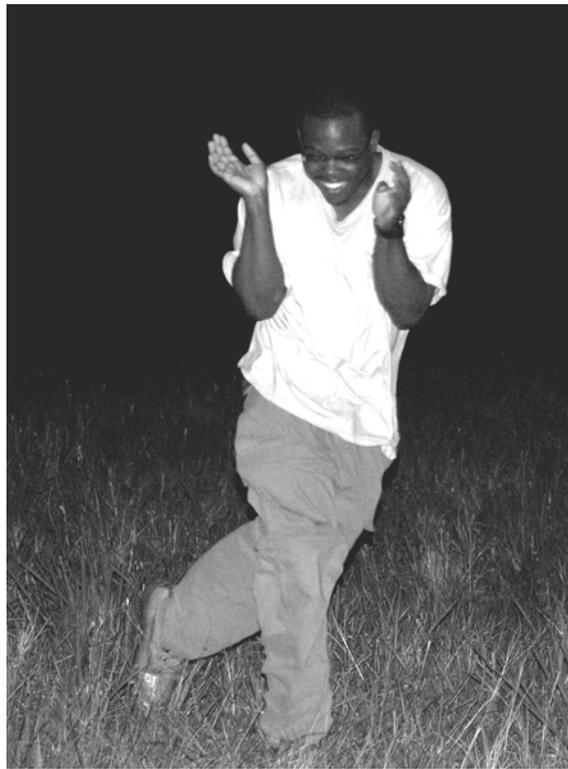


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game where 100 playing cards will be spread over a 50x100 square foot area, and crews are tasked with tracking them all down. Two jokers will be placed in the set of cards, and prizes are given for locating either of them.

But whether it is during search and rescue, or frantic frolicking, crews can find themselves captivated by the amazing view of the Tooth of Time rising up in the distance. When all is said and done, crews can relax from the frolicking, and enjoy a clever conversation with the quirky staff on a cozy porch looking upon the Tooth that is so iconic of Philmont Scout Ranch.

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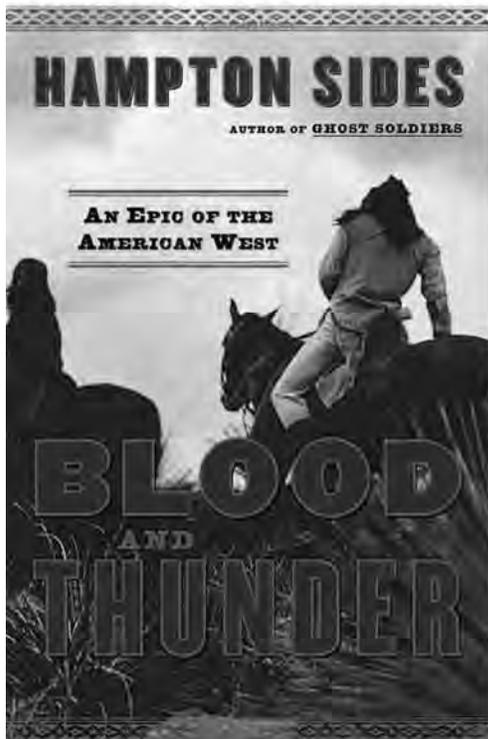
Fire Restrictions

- No Smoking along trails.
- Smoking is restricted to designated areas:
 - CHQ: Advisors Lounge, north side dining fly
 - CHQ: Table/ dining fly near Staff Fitness Center or Silver Sage Staff Activities Center
 - Philmont Training Center: Curtis Multiplex Pavilion
- Fireworks are prohibited
- Small crew campfires are permitted in designated fire rings (on Philmont property only).
- Program fires and campfires (base and backcountry) are permitted.
- Blacksmith forges and black powder shooting at designated ranges are permitted.

Crew Campfire Procedures

- Campfires must be built in established fire rings on Philmont property only.
- Clean all burnable material from at least 10 feet around the ring.
- Never burn garbage. Pack it out.
- Keep campfires small. Only use sticks that are dead, lying on the ground and breakable by hand. Sticks should be no thicker than a forearm or longer than the length between an elbow and middle finger.
- Keep a pot of water nearby for suppression as long as the fire is burning.
- Never leave a campfire unattended for any reason.
- Burn all wood and coal to ash. At least 30 minutes before you plan to put the fire out, stop adding wood and push the unburned sticks into the fire to allow them to burn to ash.
- Be certain that the fire is “cold out” before going to bed or leaving the campsite. Pour water on the coals and stir the ash with a stick, making a slush mixture. (You should be comfortable to place your hand in the fire ring and touch the fire waste.)
- Before leaving the campsite, scrape all unburned charcoal and ash in a pile, crunching the unburned charcoal and breaking it into small pieces. Put all materials into a meal bag and carry it with you along the trail for 30 minutes or about one half mile. Scatter the ashes 100 feet from the trail.
- Shove an unburned stick one inch into the ground in the center of the fire ring to show others it has been cleaned properly.

The Seton Memorial Library Proudly Presents: Hampton Sides and Mary Sturver.



Friday, July 17th at 6:30 PM

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Mr. Sides will be presenting and signing copies of Blood and Thunder at the Seton Memorial Library at the Philmont Museum



Friday, July 24th at 1:00 PM

MARY STUEVER

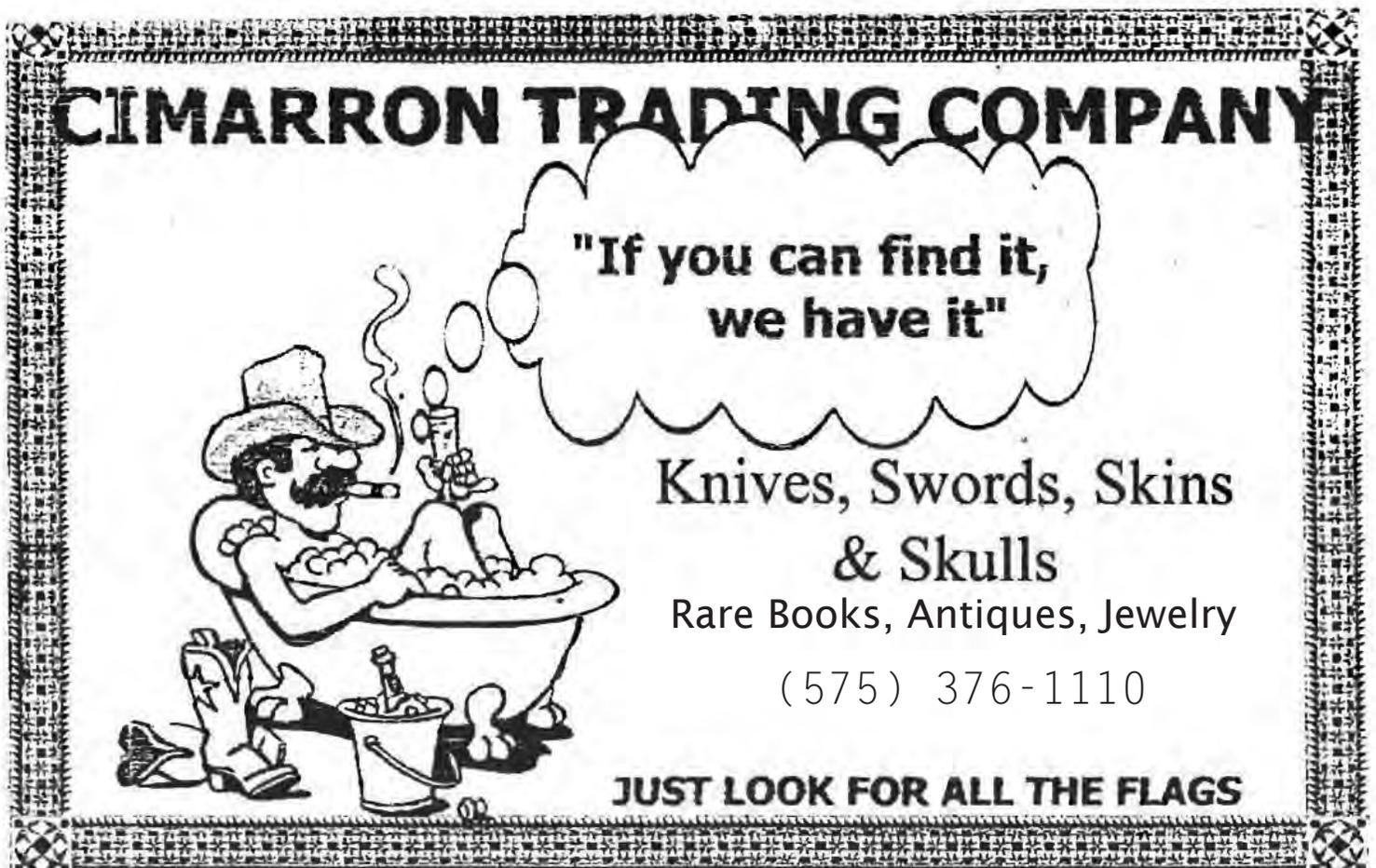
Mary Stuever is the state timber management officer with New Mexico's State Forestry Division. Her syndicated column "The Forester's Log" appears in newspapers in communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. She has published essays in such works as *A Mile in Her Boots* and served as one of the editors for *Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains* and co-author of the ***Philmont Field Guide***.

Ms. Stuever will be presenting and signing copies of *The Forester's Log* at the Seton Memorial Library at the Philmont Museum.

Healthy Habits Reminder

As a reminder to keep healthy and avoid getting sick from diseases like the H1N1 virus, the flu or even the common cold, make sure you remember the following healthy precautions:

- If you have a cough or sneeze, remember to cover your mouth to avoid spreading possible infections.
- Wash your hands frequently, especially after using the restroom, or when around food.
- Limit your contact with others if you are ill. Report your illness to the Health Lodge, and rest until you recover.
- Stay hydrated by drinking lots of liquids. If you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated, and need to drink fluids immediately.



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A Guiding Light

By: Chris Axline
Chaplain

Here at Philmont, we are presented with many unique and wonderful opportunities to challenge ourselves. It is easy to get lost in the beauty and wonder of God's creation here at Philmont.

Philmont, for me at least, represents the perfection I seek. We all have a natural desire to strive for perfection. Often, however, we find that we fall way too short for our own liking. As frustrating as this is, we can all use the concept of perfection as a guiding light for our own self improvement.

As I once heard this explained to me, we can use the idea of something to guide us without ever expecting to get there. Let me use an analogy to clarify. Imagine yourself lost in the woods (I know, I know, none of you would ever get lost) and using the North Star to orient yourself so that you can find your way home. We can use the concept that the North Star represents without ever expecting to actually get to the North Star. This, I think, is the key to recognizing that although we will never be perfect we can still strive to be better than we are.

As I gaze in awe at the true beauty that is Philmont, I realize that I do not need to be perfect in order to enjoy the perfection that is all around me, that is all around us. It is because of our imperfections that we endure the constant struggle for self improvement. Also, I realize that I am not perfect, nor do I have to be, because our God, the God who creates us and who created Philmont, is.

In a sense, we are perfect right now because we are created in the image and likeness of God and it is our weaknesses and our strengths that make us so. Thus, as we go about our routine here let us use our shared Philmont experience and the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law to spread the pursuit of perfection as each of us takes a piece of Philmont to the world.

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If You Send Three Writers

I asked the three PhilNews writers to attend the Rodeo and write in 200 words their experience. Careful what you ask for.



Photo by Kevin Faragher



Photo by Martin Stamat

Antics at the Rodeo

By Jordon Shinn
PhilNews Writer

In front of the grandstands, a little boy in black chaps attempts a cartwheel in the dirt track circling the arena, his rawhide cowboy hat toppling off his head as he hits the dirt. Frizzled red hair poofs, contrasting his fair, freckled face, and brightening his toothless smile. Meanwhile, grappling for attention in the arena, a cowboy in a neon pink shirt ropes a calf, his daughter chasing a red ribbon fluttering on a thrashing tail.

I get up to visit the restroom, located along the backside of the concessions, guarded by grills and mud-puddles—a shady place to be. Two bright-eyed girls confront me, holding paper cones of dull-colored melted ice. “Snow-cone. One dollar!” the elder girl shouts, thrusting a cone at my face. I decline, stunned. “Geeze! How do you buy your lunch?” she says.

Back in the grandstands, all eyes are on the boy, attempting to stand on his head to the crowd’s applause. His older sister, red cheeked, stomps onto the track pumping her small fists, her face a frump up of disguised affection. She pulls her ornery brother unwillingly back to his seat, out of the spotlight.

At the rodeo, the best events are unexpected.

First Time to the Rodeo

By: Justin Lyon
PhilNews Writer

Before last weekend I hadn’t ever been to a proper rodeo. All that I knew of what happened at a rodeo was what I had seen on television. I knew that there would be cowboys riding on bulls and horses, trying not to fall off as they bucked and thrashed about, while a rodeo clown jumped in occasionally to do whatever rodeo clowns were supposed to do. Now that I have finally gone to a genuine rodeo, I believe that I have a somewhat better clue as to what happens during one.

There were more events than I had first anticipated, including Barrel Racing, Calf Roping, and the ever-humorous Wild Cow Milking contest. Actually, my favorite event was easily the Wild Cow Milking. Watching the contestants’ skirmish, most specifically those contestants who were also Philmont staff, was an exercise in hilarity. I couldn’t help chuckling at three grown men attempting to topple and “milk” an irate cow. Watching the difficulties these men had made me wonder about the practicality of “cow-tipping.” After all, the beasts just did not want to go down. All in all it was interesting. I shall have to go to another.

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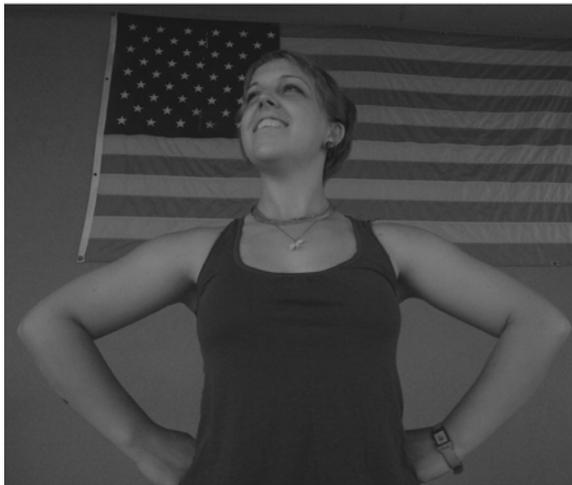


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Calf Scramble: A Dramatic Interpretation

By: Chloe Euston
PhilNews Writer

He steps into the chaotic arena. The sound of laughter mixes with the sound of hooves and small, quick feet. He is surrounded by smaller children, far his junior, in oversized cowboy hats. He knows they are no competition. For a moment he is distracted by girls with painted faces like so many American warrior-goddesses in miniature.

Then something happens. Did they blow a whistle, or did they fire a gun? It was so quick he almost missed it. Everyone is running now. Tunnel vision begins to set in. He sets his sights on a black calf with a red ribbon in its tail. He runs, gaining speed with each dusty step. He lunges, and misses narrowly. It's not over yet, though. The chase continues, now with the fury of retaliation against his missed target. He pushes through, reaches out, and the ribbon is in his hand. The entire ordeal is over just moments after it began.

Like in an alternate reality within the confines of the rodeo arena, time moves at a different pace. Eight seconds are an entire day, and ten minutes lying in the dirt after falling from a bronco are half a lifetime of paralysis. The little boy raises his fist in the air and makes a run for the tower. This moment lasts forever.

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The Many Sides of Beaubien

By: Chloe Euston
PhilNews Writer

In terms of Philmont staff camps, Beaubien is a veritable metropolis. The backcountry camp of Beaubien is a hustling, bustling city, complete with industry, tourism and a complex social structure.

Situated high in the mountains in the picturesque South Country, Beaubien is a sprawling camp, dotted here and there with campsites, cabins, red roof inns, a corral, an amphitheater and an open-air kitchen. Beaubien is populated by horses, cows, mini-bears, participants and Philmont staffers of the wrangler, the program counselor and the conservationist varieties.

In this mixed population, the mini-bears rule. On Saturday, June 27, Program Counselor Arielle Bauer educated a new crop of participants at Beaubien on the nature of this social structure. “Our lives are dictated by the rules of ferocious mini-bears,” Bauer said.

It’s true. The mini-bears are the ruling class at Beaubien. These mini-bears have forced the staff to hide their food and guard their trash, under fear of a complete overtaking. The idea of a swap-box for food on the porch is completely out of the question.

Beneath the ruling class of mini-bears are first the Beaubien staff, then the horses and cows and finally the working-class participants. The structure works as follows: Mini-bear overlords dictate the rules to the staff. Staff members control the horses and the participants. Cows do as they please, having seceded from the rule

of mini-bears and having founded their own lawless, vagabond community within the Beaubien’s confines.

The main industries of Beaubien are cattle branding, lumber and food service, powered by the participant working class. Branding takes place just outside the open-air kitchen where the beef stew is made. Beaubien staff members take crews of participants to this place to brand various items—never

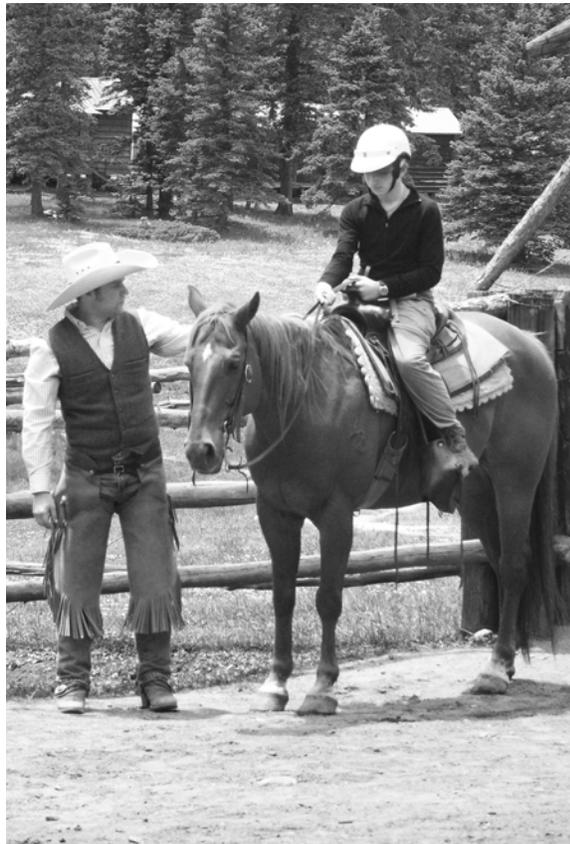


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cattle. Working conditions at the branding factory are surprisingly good. On Saturday, June 27, Program Counselor Ben Osterhout showed Scouts from crew 619-T how to brand their own clothing. Under Osterhout’s careful guidance, these Scouts branded their hats, bandanas and boots with the Philmont cattle brand, supporting the booming Beaubien economy.

Only a few yards away from the branding station, Beaubien’s second leading industry can be found. Conservationist Christy Clemenson showed crew 619-R2 the tools of the trade: mattocks, loppers (affectionately dubbed “Cyndis” or sometimes “Britney Shears”), bow saws and wheel barrows. While demonstrating a whimsical, whistle-while-you-work method of holding a mattock. Before long, the Scouts went off to haul lumber in the woods.

The third industry at Beaubien, food service,

takes place in the same venue as the branding. Each night participants prepare beef stew, biscuits and peach cobbler in the chuck wagon dinner program, taking care to not feed the greedy mini-bear overlords, lest they become crazed with power.

Tourism is another booming business at Beaubien. Many crews stay two nights at Beaubien, so they have time to work and play. After busily branding their personal items, crew 619-T then headed to the corral. The horses at Beaubien are a key tourist attraction. Horse rides for crews are a much-sought-after commodity, and must be booked days in advance. 619-T was scheduled for their ride at 1 P.M. on June 27.

Wrangler Cam Kincaid taught 619-T the rules of riding at Philmont before they were allowed to enter the corral and meet their horses. Another talk about how

to mount and ride and then each Scout was given his own horse for the afternoon. Kincaid explained that each horse is an individual, and some are more sensitive or reactive than others. Some horses respond to more subtle cues, and “Some of ‘em you really gotta kick” Kincaid said.

When they were all mounted, 619-T headed single-file out of the corral for an afternoon of riding. Just as they left, a visitor of another sort approached. A staff member from Black Mountain hiked to Beaubien with two burros in tow, seeking food for his camp, another service that Beaubien is happy to provide.

Other tourist activities at Beaubien are roping the log and evening campfire. Roping the log is a

sporting event that takes place at the same time as advisors’ coffee. Each night, participants split into two teams, one on each side of the log. Each team throws out lassos, ropes the log, then tries to pull it onto their side of the arena in a vicious match of tug-of-war. Competition is fierce, and on the night of June 27, roping the log was followed by an intense game of leap frog, egged on by Beaubien staff.

After a long day of hauling wood, branding boots, riding horses and lassoing a log, participants and staff head out to the campfire to finally relax. That night Osterhaut began the campfire with a rapid succession of improvised songs—parodies of whatever the participants requested. After a few group songs, Osterhaut took the floor again to tell a thrilling story of adventure.



Photo by Rebecca Boost

“I slept on porches, stole cornbread out of windows. It was a glorious lifestyle,” Osterhaut said.

With an evening campfire extending long into the night, Beaubien may be dubbed “the camp that never sleeps.” But life at Beaubien

is no backcountry cake walk. After long hours of work, appeasing the mini-bears and alternately working and entertaining the participants, the staff is again up and running again the following morning at 7 A.M., getting ready for morning programs and another wave of crews.

Autumn Adventure and Kanik Staff Applications Now being accepted

Are you looking for some adventure? Are you avoiding leaving God's Country? Are you afraid you'll never see biscuits and gravy again?

Applications are now being accepted for fall and winter staff positions. Positions available include: Autumn Adventure, PTC Program and Services, Dining Hall, Trading Post, Horse Department and Maintenance. In addition, a small number of staff members are employed to support the winter and early spring operations for Kanik, PTC and Trading Post.

If you would like to be considered for one of these staff openings you need to complete a Philmont Seasonal Employment Application and submit it to the Personnel Department at Camping Headquarters. The deadline for applications is Friday, July 24, 2009, 5 PM. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Offers for fall and winter employment will be extended beginning Friday, July 31, 2009.

The Autumn Season runs September 8 through November 20, 2009. The winter/spring season runs from December 27 through March 31. A few positions will run through April until the start of next year's summer season.

Autumn Adventure is a fall program that allows a crew to plan a customized itinerary and hike the backcountry with a staff guide. Kanik is Philmont's cold-weather camping program, and includes ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, hiking, snowshoeing and the use of winter tools and equipment.

Serving as a member of the Second Season Staff is a great opportunity to be part of the "behind the scenes" action that makes the Philmont magic come alive year round. Applicants should understand they will be expected to perform many different duties if hired for these positions.

A number of staff positions are available from August 22 to September 4. These staff will help close base camp and prepare for the fall programs. The Ranch is happy to extend a summer contract to cover this additional time; it is also a good way to earn a little more gas money for the return trip to home or college.

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Golf

Tiger Hosts, Wins Congressional

Tiger Woods won his own tournament on Sunday. This is the third year of his Congressional, hosted at Bethesda, Md.

Holding up the silver trophy shaped like the Capitol building, Woods—the “greedy host”—jokingly interviewed himself.

Hunter Mahan challenged Woods for the win. Finishing the course before Tiger, he made six birdies on the back nine for 62. His final birdie gave him a share of the lead at 12-under 267.

Woods missed a 10-foot putt on the 14th. But then he shot a 20-foot putt on the 16th green for birdie. He closed the day at 3-under 67, winning the tournament with 13-under 267—a one-shot victory over Mahan.

This is Woods’ 68th PGA Tour victory and his third win this year. He placed fourth in both the Masters and the U.S. Open in Bethpage Black two weeks ago.

Next up is the British Open in Turnberry, in about a week.

AMERICAN LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Tampa Bay	44	39	.530	6	lost 4	6-4
Boston	49	32	.605	-	won 1	5-5
NY Yankees	48	34	.585	1.5	lost 1	8-2
Toronto	43	41	.512	7.5	won 1	3-7
Baltimore	36	46	.439	13.5	lost 2	4-6
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Minnesota	43	40	.518	2	won 2	7-3
Chicago Sox	42	40	.518	2.5	lost 2	7-3
Detroit	44	37	.543	-	lost 2	4-6
Kansas City	35	46	.432	9	won 2	4-6
Cleveland	33	50	.398	12	lost 1	3-7
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	45	35	.563	-	won 2	7-3
Texas	45	35	.563	-	won 5	7-3
Oakland	34	46	.425	11	won 1	3-7
Seattle	42	39	.519	3.5	lost 1	6-4
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Philadelphia	42	37	.532	-	won 3	5-5
Florida	43	40	.518	1	won 2	6-4
NY Mets	39	42	.481	4	lost 3	2-8
Atlanta	39	42	.481	4	lost 2	5-5
Washington	24	55	.304	18	won 2	4-6
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Arizona	33	49	.402	19	won 2	3-7
LA Dodgers	52	30	.634	-	won 1	5-5
Colorado	42	39	.519	9.5	lost 2	5-5
San Francisco	44	37	.543	7.5	lost 1	5-5
San Diego	35	46	.432	16.5	lost 1	4-6
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Cubs	40	39	.506	2.5	won 1	6-4
Milwaukee	43	39	.524	1	lost 1	5-5
St. Louis	45	39	.536	-	won 1	5-5
Houston	39	41	.488	4	won 1	6-4
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Tour de France

Cancellara Wins Prologue

In the Prologue, or opening stage of the Tour, Farbian Cancellara of team Saxo Bank crushed the technical 15 km course through Monaco, mined with hairpin turns.

He finished with the wining time of 19 minutes, 32 seconds—18 seconds ahead of Alberto Contador of team Astana, who took second. Lance Armstrong placed 10th with 20 minutes, 12 seconds—40 seconds back.

The second and third stages were hot, flat stages for the sprinters, competing for the Green Jersey. Cavendish won the second stage sprint, with temperatures reaching 104 degrees F. He won the stage three sprint when his team Columbia-HTC broke away from the peloton late in the stage.

Day four brought the team time trial, back after a four year absence, and remembered famously for the “blue train”—the dominating U.S. Postal Service team during the Armstrong years.

But this year there is no blue train, only a seemingly dominant team Astana, with a sub-prime Armstrong and a slew of other talented Tour-contenders, who may be headed for a leadership showdown.

Contador, the 2007 winner, is the favorite to win this year’s race. But Armstrong showed his alertness, catching the Columbia-HTC breakaway in stage four, while Contador failed to catch the group, falling back into the peloton. Armstrong moved up to 3rd place, while Contador slipped to 4th place.

The Tour is now moving through the mountains. Every stage is aired live on Verses, channel 603.

Wimbledon

Serena Beats Venus

Serena Williams defeated her older sister, Venus, in the Wimbledon finals 7-6 (3), 6-2. This is her third Wimby title and 11th Grand Slam championship.

It was also the fourth all-Williams final and the seventh singles title for the sisters at Wimbledon this decade.

Venus, the favorite to win, came into the match playing some of the best grass court tennis of her career, not dropping a set in 17 straight Wimbledon matches. But she couldn’t hold up to the power of her younger sister, who aggressively controlled the match.

The 29-year-old Venus was trying for her third straight Wimbledon title.

Serena is currently World Tour Ranking No.2 and Venus is No.3.

Wimbledon

Roddick Strong, Federer Stronger

American Andy Roddick challenged Swiss Roger Federer on Sunday, in a historic 4 hour, 16 minute final—the longest Wimbledon championship match in history.

However, Federer proved the stronger, defeating Roddick in the record 30-game set to win 5-7, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 3-6, 16-14. He served a career high of 50 aces.

Federer, 27, is now the Grand Slam record holder, with 15 titles, surpassing Pete Sampras’ 14 titles. This is his sixth Wimbledon title.

He also regained his No.1 world ranking, which arch rival Rafael Nadal stripped away at last year’s Wimbledon finals—widely regarded as the best tennis match ever played.

Nadal, this year’s defending Wimbledon champion, pulled out of the tournament due to knee tendonitis.

Federer also won the French Open in June.

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Caught in the Act!



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A Scout is Reverent

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”!

704-S1 was “Caught in the Act”. The crew’s chaplain led his crew in a short prayer before they embarked on the trail.
Good job!

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

Honduras's ousted president, Manuel Zelaya, was set to return to Honduras Sunday, July 5, but the interim government says it will not allow his return and will prevent any plane carrying Zelaya from landing. The Organization of American States (OAS) suspended Honduras from the group Saturday for failing to reinstate Zelaya. This is the first time the OAS has suspended a nation since it expelled Cuba in 1962. Zelaya's supporters gathered in the capital, Tegucigalpa, ready to greet him at the airport. Military forces removed Zelaya from the presidential palace last week, putting Roberto Micheletti in power.

North Korea Tests Mid-Range Missiles on July 4

North Korea fired seven mid-range missiles Saturday, July 4 into the Sea of Japan. These tests violated last month's U.N. resolution which banned North Korea from testing ballistic missiles capable of carrying nuclear weapons. At the same time Washington is seeking stronger enforcement of U.N. orders. These tests came shortly after a series of short-range missiles tested on Thursday, July 2. Officials say Saturday's tests show an improvement in capability and accuracy.

Pakistan Bombs Waziristan

Pakistani fighter jets bombed Taliban positions in North Waziristan, Pakistan's northwestern region, Sunday, July 5. Intelligence officials say at least six were killed, but did not specify whether they were civilians. Local witnesses say two tribesmen were killed and seven were injured. Pakistan is planning a full-scale offensive against Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Meshud in South Waziristan along the Afghan border.

Future M16 Leader's Information on Facebook Raises Concerns

The Mail, a UK news publication, contacted the Foreign Office Sunday, July 5, when it discovered on Facebook details about the future leader of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, commonly known as M16. Sir John Sawers, the soon-to-be M16 head, is currently UK's ambassador to the U.N. and will take his new position in November. British Foreign Secretary David Milliband insists the information does not compromise any state secrets. Information about Sawers posted on Facebook included details about his adult children and the location of his residence in addition to photos of his family vacation.

New Art Center Inspires Hope, Peace

With smooth, whitewashed concrete walls shining gleefully against a war-ravaged landscape, a new art center is inspiring hope and encouraging peace in Beirut, Lebanon.

Located in Jisr el-Wati, the industrial neighborhood of warehouses and bullet holes, the Beirut Art Center is a renovated factory, occupying 16,000 square feet.

Since its opening Jan. 15, the center has focused primarily on the effects of more than 15 years of war in Lebanon, and has become a major attraction for locals, tourists and art critics alike.

The center is currently hosting a provocative exhibition, "The Road to Peace: Paintings in Times of War, 1975-1991," which features the work of 20 Lebanese artists during the Lebanese civil war. Much of the work has not been seen in public.

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Sarah Palin Resigns

On Friday, June 3, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin announced that she would be stepping down from the governor's position by the end of the month. She will not be seeking a second term in 2010. Palin was elected governor in 2006, and was chosen as John McCain's running mate as the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, and had even been considered one of the forerunners for the GOP nomination in 2012. Palin is frequently quoted as saying that she is determined to do what is best for Alaska. Palin's critics question her decision to step down a year and a half before the end of her term. Some critics whether Palin stepped down in response to some pending unreleased bad news, or as a result of the backlash of her "bizarre behavior" as some critics put it.

Steve McNair Slain

Former NFL quarterback Steve McNair was shot and killed last Saturday in a condominium in Nashville, Tennessee. McNair sustained four gunshot wounds, two in the chest and two in the head. A woman identified as Sahel Kazemi was also found with McNair's body. She had a gunshot wound to the head. A pistol was found near her body. McNair's death was ruled a homicide, although authorities are not actively seeking a suspect.

One Dead in Disney World Monorail Crash

Two monorail trains collided early Sunday morning at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. One train rear-ended a stationary train located on the EPCOT track near the Disney World parking lot shortly after the Fourth of July fireworks show. One of the train operators died at the scene. The other operator was unharmed but was taken to a hospital to be treated for shock. The only passengers on the train, said by eyewitnesses to be a family of six, were treated at the scene. The monorails were shut down while authorities investigated the crash.

Statue of Liberty's Crown Reopens

The crown of the Statue of Liberty was opened to the public for the first time in eight years on July 4. Ever since the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, the observation decks on the crown of the Statue of Liberty were closed to the public due to fire safety issues and fear of terrorist action. In 2004 the observation deck in the pedestal of the statue was reopened with increased security. Now, about 240 visitors will be allowed make the trip to the crown daily. In order to get to the crown, visitors must buy Crown tickets, which are already sold out through August.

1.6 Million Register for Jackson Memorial Tickets

Only 8,750 tickets to Michael Jackson's memorial service were given away last week. 1.6 million fans had registered for a chance to receive the tickets. Registration for the tickets closed 6 p.m. last Saturday, and officials reviewed the entries in order to eliminate any duplicate or any suspect entries. Winners received an email with a unique code that will direct them to a designated distribution center. Jackson's family held a private memorial service before the planned public service on Tuesday.



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Leaving a Trace: The Impact of Philmont

Submissions and Photos by Amanda Tarbell

It is common to hear “Leave No Trace” at Philmont, but some traces of Philmont last a lifetime. In 1947, a five foot tall (if that), rotund (almost 300 lb), deaf twelve year old Scout from Las Vegas, NM, completed the Philmont trek with his troop (# 147). A little over a half century later, Jose Arturo Martinez still remembers his time at Philmont with exuberance. He doesn’t focus so much on the sore feet or the arduous hikes, but the joy of the time. Especially he remembers the final campfire talent competitions held back then.

“Gordito,” “the Little Fat One,” as he was called, watched with his troop as other troops put on a performance. His group had not known there was to be a competition, so had nothing prepared. One group

performing was a group of Indians who were very good on tribal drums. Inspired by them, Martinez turned to his Scoutmaster, Perdomo Bartazar, and signed, “Do you mind if I dance?” The Scoutmaster was surprised, but Martinez persisted, reminding the Scoutmaster that he knew the dances from his Santo Domingo Pueblo mother. The Scoutmaster had no other competitor at hand and gave permission. Martinez approached the Indian drummers and asked them to play rain dance music. They agreed and he went out to dance. There was a great deal of laughter as the young, fat boy nodded to the drummers to begin. Then he began to dance, his body shook all over, he recalls. Then the laughter turned to cheering as he dug deeper and deeper to do credit to his family, traditions, and his troop. Even now, years later, his face glows with the joy of that time- and with memory of his winning the competition for his troop.

It has been a long and adventurous life for Martinez, raised at the School for the Deaf in Santa Fe. Totally mute from birth, he read lips as he sought to communicate. At the school, he had another nickname, “Little King,” because he worked in the kitchen and shadowed every move of the large cook, Mrs. King, who weighed somewhere between 300-400 lbs. He did whatever she did and ate as she ate. He also worked in the bakery and says he ate “all day.” He got very fat. One day after walking in the mountains near his home, he was told by his mother to go take a bath. He was so fat that he got stuck in the tub! It took his mom and his dad to pry him out. This led to a change of lifestyle for him.

Martinez’ dad had the school take him out of the kitchen and the bakery. Martinez not only had a sudden reduction in food,



Mr. Jose Arturo Martinez holding a picture of Scouts at Philmont in 1947

but also had to walk the park in Santa Fe three times a day. His legs got so raw; the school gave him cream to prevent chaffing. After three weeks of this, the housefather had Martinez walk from the School for the Deaf to the Santa Fe Indian School, about a mile or so. This went on for two weeks; then the Housefather told Martinez and a few of the other children who needed to lose weight that they were to run to the airport (now the State Police Office).

As they were running, the boys tried to get back before dark because the section next to the road where they ran was dangerous. Mr. Martinez says that there were big centipedes almost a foot long and tarantulas as large as a man's hand on the path where they ran. They ran fast because they could not avoid these in the dark. After a few days of this, Martinez went to the headmaster of the school and told him the problem. The headmaster checked out the route and immediately had the schedule for the boys changed so that they ran laps in the school gym instead. With this regime, Martinez managed to lose 100 lbs.

Another change in Martinez' life came when he was 26 years old and Dr. Gaylord Chase in Amarillo operated on his ears, allowing the young man to hear for the first time. Now, years later, with the assistance of his son, a professional singer known as El Norte, Martinez owns and operates the Inn at Las Vegas, a combination of motel, restaurant, gas station, and lounge. There are many notable aspects of the Inn which Mr. Martinez points out to visitors, the rooms where

Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers stayed. He gestures round the covered center area of the motel and says proudly, "Prince Charles stayed here and rented the whole place for his group when he was buying the nearby casino." Not bad company for a once deaf, little fat boy from the prairie.

Now slimmer, an older Martinez delights in memories of his time at Philmont. The time he spent here was short in comparison to many episodes, but it remains one of the highlights of his life. If you are traveling towards Santa Fe from Philmont, as you approach Las Vegas, NM, look over to the right and you will see the Inn of Las Vegas in the hollow. If you stop to visit and mention Philmont, be assured of an enthusiastic greeting and Mr. Martinez' proud showing of the 1947 Philmont picture of Troop 147, with the boy he used to be just right of center in the front row.

While Scouters know to "leave no trace," it is to be sincerely hoped that each member of the Philmont family helps create such traces in those visiting the Ranch in 2009. Certainly, the Philmont trace has never been removed from one man who was once a Boy Scout at the Ranch. Waite Phillips' dream yielded permanent results in one man's life. May we each help create such a trace for those here now and to come.



Close-up of the 1947 Philmont photo with Martinez in the center, Scoutmaster Perdomo Bartazar (originally from Argentina) to the right.

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Bear Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

2. March
5. Sniff
6. Home Range
9. Hibernate
14. Subadult
15. Bearmuda Triangle
16. Thirty
17. Fifty
18. Homing
19. Acorns
20. Omnivore
21. K Selected

Down

1. Berries
3. Cellulose
4. Heart Rate
5. Survival
7. Habituated
8. Adult
10. Vegetation
11. Huffing
12. Dandelion
13. Sump Frisbee

Classic Phil-Pickup Lines*

Whether your chasing a PTC girl you meet at Western Night or that cute ranger with the irresistible smile, you can enjoy these classics we found while flipping through old issues of the PhilNews.

- You are so sweeeet, you should go up in a bear bag.
- Do you have a map and compass, 'cause I am lost in your eyes.
- Urraca my Mesa.
- Do your legs hurt? 'cause you have been hiking through my mind all day.
- You must work at Fish Camp, 'cause you've got me hooked.
- Do you know the location of the nearest AED 'cause you just made my heart stop.
- Excuse me, I may be lost . . .can you give me directions to where ever you are going?
- Does Philmont have a camp for astronauts, cause you're out of this world?
- Hey I just realized you look just like my next PhilFling.
- Do you have your first aid kit? 'Cause I scraped my knee when I fell for you.
- I have a car.
- Hey would you like to go to Western Night.
(See intro)

*We do not guarantee the effectiveness of these. Use at your own risk.

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All staff are invited to participate in the



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 particular 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.

Mountain Lions

Remember that your Friendly Neighborhood Bear Researchers are also your Friendly Neighborhood Mountain Lion Researchers. We have had 10 reported sightings of this elusive mountain cat this summer already. Mountain lions can't roar because they are actually more closely related to domestic cats than they are to big felines like lions and tigers but you can hear them scream almost every night near Urraca. Also be on the lookout for mountain lions around Lovers Leap, the Tooth of Time, and Abreu. Avoid hiking alone back to the turnarounds in South Country, especially at night. We have already had several cases of mountain lions stalking Rangers! Remember, if you encounter a mountain lion, face it all times, keep your pack on to protect your neck and make you look bigger, and NEVER EVER RUN. There has never been a mountain lion attack at Philmont; let's keep it that way. Please report all mountain lion sightings to Units 85 & 86 (Just use a Bear Report form and write in "Mountain Lion")

Have fun connecting the dots,
Matt and Dana



Mountain Lions (*Puma concolor*) hold the Guinness World Record for the most names out of any animal. This is probably because they have such a wide range that includes all of North and South America. Here are just a few of the more than 40 names that mountain lions are recognized by.

- Cougar
- Mexican lion
- Deer tiger
- Mountain screamer
- Puma
- Florida panther
- Painter
- Catamount
- Panther
- Silver lion
- Devil cat
- Indian devil
- Sneak cat
- King cat
- Mountain devil
- Red tiger
- Deercat
- Fire cat
- Plain lion
- Grey lion
- Caracajou
- Klandagi
- Catawampus
- Quinquajou
- Long Tail
- Swamp lion

Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>10</p> <p><u>BRAT DAY</u> <u>11AM-1PM</u> <u>BALDY</u> <u>PAVILION</u></p> <p><u>CT: BUS TOUR</u> TAKE TWO</p>	<p>11</p> <p>FREE SKILL CRAFT NIGHT 8PM SSSAC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>I WANT TO BE A ROCK STAR 8PM BALDY PAVILION</p> <p><u>PTC: OPENING</u> PROGRAM 8:15PM</p> <p>PTC BRUNCH 10:30-12:30</p> <p><u>CT: BUS TOUR</u> TAKE TWO</p>	<p>13</p> <p>MOVIE NIGHT 8:15PM SSSAC TV ROOM OR BALDY PAVILION</p> <p>PTC: KWAHADIES DANCERS 7:15PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>PIE EATING CONTEST 8PM BALDY PAVILION</p> <p><u>PTC: BUFFALO</u> BARBECUE 5:30PM & WESTERN NIGHT 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>CT: STAR</u> <u>GAZING</u></p>	<p>15</p> <p>FOUR SQUARE AND HOP SCOTCH 8PM BALDY PAVILION</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL SCOUTING RECEPTION 6:30PM VILLA PHILMONTE</p> <p>PAY DAY</p> <p>WISE GUYS 7:15PM</p> <p><u>CT:</u> <u>ENTOMOLOGY</u></p>	<p>16</p> <p>SALSA NIGHT 8PM BALDY PAVILION</p> <p><u>CT: STAR</u> <u>GAZING</u></p>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>17</p> <p>HAMPTON SIDES SIGNING 6:30PM SETON</p> <p><u>CT:</u> <u>ENTOMOLOGY</u></p> <p><u>HAMPTON</u> <u>SIDES BOOK</u> <u>SIGNING SETON</u> <u>7PM</u></p>	<p>18</p> <p>ICE CREAM 8PM SSSAC</p> <p><u>CT: SCAT &</u> TRACKS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>PING PONG TOURNAMENT 8PM SSSAC</p> <p><u>PTC: OPENING</u> PROGRAM 8:15PM</p> <p>PTC BRUNCH 10:30-12:30</p> <p><u>CT:</u> METEOROLOGY</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BRAT DAY! 11AM - 1PM BALDY PAVILLION</p> <p><u>CT: SCAT &</u> TRACKS</p>	<p>21</p> <p>EUCHRE TOURNAMENT 8PM SSSAC</p> <p><u>PTC: BUFFALO</u> BARBEQUE 5:30PM & WESTERN NIGHT 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>CT:</u> METEOROLOGY</p>	<p>22</p> <p>YOGA NIGHT FITNESS CENTER 8PM</p> <p>SALSA NIGHT 8PM BALDY PAVILION</p>	<p>23</p> <p>MOVIE NIGHT 8:15PM SSSAC</p> <p><u>CT:</u> PHOTOGRAPHY</p>

* 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 l-camp your submission to the PhilNews or drop it off at 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.