

# PHILNEWS

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## Letter from the Editor

Hello all and welcome to the first full edition of the 2010 PhilNews! Please feel free to submit articles, drawings, and letters. Get on your soap box and tell us what you think! Please remember to include your name and where you work with your submission.

***Yours in Scouting,  
John Koser***

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## Importance of Improvement

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**Gordon McKinnie**, Base Camp Manager

It was 1966 when Gordon McKinnie took his first step in his career with the Boy Scouts of America. That initial experience had an eclectic collection of duties, including truck-driving by day, garbage-collection in the afternoon and finding time to teach classes at night. It was only a year later that Gordon was the assistant water director for a local camp in Kansas and then a year later, he was able to network himself into a position quite a bit further from home: a camp in Virginia.

Working for the Boy Scouts of America has been a positive experience for Gordon, but it was not his initial experience with the BSA. Gordon McKinnie can reflect on his experiences as a young Scout as far back as when he was only seven years old.

It was 1963 that his parents went to a training session at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) and he participated in a challenging mountain trek at Philmont. It was here that he learned two very important lessons: 1) I can do hard things and 2) resources are limited.

Being flooded out of Philmont (mid-trip) one year, and taking a Junior Leadership Training Course (JLTC) at another time, his Scouting years have continued on as a life-long experience. These years include being a Cub Scout Pack Committee Chairman, and a Scoutmaster for several years. Being Scoutmaster, he had the opportunity to bring three of his crews to Philmont for treks. His experiences with both Boy Scouting and Philmont have continued since. He has been a Welcome Center Manager (2001-2004), a Camp Director at Ponil (2005-2007), and Activities Manager (2008).

Now, as the manager of Philmont Base Camp (since the 2009 season), a goal that Gordon has is to improve each camper's experience at Base Camp. To do this in 2010 a Base Camp Training model has been put into place. This training includes a tour of Base Camp and its different branches, to make the Base Camp staff members more aware of how their jobs can influence each other and in turn "improve the camper's experience".

His advice to the 2010 Base Camp staff here at Philmont is to remember that every job is important.

Gordon believes that recognizing how the job you do will affect the Scouts will make you perform your job better - reminding you that your job *is* to improve the camper's experience. As the 2010 Base Camp staff, there is the opportunity to affect the lives of many young people this summer and no one is happier to see them than Gordon:

"I'm blessed to be part of a life changing experience for 21,000 Scouts."

## PTC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Week 2: June 13 –19 Course Offerings

Webelos to First Class

The Unit Commissioner - Supporting Units Needs

Council Commissioners

Council Key Three

Initiative Games for Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews

District Key Three: Leadership for the Future

How to Develop Crews that Thrive

How to Conduct a College of Commissioner Science

Effective Leadership of Commissioner Service

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

## OUTDOOR CHANNEL TO RETURN TO PHILMONT

Article By: John Koser, PhilNews Editor

The Outdoor Channel will be returning to Philmont on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June and staying through the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Outdoor Channel has previously visited Philmont in 2008, when they recorded the first season of the mini-series called *Scouting for Adventure*.

The success of the show has brought The Outdoor Channel back to Philmont to record a section of season three. They plan to visit shooting camps during their week long stay.

Please welcome The Outdoor Channel's crew. We want the crew to have a great experience at Philmont.

### Corrections

In our Banquet issue, we accidentally misspelled the title of our LDS Chaplain, Elder David Wilson.

We also had a small mistake on the back cover of the issue, when the calendar covered up the page number.

We here at the PhilNews apologize for these mistakes.



## What exactly is a comptroller?



**Steve Nelson, Comptroller**

Article By: Chloe Euston, PhilNews Writer  
Photo By: 2008 PhilNews Staff

Steve Nelson is the comptroller here at Philmont. He watches over the accounting department, including accounts receivable, accounts payable and organizes shipments on and off the ranch.

“Every manager has a budget they keep track of,” said Nelson. “I watch over all of those.”

Nelson is also responsible for food service, both dining halls and commissaries. He also has to watch over housekeeping in CHQ, and handle human resources for full-time staff. Needless to say, the man is constantly busy.

Steve has worked at Philmont for just over two years now, and he has been in his current position for exactly a year and a day.

According to Nelson, before coming to work at Philmont he received a phone call that he had been turned down for a position in the western region with the Boy Scouts of America. While disappointed, Steve still asked who got the position he had wanted, and found it was someone who had been previously working at Philmont year round. Nelson decided to call Philmont to ask about the now vacated position, and the rest is history. According to Nelson, he was “extremely lucky” to have gotten the job.

Steve Nelson first visited Philmont in 1972 for the National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC).. Nelson eventually came back in 1999 for a trek with his daughter, in which he participated as an adult advisor. Nelson is an Eagle Scout and he has worked for the Boy Scouts of America for 27 years.

Nelson mentioned that he hikes the Tooth of Time every year on his birthday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **2010 Invasive Species Team!**

Michael Milkavich,  
Stephen Senter,  
and Allison Vinson

The Philmont Invasive Species Team will be roaming the Ranch searching for invasive plant species that could be lurking in YOUR area. Keep your eyes peeled for *musk thistle*, *leafy spurge*, *hoary cress*, *bull thistle*, *Canada thistle*, and several others. If you see these species, let us know! We will rush to the site, map the location with our GPS, and sample the site for density, cover, and other species. The data we collect will be used to monitor the invasive plants, analyze their habits and habitats, and ultimately help to improve the land we call Philmont for all wildlife, people, and cattle.

## New exhibits make the Seton museum a must see

Article By: John Koser, PhilNews Editor  
Photos By: Andrew Dunheimer, Conan McEnroe



The gift shop has something for everyone!

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> year of BSA, the Philmont Museum-Seton Memorial Library is presenting a special exhibit that displays what has happened in the world since the BSA came into existence.

The exhibit includes two hallways full of rare items, both of world importance and special importance here at Philmont. One wall covers major events of the last 100 years and how the Boy Scouts were affected or involved. The other hallway focuses on the life and works of Ernest Thompson Seton, the man who the library is named after.

Seton was an artist, naturalist, environmentalist, explorer and co-founder of the Boy Scouts of America. During his lifetime, Seton produced 4,000 paintings and countless drawings. Many of these works of art were all done in a variety of different styles, mediums, and surfaces, which shows Seton's skill.

There is much more beyond those two halls though. In addition to the museum section of the building, there is also the library. The library has a collection of very rare western books and has quite a few older documents, including the original issue of the PhilNews!

Directly in between the library and art exhibits is the museum's gift shop. The gift shop has an incredibly wide variety of jewelry, sculptures (in both wood and stone), books, and other collectibles. It even has authentic buffalo skin blankets for sale! There is literally something for everyone here. Also, all staff members get a 15% discount on all purchases over \$10.

So, on your day off or even in your free time, go over and check out the Philmont Museum-Seton Memorial Library. From the art exhibits to large library, and the exquisite gift shop, I can guarantee you won't be disappointed.



### New Limited Edition Knives now available

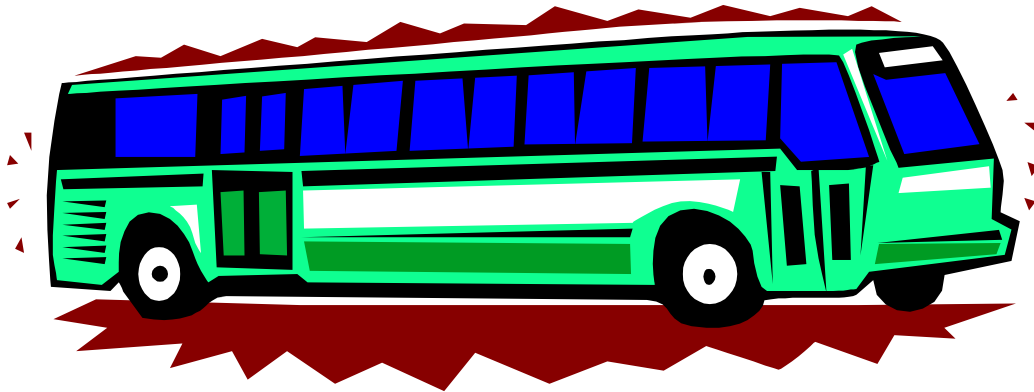
Earlier this week, the Philmont Museum-Seton Memorial Library gift shop received a collection of 100 special edition knives. The knives commemorate the 100th anniversary of the BSA. Each knife is individually numbered and engraved with the BSA logo as well as a Philmont logo. Each knife will cost \$100 before the staff discount.

Make sure to get down there quick because these incredibly rare knives are expected to sell out fast.

## Let's Go To Cimarron

Let's face it - as great as Philmont is, sometimes we all just want to go somewhere where there is a little more civilization. That place would be Cimarron!

Ice cream, pizza, hamburgers, milk shakes, Scout collectibles, Wood Badge collectibles, souvenirs and history like you won't believe!



The best part is that the shuttle is completely free for Philmont staff, provided you have your Philmont ID badge with you.

The Shuttle departs from the Welcome Center hourly from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Cimarron from 11:45 AM to 7:45 PM. Service is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

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# Activities Staff ready to starve off your boredom

Article By: Timothy Bardin, PhilNews Writer

On Saturday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>, more than thirty members of Philmont's 2010 Summer Staff gathered on the volleyball field for Ultimate Frisbee, music and fun. Jason Kirby, a member of the Activities Staff, directed the event.

"It was a great time," Kirby said. "We had a lot of participants show up to play."

That Saturday's activity was one of many that the Activities Staff has planned for the summer. They also have developed four types of regular programs.

The **Early Morning** occurs every morning at 6:00 AM. The activity is Metabolic Conditioning and it is held in the Staff Fitness Center. This program is designed to 'increase the general athletic preparedness of individuals'.

**Daytime Activities** consist of the "traditional" Scouting programs such as horseback riding and rock climbing. The Activities Staff will schedule these trips as group outings.

"These trips are designed to give new and returning Philmont staffers the opportunity to participate in backcountry programs," stated Kirby.

**Active Activities** will be held every night at 6:00 PM. Monday and Thursday nights will primarily be Ultimate Frisbee or Capture the Flag on the Villa Lawn at PTC. Alternate locations are the volleyball field (next to the Health Lodge Pavilion) or Baldy Pavilion.

"Through these games, sports and 'what-have-you', we hope to encourage people to get out and move," Kirby said.

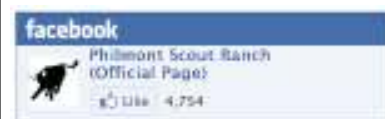
The **Evening Activities** will be fellowship events such as dancing, table games, crafts, board games, music nights and coffeehouse events. A regular program schedule for these activities will begin after the completion of staff training and will be posted in the PhilNews. The Activities Staff is also seeking people interested in sharing their expertise in dance, yoga, or other exercise skills. If interested in helping, please see the Activities Office, ext. 1244.

"Watch the dining tables for information cards relating the night's activity(s), time and location. They should be set out by lunchtime on the day of the event," according to Kirby.

Have a suggestion or idea for an activity?

"We're always open to new ideas," Kirby said. "If you have one, we would love to hear it. Come by the Activities Office anytime we're open and drop it in the 'Suggestion Box'."

Make sure to join the  
Official Philmont  
Facebook fan page!



## Chaplain's Corner

Article By: Elder David Wilson, LDS Chaplain

Dare to Excel

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

These lines penned many years ago by the wife of Henry Ford, the man who became one of the world's greatest industrialists in his time, summarize and reflect the spirit of one of the greatest organizations that I have the privilege to work with here at Philmont – the Boy Scouts of America.

The BSA was founded in 1910 and as many of you know, this year, we have the privilege to celebrate the centennial birthday of this great organization. Happy 100th Birthday, BSA! Much has changed in Scouting in these first 100 years as the organization has tried to keep pace with an ever changing society and world. Yet the fundamentals of Scouting remain strong and true. Principles that have been central to Scouting from its beginning still ring true today. Such things as stating, “On My Honor”, helping other people, doing one's duty to God and country, being found physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight are still true and central to Scouting today.

Equally important is the concept on which Scouting thrives: boys grow up to be men, girls grow up to be women – all individuals who are willing to do something no one else is willing to do – daring to bite off more than they can chew and then chewing it. Being willing to make that concept a reality is something that we as staff at Philmont understand and take up as a challenge! We do this daily, and come back for more. I salute each and every one of you for your willingness to, ‘Git'er Done!’

Every day, we are expected to be at our best, to greet people (many times complete strangers) with a smile and a “Welcome to Philmont.” This is boldness beyond belief, and yet we do it day in and day out. It's part of the magic of Philmont and of Scouting. Each of us has the opportunity to literally dare to excel in all that we do, no matter what the task may be.

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

You are part of a choice a generation, one that is willing to be strong, and brave, and true. You are building upon the Scouting foundation laid down a century ago of helping others to accomplish something impossible during their stay here at the Philmont Scout Ranch. You are daring not only yourselves but others to excel. May I say, “Thank you & God bless each and every one of you.”

Remember, as you live each day here at Philmont (God's Country), I ask you to strive to ‘Bite off more than you can chew...’

# Blast from the Past

Since this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting in America this summer, the PhilNews will be reprinting articles from past editions. This article was originally published in 1988.

July 17, 1988

Dear Staff member,

Your dad called this morning, and said that he had not heard from you in about a month. I assured him that:

- 1) You were still alive
- 2) You did still work here.

I also assured him that one of the two conditions about would not be true if you did not contact him within two or three days.

Enough said?

Jim Foster



## Mark's Minute

### Waite Phillips' Thoughts

As we begin the summer and prepare to engage each participant in a world class experience at Philmont Scout Ranch at the Philmont Training Center, the museums of the Ranch or in the Philmont Backcountry, I think that it is important for each of us to consider Waite Phillips' vision.

Some years after the gifts of property in 1938 and 1941 he wrote:

“These properties  
Are donated and dedicated to  
The Boy Scouts of America for  
Encouraging the perpetuation of  
Faith – Self reliance – Integrity – Freedom  
Principles used to build this great country by  
The American Pioneer

So that  
These future citizens may  
Through thoughtful adult guidance  
And by the inspiration of nature  
Visualize and form a code of living to  
Diligently maintain these high ideals and  
Our proper destiny.”

This statement captures the “Aims and Methods” of the Boy Scouts of America and reinforces the ideals of Scouting found in the Scout Oath and Law.

I encourage you to read through the statement a few times. Think about each concept and commit your summer to fulfilling this vision. We can encourage participants to reach their full potential and to incorporate the “code of living” found at Philmont into their life. We can be an example by practicing these concepts and the ideals of Scouting.

Mr. Phillips also said that “Regardless of ability, no one individual can accomplish and complete anything worthwhile without direct or indirect cooperation from others.”

We will be able to achieve great results this summer working together in a cooperative and supportive spirit.

Mark Anderson  
Director of Program

## World News

### **World Health Organization (WHO) concerned over swine flu**

Though the paranoia of the swine flu pandemic is gone, the WHO reminds us that the alert level is still at 6 (the highest). Until mid-July the declaration of a global epidemic will not be revisited. Since the April 2009 outbreak, WHO confirms, 18,114 deaths occurred from the swine flu worldwide.

### **Haitian rubble causing trouble**

The debris from January's earthquake in Haiti (7.0 magnitude) has left rubble to be cleared. Now the La Viste national park has been declared a non-dumping zone for the debris. The dumping of debris into rivers has caused overflow when the rain comes. Losing space for dumping the rubble has caused this issue and other similar issues for the Haitian terrain.

### **"3 Idiots" gets 3 Cheers**

Helmer Rajkumar Hirani's film "3 Idiots" won most of the major categories at the International Indian Film Academy Awards, including best director, best cinematography, best editing and even best film.

### **Third highest Al Qaeda leader killed**

Al Qaeda reports that Mustafa al-Yazid and some of his family members were killed. He is believed to have been killed during a U.S. missile strike. His death is possibly the largest blow to Al Qaeda since anti-terrorist movement has begun.

### **Economists arguing that Euro will be dead in five years**

In a survey taken by economists for the Telegraph (a UK publication), economists are showing less hope that the European currency will be around five years from now.

### **Peace with Taliban in the works?**

Afghanistan President, Hamid Karzai, may have the support of the national peace conference to invite the Taliban to start discussions about bringing an end to the Afghanistan war. Afghan civilian deaths increase, possibly being the incentive to move toward these negotiations.

### **Storm kills 177 in Central America**

In a storm that spanned three Central American countries, 152 people were killed in Guatemala, 16 more in Honduras, and nine in El Salvador.

### **Suicide Bomber kills four Iraqi police in country's capital**

12 were wounded and four were killed during a suicide bombing in Baghdad. The bombing is the city's second in only a week. There has been a steady rise of deaths from suicide bombers over the last five months in Iraq.

## World News

### **From Physicist to Tweetist**

Marc MacKenzie, a Canadian based Physicist, getting British recognition for his unique Twitter updates (“Tweets”) after only six months of being on the social networking site. His tweets have been named “most beautiful” by Twitter enthusiast and British actor Stephen Fry. MacKenzie is very excited about Fry’s acclaim but figures negative attention is just around the corner.

### **Dutchman confesses to two different murders**

A Dutchman, Joran Van der Sloot, who had long been suspected to be tied to the disappearance of Alabama native, Natalee Holloway, was arrested Thursday for the murder Stephanie Flores, exactly five years after the disappearance of Holloway. Since his arrest, Van der Sloot has confessed to both the Holloway and Flores murders.

### **South Korean leader expresses hope for unity with North Korea**

South Korean leader, Lee Myang-bak, said Sunday in a nationwide broadcast, that South Koreans had “An unachieved dream” of becoming a “unified country living in freedom, peace and prosperity” with North Korea.

### **American freelance journalist denied entry to Egypt**

James Buck, an American journalist, says he was briefly detained at the Cairo airport. Egyptian officials state that Buck’s name was on a list of people not allowed into the country.

### **Iran and China getting along**

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of nuclear armed Iran, has visited China only two weeks after US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visit. Some say the US is not in a position to influence China over their vote on the UN Security Council, which is needed to keep back sanctions against Iran’s nuclear weapons program.

### **Catholic Bishop stabbed to death in Southern Turkey**

Luigi Padovese, a 63 year-old Roman Catholic bishop, was stabbed to death in his home before he could keep his meeting with the Pope. The killer was Padovese’s hired driver and was reportedly suffering from depression.

## Unites States News

### **BP makes headway on the Gulf Spill**

Six weeks have passed since the deep-sea oil well, Deepwater Horizon, exploded on April 20<sup>th</sup>, killing 11 people. In that time the well has leaked roughly between 23-46 million gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, according to federal estimates. The catastrophe has been labeled “the worst spill in U.S. history”.

Recent attempts to stop the spill have made some headway, but critics warn the disaster is far from over. One official, in response to the successful efforts by oil giant BP on June 2-3<sup>rd</sup> to cut the mangled pipe and install a temporary cap designed to capture the oil gushing from the ruined well, likened it to plugging a hole in a water hose with a finger. The cap captured an estimated 252,000 gallons of oil during its first full day of operation on June 4<sup>th</sup>. A criminal probe into the explosion, launched June 1<sup>st</sup>, also continues.

Despite efforts by federal and state responders, the effects of the spill are being felt around the Gulf Coast. Beaches in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida have been turned crimson by oil patches and the marshlands are becoming clogged with oil. More than 500 birds and 200 sea turtles have died so far as a result of the spill.

A relief well intended to replace the cap will not be completed until at least August, officials reported in a statement.

### **Two New Jersey Terrorists Arrested at JFK Airport**

On Saturday night, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the FBI arrested two New Jersey men at JFK International Airport in New York City. Mohamed Mahmood Alessa, 20, of North Bergen and Carlos Eduardo Almonte, 26, of Elmwood Park were charged with “conspiracy to acts of international terrorism”.

Their alleged target was American troops stationed abroad, but no immediate attacks were planned on the airport or in the states of New York and New Jersey. The two men tried to board separate flights to Egypt before traveling to an al-Qaeda linked training camp in Somalia, run by the terrorist group al-Shabaab. The FBI, in conjunction with the NYPD, has monitored the two since 2006 through an investigation called “Operation Arabian Knight”. Alessa and Almonte are scheduled to appear before federal court on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Storms kill at least seven in Northwest Ohio**

A severe tornado system that touched down in Northwest Ohio at 11:00 PM Saturday night, June 5<sup>th</sup>, killed at least seven people and injured dozens more. More than 100 homes and commercial buildings were damaged or destroyed by the tornados. The storm system left an estimated 8-mile long and 100-yard wide path of devastation from Ohio northward into Michigan, narrowly missing the heavily populated suburbs of Toledo. Emergency response to the natural disaster was delayed due to the destruction of the dispatch building. The delay resulted from a necessary move of all emergency personnel into a nearby town. As of June 6<sup>th</sup>, officials are still searching the rubble for missing persons. The storm also shut down a nuclear power plant in Michigan, leaving approximately 14,000 people without power.

## Unites States News

### **Climber missing after Mt. Rainier avalanche**

One climber was reported missing and is presumed dead after an avalanche tumbled down the slopes of Mt. Rainier outside Seattle, Washington, on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The slab avalanche trapped almost a dozen climbers after it fell at approximately 4:45 AM on Saturday morning. Ten climbers were rescued by mountaineering guides and two were airlifted off the mountain. They were stabilized and sustained lacerations and bruises, but no serious injuries were reported. Bad weather halted continued efforts from the air and on the ground to locate the missing climber and a skier also reported missing. Dangerous conditions and the threat of more avalanches may halt the rescue efforts until Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Since the beginning to the 2009-2010 season, 34 fatalities have been caused by avalanches.

### **Debate heats up over Arizona Immigration Law**

Emotions continue to run high in the debate over Arizona's tough immigration law, passed in response to the estimated 12 million undocumented aliens in the United States, many of whom live in Arizona. SB 1070, authored by GOP Senator Russell Pearce, will take effect on July 29<sup>th</sup>, unless blocked by a court. The bill empowers law enforcement officers working traffic stops or investigating possible legal violations to inquire into a person's immigration status if there is "reasonable suspicion" that they are residing in Arizona illegally. "Reasonable suspicion" remains undefined, but if passed into law the bill would make it a state crime to be an illegal immigrant living in Arizona or to solicit work as an undocumented worker.

Critics of the bill complain that it will result in racial profiling while supporters argue that it will help fight illegal immigration. In response to the outcry, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer ordered state police to develop training standards to prevent the occurrence of racial profiling. President Obama has not yet taken an official position on the Arizona debate, but one possible response is for him to pass a law creating a track to citizenship for undocumented workers. Obama could also kill the Arizona bill by ordering federal officials not to deport immigrants arrested in Arizona.

### **Obama Sends National Guardsmen to the Border**

President Obama has ordered the deployment of 1,200 Army National Guardsmen to the U.S./Mexico border and requested over \$500 million in funding for Customs and Border Protection. The Guardsmen will not be sent to the front lines, but will occupy a support and intelligence role.

Under Obama's plan, they will not be armed or authorized to detain or arrest border crossers. The plan, developed more than a year ago, is for the Guard to supplement the Border personnel, thereby giving Customs and Border Protection time to recruit and train more personnel and freeing the Border Patrol to more actively engage in law enforcement and border protection. Advocates are pushing that more authority be given to the Guard. They also express concerns regarding the safety of Guardsmen resulting from the prohibition to carry firearms.

## Sports Section

### **Celtics Even Series with Lakers**

The Boston Celtics were able to even the series against their long time rival, the Los Angeles Lakers, Sunday night with a 103-94 win. This brought the NBA Championship Series to a 1-1 tie. The Celtics were lead by Ray Allen and Rajon Rondo. Rondo had his fifth triple-double of these playoffs while Allen scored 27 of his 32 points in the first half, shooting a record setting eight three pointers, seven of which came in the first half. Kobe Bryant managed 21 points but dealt with foul trouble most of the night. Both Paul Gasol and Andrew Bynum stepped up for Los Angeles, getting 25 points and eight rebounds and 21 points

### **Nadal Wins 5<sup>th</sup> French Open Title**

Rafael Nadal showed that his previously injured knees are back to 100%, soundly defeating Robin Soderling of Sweden 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 on Sunday at Roland Garros Stadium. Soderling, who was the number five seed in the tournament, was just no match for a healthy Nadal. Nadal is 38-1 over his career at Roland Garros Stadium and, just three days after his 24th birthday, stands just one French Open title shy of Bjorn Borg's record of six. For the second time in three years, Nadal won the tournament without losing a set. The tournament win was able to push Nadal past Roger Federer as the number one ranked tennis player in the world.

### **Blackhawks One Win Away From Stanley Cup Victory**

In a back and forth series, the Chicago Blackhawks were able to dominate the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 5 with a 7-4 victory. This was the fifth consecutive victory for the home team during the series. Blackhawks' RW Dustin Byfuglien had two goals and two assists while Kris Versteeg and Patrick Kane each added another goal for Chicago. Neither team has won the Stanley Cup in many years: 35 years for the Flyers and 49 years for the Blackhawks.

### **World Cup Begins June 11<sup>th</sup>**

As most of you are probably aware, the 2010 World Cup kicks off Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> in South Africa. Here is the schedule for the next few days:

#### **June 11<sup>th</sup>**

South Africa vs. Mexico – 8:00 AM

Uruguay vs. France – 12:30 PM

#### **June 12<sup>th</sup>**

South Korea vs. Greece – 5:30 AM

Argentina vs. Nigeria – 8:00 AM

England vs. **United States** – 12:30 PM

#### **June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Algeria vs. Slovenia – 5:30 AM

Serbia vs. Ghana – 8:00 AM

Germany vs. Australia – 12:30 PM



MLB Standings as of June 7<sup>th</sup>

## NPS Manager's Minute

<b>American League</b>					
<b>East</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Tampa Bay Rays	37	20	0.649	--	Won 1
New York Yankees	35	22	0.614	2	Won 1
Boston Red Sox	33	25	0.569	4.5	Lost 1
Toronto Blue Jays	33	25	0.569	4.5	Lost 1
Baltimore Orioles	16	41	0.281	21	Won 1
<b>Central</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Minnesota Twins	33	24	0.579	--	Lost 1
Detroit Tigers	29	27	0.518	3.5	Lost 1
Chicago White Sox	24	32	0.429	8.5	Won 1
Kansas City Royals	24	34	0.414	9.5	Won 1
Cleveland Indians	21	34	0.382	11	Lost 1
<b>West</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Texas Rangers	30	26	0.536	--	Lost 1
Los Angeles Angels	31	28	0.525	0.5	Won 5
Oakland Athletics	30	28	0.517	1	Won 1
Seattle Mariners	22	34	0.393	8	Lost 3
<b>National League</b>					
<b>East</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Atlanta Braves	33	24	0.579	--	Lost 1
Philadelphia Phillies	30	25	0.545	2	Lost 1
New York Mets	30	27	0.526	3	Won 3
Florida Marlins	28	30	0.483	5.5	Lost 3
Washington Nationals	27	31	0.466	6.5	Lost 2
<b>Central</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Cincinnati Reds	33	24	0.579	--	Won 2
St. Louis Cardinals	33	24	0.579	--	Lost 1
Chicago Cubs	25	31	0.446	7.5	Lost 1
Pittsburgh Pirates	23	33	0.411	9.5	Lost 1
Milwaukee Brewers	23	34	0.404	10	Won 1
Houston Astros	22	35	0.386	11	Won 1
<b>West</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
San Diego Padres	33	23	0.589	--	Won 1
Los Angeles Dodgers	33	24	0.579	0.5	Won 1
San Francisco Giants	30	25	0.545	2.5	Won 1
Colorado Rockies	29	27	0.518	4	Won 1

Article By: Henry Watson

Now that we've all scattered to the four corners of the ranch.....

It's time to focus on why we're here.

Some of us came to renew friendships, others to make them.

Some came to give back, some to start over.

Our bucket lists include sharing meals and fellowship in the backcountry, completing challenges, hiking through beautiful scenery and so many special things that Philmont is barely big enough.

But we're also all here to provide the best possible experiences for the Scouts and Scouters. That scrawny kid who barely staggers into camp and is too tired to climb the rocks at Dean Cow (me in 1980) might some day come back on staff (me in '07, '08, '09 and '10.) And we owe it to those stragglers to encourage them to continue on.

As Waite Phillips said, "Nothing worthwhile was ever accomplished without the will to start, the enthusiasm to continue and regardless of temporary obstacles, the persistence to complete." I'd like to add to that epigram, "And the goal is easier to reach with the encouragement of even just one person."

Please be that one person to everyone.



Vincent D'Ettorre, Graham Annett, Charity Troutt, Brett Carlson, Robby Cordell, Curtis Seifert, Cory Lynn Riemer (CD)



Dean Cow is a rock climbing intensive camp that includes a climbing wall intended for night usage, as well as an excellent volleyball program. Furthermore, an environmental awareness program at Dean Cow helps Scouts understand Philmont's flora, fauna, geology, and life zones. Visit and become acquainted with some of the western birds, wildflowers, mammals, lizards, snakes, and insects in this natural outdoor wonderland.

*"The trouble with many of us is that we would rather be ruined by flattery and praise than saved by honest criticism." - Waite Philips*



Brian Carrico, Andrew McKernan, Colin Downs, Eli Page-Goertz (CD), Trevor DuBard, Mitchell Lane

Camp program at Clear Creek includes a trapping demonstration, black powder rifle shooting and late night cabin porch stories.

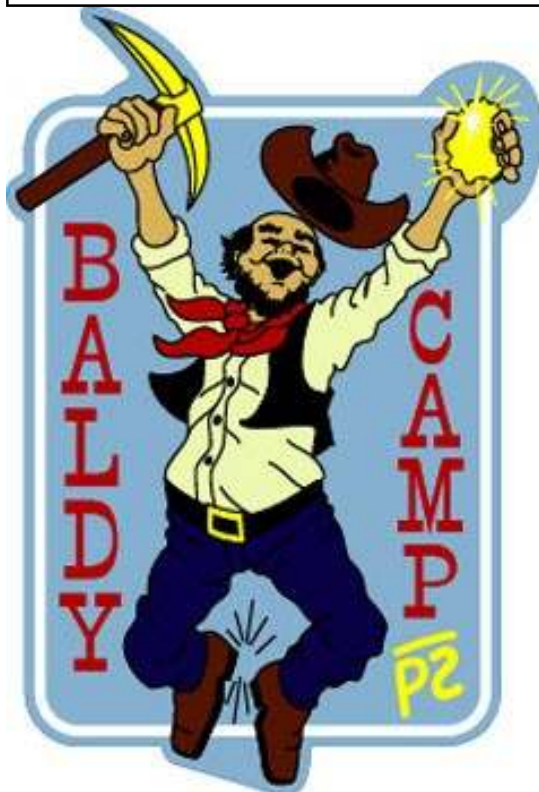
*“Men go back to the mountains, as they go back to sailing ships at sea, because in the mountains and on the sea they must face up, as did men of another age, to the challenge of nature. Modern man lives in a highly synthetic kind of existence. He specializes in this and that. Rarely does he test all his powers or find himself whole. But in the hills and on the water the character of a man comes out.” - Abram T. Collier*







Donnie McDaniel, Joseph Garton, Bin Lizzo (CD), Catherine Swanson, Dan Doedtman, Kyle Gustafson



The site of the North Country Commissary. It offers excellent views of Mount Wheeler and Eagle Nest State Park. It is a base for starting treks to the top of Mount Baldy.

*"Sitting on the porch at Baldy Town and looking out over Philmont is awesome! Atop Baldy we can see the plains, every staffed camp and even Colorado. We're the first to greet the sun and the last to see it."* - Bin Lizzo



Stuart Babcock, Alan Nichol, Andrew Loubau, Ian Bagley, Laura Munch (CD)

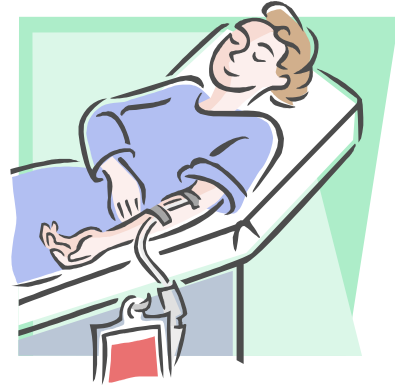
This camp is the Northern most camp on Philmont property and now serves as the gateway to the Valle Vidal. The program at Dan Beard focuses on low impact camping, and is intended to help prepare crews for trekking into the Valle Vidal where Leave No Trace principles can be put into practice. The other main program is the camp's 'Challenge Course,' which is similar to the C.O.P.E. course, challenging the crew to work together and increase their communication skills.

*"There is more to life than increasing it's speed." - Ghandi*





## Blood Drive



Article By: Chloe Euston, PhilNews Writer  
Photos By: Zackary Boesch

The Silver Sage Staff Activity Center hosted a blood drive June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, which was open to all Philmont staff.

United Blood Services took blood from an estimated 83 members of the Philmont staff in the TV room in the back of the Silver Sage.

Anne Rayhawk, the Activities Manager, coordinated the drive. She said it's important we donate as much as we can at Philmont, because we have such a large group of people here.

"The goal that United Blood set this year was 109 donors," said Rayhawk.

Joe Cooper, Activities Assistant Manager, in Activities said this year's drive would probably have fewer donors than last year's, due to timing during training week, including ranger training and interpretive training.

During the blood drive, a raffle was held for those who donated blood. Both Alex Derbes and Martin McCoy won a water bottle, while James Boswell won a \$50 gift certificate.

There will be another blood drive in the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The drives are timed so that donors who participated in the first drive will be able to donate again in August, Rayhawk said.





## Santa Fe Trail Celebration

Article By: Amy Hemsley, PhilNews Writer

It was long ago, but it isn't now... As the Santa Fe Trail Celebration comes through Philmont, they will give us a taste of yesterday, today.

It was September 1, 1821 that William Becknell decided to head west. A merchant from Missouri whose business was suffering the year before, he began a search for a new market, hoping those heading toward new things would become that market. Whether they were going west for land, a chance to find gold, or to test their cowboy skills on the open range - those pioneers became the market Becknell had hoped for. Following ancient Indian trails, Becknell started his trek from Missouri to Santa Fe. While the trails he chose became a corridor for commercial traffic, the emigrant routes to the West were in good use as well.

Today, the Santa Fe Trail is followed by those wanting to relive their ancestral experience, see history up close, or simply have an outdoor adventure. The Santa Fe Trail Celebration is a reminder that history is alive and well, with your chance to live it as it winds its way through Philmont on June 11, 12 and 13, on its way to Cimarron.

*Come meet John Carson, great-great grandson of Christopher "Kit" Carson, visit the Apache encampment, enjoy story-tellers, and see what other fun is in store for you with the Santa Fe Trail Celebration.*

### Career Sources Available

Attention all "younger" staff members. There is a group of more mature (age, not necessarily actions) who have agreed to share their knowledge in the field of their expertise.

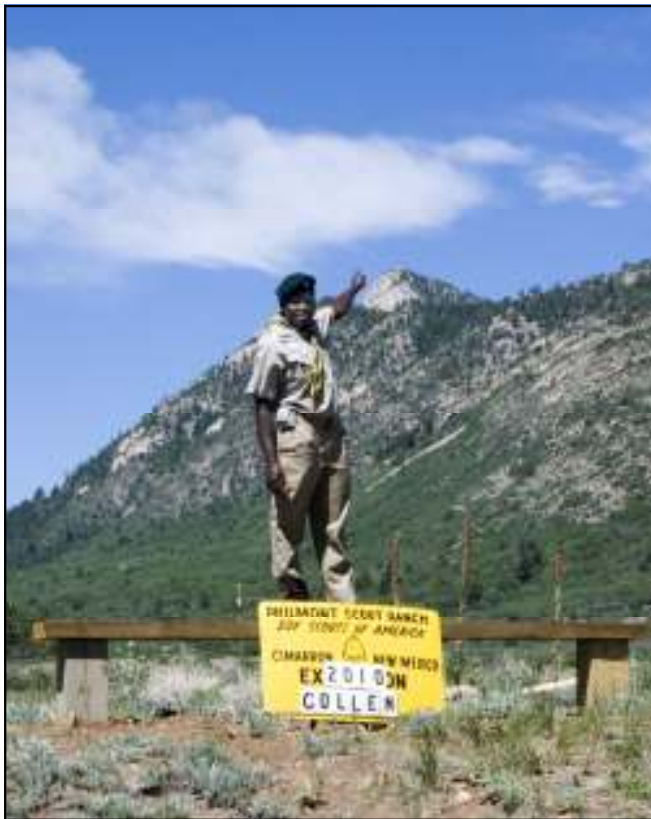
If you would like to gain additional information on a particular career path, please contact one of the members listed below. If you do not see anyone listed in the field of your choice, please contact John Henson at the Welcome Center (ext. 1230) and he will try and locate someone on the staff that may have knowledge about chosen field.

For you "mature" staff members, if you do not see your name listed below, and would like to share your knowledge, please contact John Henson at ext. 1230 and he will add you to the list.

HR/Computer/IT Management  
Information/Record Mgmt and Security  
Elect Engr/Engr Mgmt/Rocket Science  
Elementary Special Ed Teaching  
Electrical Engineer  
Banking  
Tele-communications  
Professional Scouting

Henry Watson - NPS  
Jim VanHecke - CHQ Services  
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Dale Hiatt - CHQ Services  
John Henson - Welcome Center  
Gordon McKinnie - CHQ Adm.  
Owen McCulloch - CHQ Adm.

## Scout Spotlight: Collen Ramuthivheli



Article By: John Koser, PhilNews Editor  
Photos By: Tara Raftovich

9,725 miles. That is the distance between Philmont and Johannesburg, South Africa. It also happens to be how far Collen Ramuthivheli is from home. Collen is one of several international Scouts that has made the trek to Philmont Scout Ranch this year, and the twenty year old is hoping to make an impact.

Collen is one of the premiere Scouts from his home country of South Africa, having represented his entire country at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Gathering for Scouting and Intellectual Initiatives. To serve in the special gathering, Collen had to leave home for United Arab Emirates (UAE) and give a special presentation in front of all the other 123 participants, who each represented their own countries.

Collen choose to focus his presentation on HIV and AIDS awareness, two diseases that are widespread across his South Africa, as well as the rest of the world. In addition to making a lengthy PowerPoint presentation to the attendees, Collen also had to try and estimate a budget for how much his program would cost. When translated from his home country's currency (the Rand) to American dollars, the cost was a whopping four and a half million dollars. To try and create a program that large is mind boggling to the average person but it's just business as usually for this South African Scout.

It was also at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Gathering for Scouting and Intellectual Initiatives that Collen had a chance to meet Vasile. Vasile is the founder of Scout Face, a website similar to Facebook, but is used to help get international Scouts in contact with one another.

Collen was also in attendance at the 21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree as a member of the South African team. Collen's team traveled to the Netherlands before the Jamboree and helped with a local home and hospitality business, helping anyone in need.

According to Collen, it was a rather difficult adventure to get him from Johannesburg all the way to Philmont.

“Brian February, the Chief Scout Commissioner in South Africa, helped me with sending my application from the beginning.” Collen said. “I also received help from T.H. Rakgabyane, my Scout Leader and Commissioner of Development and Transformation, and Dr. Angus Hay, a former Assistance Area Commissioner in Developmental Finance.”

Now that Collen has arrived in Philmont, he absolutely loves it. He has high hopes to get into the backcountry soon and do some hiking. He said that he was excited the most about being able to trek up the Tooth of Time.

“It is really nice that everyone around Philmont Scout Ranch is welcoming me with open arms,” said Collen.





## Scatter at Rich Cabins



Photos By: Conan McEnroe



## Scatter at Crater Lake and Fish Camp



Photos By: Trevor Roberts



# Gio!

Article By: Amy Hemsley, PhilNews Writer

Giovanni Livera gave a performance to the Philmont Staff on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> that was quite inspiring. To all who had the chance to hear his inspirational speech, they not only listened, but participated, making it both memorable and motivating.

Giovanni (or “Gio” as he became affectionately known around Philmont), was inducted into the Speaker Hall of Fame on August 4, 2008 for excellence in speaking, or for what he calls being “in the astonishment business”. His performance for the 900 staff members on Sunday was a fine example of why he would be nominated for such recognition.

The foundational principle in performing magic, he tells us, is that:

“Just because something looks impossible doesn’t mean that it is.”

To illustrate this principle, there was full audience participation with the Perplexing Penny Puzzle. The object of the puzzle is to put a penny through a hole not even the size of a dime. Murmurs and statements of surprise filled the crowd: “Why would he ask us to do something which is clearly impossible?” “Is it impossible?” “I don’t get it, what’s the point?”

The solution was found by a few of the members from the audience, resulting in the answer floating around and several getting the penny through the miniscule hole. Problem solvers and followers all had the opportunity to solve what seemed to be *impossible*. His point was made clear; just because something seems impossible doesn’t mean that it is.

With this clear understanding, the audience gains confidence to accomplish *anything* they wish. From there, the key to success is found in 5 letters: MAGIC.

**Motivation:** “Anything is possible. Not ‘everything’ is possible - *anything* is possible.”

**Attitude:** Know that the show must go on. He quoted Henry Ford who states: “Whether you believe you can, or you can’t, you are right.”

**Goals:** Gio reminds his audience that you don’t have to know all the answers, but set goals, and like a seed, your capabilities will grow. Also, he strongly suggests, write down your goals.

**Imagination:** Be innovative and creative; don’t do the same thing and expect different results.

**Care:** This is where talent and passion collide. If you have both talent and passion for what you do, you will truly care, giving you energy and means to succeed.

Giovanni’s book, Live a Thousand Years: Have the Time of Your Life (will be available at the Tooth of Time Trading Post soon), delves into these and other related principles for living a full, successful life. Those principles include innovativeness and creativity. “No change, no change.” He asked us all to say it with him, and the words echoed over the lawn filled with staff members. The point being:

“If you make no change, there will be no change.”



## Gio!

One area of the audience covering the lawn talked about how Einstein's quote came to mind: "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results".

To this he strongly suggests that we know our potential and set goals that expand that potential. Think of it as a cycle, not an ending: reach a goal, celebrate, reset.

For the Philmont staff, being in the business of *Wilderness Adventures That Last A Lifetime*, it becomes important to become a COE. (Not a CEO; that's right, a COE.) As a Scout you collect special experiences, as time goes on, you become a "Creator of Experiences" (COE). With this, Gio encourages Philmont Staff members to "Be an ambassador of the moment."

He goes on to remind us of a way to make this happen: "People want to work with people who love what they do."

There will come with these experiences moments that are less enjoyable, names and faces that will not be remembered, but these things should not keep us from reaching and stretching our potential. Misdirection is a powerful tool for a magician, but a disaster to your focus. He encourages the audience, to be focused.

"Don't let opportunities go over your head."



Photos By: Anita Altschul



Photos By: Trevor Roberts



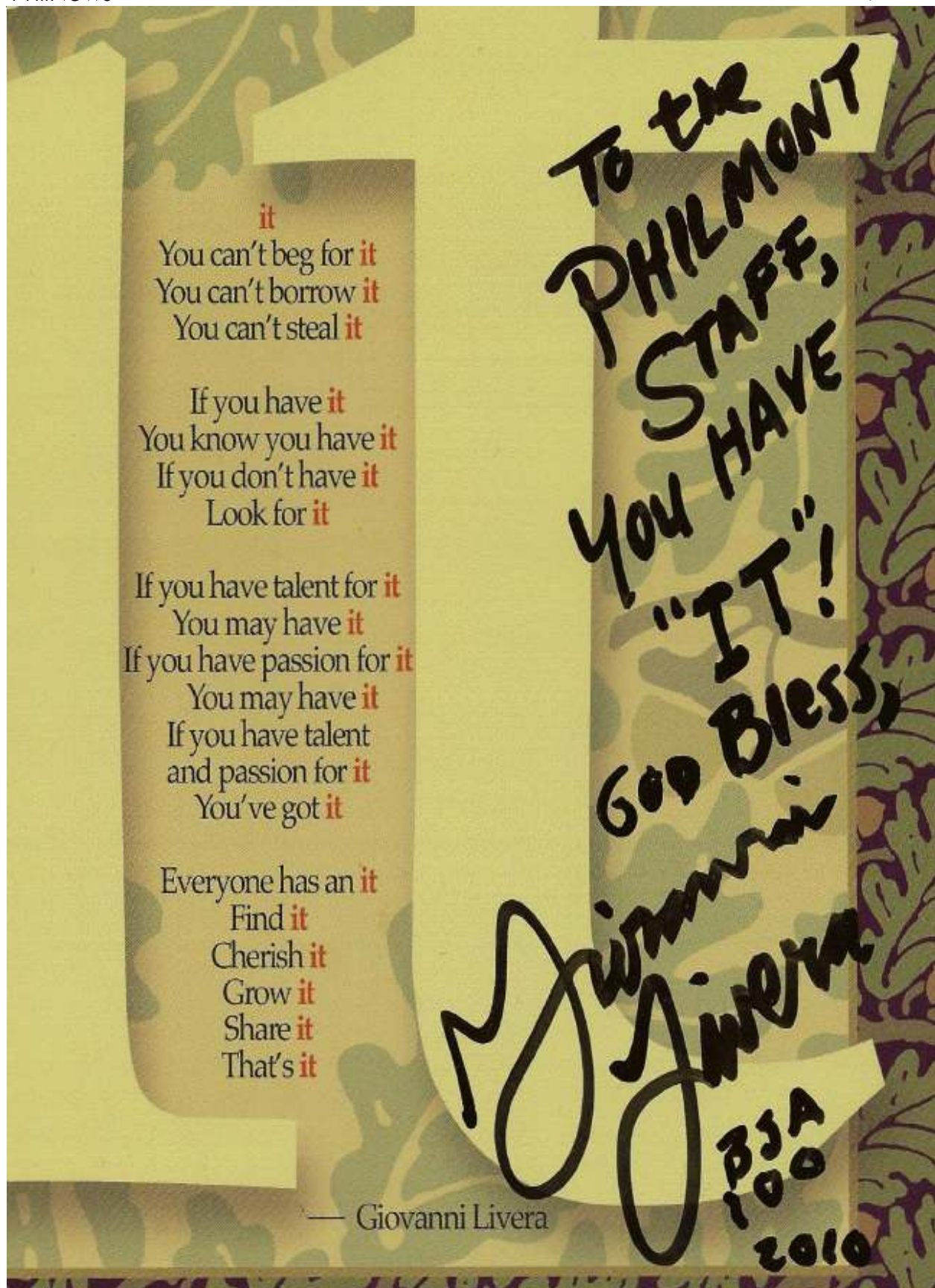
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Photos By: Andrew Breglio







## Duct Tape Creation Night

Article By: Chloe Euston, PhilNews Writer  
Photos By: Conan McEnroe

Wednesday, June 2 was duct tape craft night at the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center. Eight or ten Philmont staff members participated in the event, making creations of varying practicality and function from different neon-colored duct tapes.



## Yoga

Yoga classes are held in the PTC Small Fry every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Julia McCulloch teaches the 45 minute beginning yoga class. She said she has been practicing yoga for 11 years, but that she never taught it before coming to Philmont. Julia said her class is based on her favorite parts of yoga classes she has previously taken.

She focuses her class on flexibility and stretching and includes no meditation and spirituality.

“When you walk out of here, you’re relaxed but also rejuvenated,” Julia said.

Participation in the yoga class has ranged from two people to 18 during the past year. All Philmont staff are invited to participate and the class is very friendly to newcomers and yoga first-timers. Just remember to wear comfortable clothes. Yoga mats will be provided for you.



**Julia McCulloch**

Article By: Chloe Euston, PhilNews Writer  
Photo By: Conan McEnroe

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## A day at the Villa Philmonte

Article By: Timothy Bardin, PhilNews Writer  
Photos By: Andrew Dunheimer, Tara Raftovich

“Villa Philmonte” come from original owner Waite Phillips combining his name with the word “monte”, which is Spanish for mountain. The Villa Philmonte was designed in the Spanish Mediterranean style and completed in 1927. Waite and Genevieve Phillips moved their family into the Villa in June of that year and they continued to use it as their summer home until Mr. Phillips donated the Villa Philmonte to the Boy Scouts of America in 1941.

One of Mr. Phillip’s famous quotes is, “The only things we keep permanently are those we give away.” He lived out that principle all his life, most especially with his gifts to the Boy Scouts. The BSA received the land that makes up Philmont Scout Ranch in three stages.



In 1938, Mr. Phillips bestowed 36,000 acres of land around the Ponil Canyon and \$61,000 to the BSA. Today that land is known as Philmont’s North Country. Mr. Phillip’s second gift in 1941 was the South Country, consisting of 91,000 acres of land. He included the PhilTower (located in Tulsa, Oklahoma), Cattle Headquarters and the Villa Philmonte as endowments. Today, Philmont Scout Ranch contains 137,000 acres, covering roughly 214 square miles.

The Villa Philmonte Tour begins in the gazebo located between the Philmont Training Center Assembly Hall and the Villa itself. Visitors are treated to a view of Philmont’s South Country from between the columns that circle the gazebo. A dedication plaque containing Mr. Phillips’ statement explaining his purpose in donating Philmont to the BSA hangs above the fireplace. After a brief history of the Villa’s construction and Mr. Phillips’ gifts given by one of the Villa’s Tour Guides, the visitors move onto the breezeway.

The breezeway is situated in the courtyard and connects the Villa guesthouse to the main building, informally known as “the big house”. Tiles of the U-U-Bar brand and ranching in the Southwest are spaced about the floor. Overhead, the initials of each member of the Phillips family are painted on the ceiling.

Over the living room fireplace hangs Mr. Phillips’ collection of European weapons acquired while traveling. Another item of note is the Knabe piano. The piano was custom built for the Phillips’ family and for the living room specifically. The piano is currently undergoing restoration at another location.





The tour continues into the dining room. The dining table stands in the center of the room. It can seat sixteen people and the matching chairs are crafted of hand-tooled Moroccan leather.

A tour guide leads visitors from the dining room up a flight of stairs to the second floor. Above the middle landing is a three-section stained glass window depicting traders on the Santa Fe Trail. The glass is credited to the painter Nichola D'Ascenzo, but it is uncertain whether D'Ascenzo painted it himself or if he directed his workers.

The tour continues on into Mr. Phillips' library. Because Mr. Phillips loved the mountains, a porthole window was centered in the far wall, enabling him to enjoy a view of his beloved peaks. Through the window, visitors can see Window Rock to the north of Tooth Ridge and the mountains extending the length of Philmont's South Country.

From the library, the guide takes visitors into the master bedroom. The bedroom is a portrait of the times. In the 1920's, it was still customary for husbands and wives to sleep in separate beds and use their own dressing rooms. The Villa Philmonte was no exception to this practice.

Back downstairs is the New Mexico Room. This room is filled with photos of famous visitors to the Ranch. Represented are Will Rogers, cowboy humorist, and Vice-President Charles Dawes, among others. Also included there are photos of selected locations on the Ranch and other furnishings native to New Mexico.



Across the hall from the New Mexico Room is Mr. Phillips' Trophy Room. He used this room as his office and den. The room is accurately named as it is filled with pelts and mounted busts of animals indigenous to the area. A velvet-soft beaver pelt hangs next to the entrance, an American Bison is situated above the fireplace and the walls are covered with paintings done by Ralph Myers of Taos and John T. McCutcheon, the famous caricaturist from the Chicago Tribune.

Located outside is the Phillips' pool, which was filled in to create flowerbeds in the early 1950s. This summer the plots are filled with flowers in the design of a U.S. flag and "BSA 100", in commemoration of the BSA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Students from Cimarron Elementary School planted the flowers.

The final stop on the tour is the Waite Phillips Gallery. Opened in the 1990's, the Gallery contains exhibits covering various topics, from the architecture and materials used in the construction of the Villa to information on Waite Phillips' journey and family to the Villa's famous visitors to oil drilling and ranching. The Gallery also offers a small gift shop.

Tours of the Villa Philmonte are offered daily. An Early Bird session begins at 7:45 AM and regular sessions occur on the hour and half-hour from 8:00-11:00 AM and 12:30-4:30 PM. Reservations must be made at the Seton Museum. Experience history today!

## Coffee House Spectacular!

Article By: Amy Hemsley, PhilNews Writer

A café feel was set in the Baldy Pavilion at 8:00 PM last Wednesday (June 3<sup>rd</sup>), as music played overhead. Folks started to arrive and mingle, just like in a suburban-town coffee shop. With apple cider, coffee, and hot chocolate to spare, the place was filled with social atmosphere.

It was a night of various talent, from “how many items can I fit in my pockets?” to original country ballads and fiddling solos. With an opening act of J.R.R. Tolkien poetry put to a Gaelic tune (performed by Ellyn Washburne), the night was set for the array of unique talents brought to the spotlight by Philmont staff members. The variety of talent involved several instruments, including acoustic guitars, voices, an electric mandolin, fiddles, an ocarina and a keyboard; however, musical talent was definitely not the only type of talent at the show.

Justin Bryan showed how he was able to pack 40 items into his pant and vest pockets for a hike; the items ranging from a tooth pick to a binder. Spence Precourt read two original poems, which were dedicated to members of the audience (specifically or generally as appropriate). “Little Adam” and “Mr. Peter Scout Master” performed the Worm Skit and another non-musical bit of entertainment was performed by Dan “Raz” Rajnic who did a stand-up comedy routine about the peculiar experiences life had brought his way.

Popular songs were performed, such as *At Last* (an Etta James tune), *Benny and the Jets* (an Elton John hit), and *Hallelujah!* (a tune made popular by artists like Rufus Wainwright and Sheryl Crow). Then unknown tunes, though nonetheless catchy in melody or harmony, were performed by staff members: country, soft rock, and instrumental songs; songs of pain, breaking up, country-living, peace and love. It was a night of solo performers as well as group performers; from a Philmont family-guest (Ben Morgan) performing solo on the keyboard, to Philmont’s own “Peter, Paula, and Mary” (the Urraca Staff members).

One performance of the night in particular left the pavilion silent in amazement, both because of the uniqueness of the talent and a performance well done. Lennika Johnson treated the crowd to an operatic performance, the first aria from the second act of The Marriage of Figaro. The audience had made the request to Joe (the MC of the event) to hear her again. Her encore-performance of a German opera selection left the pavilion in silence for a second time, as the audience gave their undivided attention.

Her internationally flavored talent was a fine lead-in to our also international ending. The final act was given by “The MacStreet Boys” (Gordon McKinnie and Owen McCulloch) who, in full Scottish attire, performed on the bagpipes. Opening their act with *Scotland the Brave*, the audience loved the confident display of their Scottish heritage. The duo then performed rhapsodic solo pieces involving flying fingers and expressions of delight.

After McCulloch reminded the audience that there would be another show before the summer’s end and that it is a great chance to stretch your comfort zone, “The MacStreet Boys” gave their goodnight to the audience by playing a piping rendition of *Amazing Grace*. With a perfectly smooth transition into the Scottish hymn performed earlier, it was a terrific ending, to a spectacularly diverse show.



## A Profession with a Purpose

Article By: Owen McCulloch

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest youth organization in the world, serving almost 4 million youth and adult volunteers through a network of local councils in every state in America. Volunteers and programs are supported by a local council; there are over 300 councils operating as part of the Boy Scouts of America, and each one hires a team of professional and support staff.

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 people that the community in that district looks towards to help support their Scouting programs by helping to organize their membership recruitment, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and training, and program support.

The Boy Scouts of America is looking for individuals who may be interested in a profession with a purpose; this is the District Executive. Starting salary starts at around \$30,000 per year plus benefits, and raises are earned annually based on performance. You must have a four-year college degree and either be a US Citizen, or have declared your intent to become a citizen. Within the Scouting program there are a wide variety of career paths, and employees with tenure are valued.

On Thursday, June 17, at 6:30 PM, a reception is being held at the Villa Philmonte for individuals who are 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), or I-Camp your name and department. Be sure to contact Owen if you are interested in attending the reception so you will receive an invitation.

## Exercise of the Week



To perform a burpee with a pushup, you begin in the squat position with hands on the floor in front of you. Kick your feet back, while simultaneously lowering yourself into the bottom portion of a pushup. Your arms will not be extended. Immediately return your feet to the squat position, while simultaneously pushing "up" with your arms. Leap up as high as possible from the squat position. Repeat, moving as fast as possible.

# Games

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**Answers will  
be in next  
week's  
PhilNews.**

## Games

Using only the words “Philmont Scout Ranch”, try and create as many different words as possible without any duplicates. After you’re finished, submit your answers to the PhilNews and we will give the winners a shout out in a future issue. Good luck!

### PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH


Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b><u>11</u></b> <b><u>Santa Fe Trail Celebration Begins</u></b>  <b><u>Table Games Triathlon @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Apache Encampment @ Philmont Helipad</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b> <b><u>Santa Fe Trail Celebration</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Wannabe Band @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Trivia Night @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @ Tent Cities, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Minute to Win It @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Apache Encampment @ Philmont Helipad</u></b>  <b><u>Rededication of Rayado @ 3:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b> <b><u>Santa Fe Trail Celebration</u></b>  <b><u>First Mountain Trek of 2010 Summer</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Buffalo BBQ @ 5:30 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Country Dance @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Kickball @ CHQ Fields, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Apache Encampment @ Cimarron</u></b>	<b><u>14</u></b> <b><u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Ping Pong Tournament @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Apache Encampment @ Cimarron</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b> <b><u>PTC Bingo @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Branding @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @ Tent Cities, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Movie "TBA" &amp; Smoothie @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b> <b><u>Banana Split Ice Cream Night @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ Small Fry, 7:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b> <b><u>Professional Scouting Reception @ Villa Gallery</u></b>  <b><u>Pool Tournament @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>
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<b><u>18</u></b> <b><u>Poker Night @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b> <b><u>Water Balloon Fight @ CHQ Fields, 2:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Wannabe Band @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Trivia Night @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @ Tent Cities, 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b> <b><u>Bratwurst Day @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, Lunchtime</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Buffalo BBQ @ 5:30 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Country Dance @ 7:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>21</u></b> <b><u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Tie-Dye Night @ Fitness Center Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b> <b><u>PTC Bingo @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Branding @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @ Tent Cities, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Movie "TBA" &amp; Smores @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b> <b><u>Philmont National Visitation Begins</u></b>  <b><u>Table Games Triathlon @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ Small Fry, 7:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b> <b><u>Philmont National Visitation</u></b>  <b><u>Karaoke @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></b>