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DELIVERING WILDERNESS ADVENTURES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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### CORRECTIONS FOR ISSUE 2

We forgot to place the Exercise of the Week in the final draft.

We here at the PhilNews apologize for this mistake.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, and thank you for picking up the latest edition of the PhilNews! As you may have already noticed, the PhilNews is going through quite a bit of changes right now.

The staff decided that while we were pleased with the content we were putting in the PhilNews, we weren't satisfied with its presentation. We thought we could do better.

So after quite a bit of work by NPS photographer, Tara Raftovich, to design the new layout, the PhilNews staff set out to try and bring you the best news possible.

So please, let us know what you think of it! Any sort of praise or criticism will be welcome. We here at the PhilNews just want to do our best to supply the hard working staff of Philmont with a newspaper they can enjoy.

YOURS IN SCOUTING,

**JOHN KOSER**

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A TOTALED CAR FROM A ROLL OVER ACCIDENT LAST SUMMER. DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DRIVE SAFETY

Over the past weekend there have been three serious single vehicle accidents on Philmont roads in which private vehicles were totaled. It is a miracle that no one was seriously injured any of these accidents. The common causes of most of these accidents is speed and inattention, primarily the former.

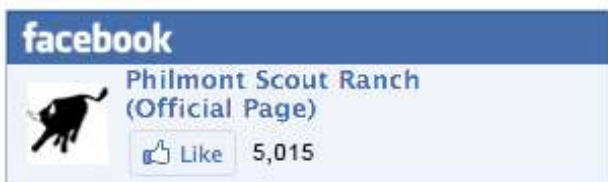
Folks, it's time to slow down and respect our gravel roads. The road surfaces at the bus turnarounds and the Cito road are unforgiving; speeding on these roads means a small error can result in a major accident.

We must respect Philmont and our roads to the turnarounds. These roads are necessary for our mission and for bus delivery of our participants; however, it is not necessary that we allow private vehicles on these roads. Failure to slow down may result in this privilege being removed. If you are caught speeding, that particular private vehicle will not be allowed to use Philmont roads for the rest of the summer, regardless of who the driver is.

We must slow down and be responsible and safe.

- Bob Ricklefs

Make sure to join the Official Philmont Facebook fan page!



### SUBMIT TO THE PHILNEWS!

Have a thought, story, comic, drawing, photo or idea that you'd like to share with the Philmont community?

The PhilNews welcomes submissions and letters to the editor. Feel free to I-Camp your submission to the PhilNews or drop it by the NPS office. Please remember that all submissions must include your name and location!

For a submission to be considered for the next issue, please have it to us by Sunday at 5:00 PM. **All submissions become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.**

# WEATHER



## SATURDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>

Cloudy  
Hi: 89<sup>o</sup>  
Low: 50<sup>o</sup>



## SUNDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>

Thunderstorms  
Hi: 88<sup>o</sup>  
Low: 54<sup>o</sup>



## MONDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

Thunderstorms  
Hi: 85<sup>o</sup>  
Low: 54<sup>o</sup>



## TUESDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>

Thunderstorms  
Hi: 82<sup>o</sup>  
Low: 52<sup>o</sup>



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>

Cloudy  
Hi: 84<sup>o</sup>  
Low: 53<sup>o</sup>




## THURSDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>

Cloudy  
Hi: 87<sup>o</sup>  
Low: 52<sup>o</sup>



## FRIDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>

Showers  
Hi: 87<sup>o</sup>  
Low: 53<sup>o</sup>

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**Sunday Brunch**

## MARK'S MINUTE

### EXCELLENCE IS ...

As the summer moves along and we approach the end of June, it is important that we move along as well. Each day allows us opportunities to practice the many skills we learned during training. Time allows us to grow and improve, learning from each success or challenge, learning from our fellow staff members and making a difference in the lives of those we come in contact with. We can now, each day, demonstrate the excellence that we have prepared for.

Aristotle wrote, "Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

In his book "The Little Big Things", Tom Peters writes about excellence:

Excellence is the best defense.  
Excellence is the best offense.  
Excellence is the answer in good times.  
Excellence is the answer in tough times.  
(Excellence is the answer in tough times.)  
Excellence is about the big things.  
Excellence is about the little things.  
Excellence is a relationship.  
Excellence is a philosophy.  
Excellence is an aspiration.  
Excellence is immoderate.  
Excellence is a pragmatic standard.  
Excellence is execution.  
Excellence is selfish.  
Excellence is selfless.  
Excellence is what keeps you awake.  
Excellence is what lets you sleep well.  
Excellence is a moving target.  
Excellence is that which ... knows no bounds.  
EXCELLENCE. Always.  
If not EXCELLENCE, what?  
If not EXCELLENCE now, when?

**I would say that the "Brand" of Philmont Scout Ranch deserves our excellence and the time to demonstrate that excellence is now!**

Mark Anderson  
Director of Program

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### MEET CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN FATHER STEVE HOFFER

Hello, my name is Father Steve Hoffer, and I am a Roman Catholic priest. This is my tenth summer here on staff and I always look forward to coming out to work in "God's Country." Some of you may remember me from my earlier days of working at Philmont when I was in the Conservation Department from 1996-2000. In August 2000, I entered the seminary to study to become a Catholic priest. I was ordained a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Las Vegas, Nevada in May 2005. After ordination, I returned to Philmont and have served for five summers as a Chaplain. By the time you read this I will be getting ready to leave Philmont and return to my parish in Las Vegas, Nevada. I served as a Philmont Chaplain from June 14-25; you may have recognized me as Unit 56.

Currently, I am serving as the parochial vicar (assistant pastor) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church in Las Vegas, NV. There are close to 12,000 registered families in my parish. I have been active in Scouting all my life. I am an Eagle Scout and have served in a variety of positions including Scoutmaster, district chairman, chaplain, and now I am a member of the Executive Board for the Las Vegas Area Council. I am a member of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Before becoming a Catholic priest, I worked for Lockheed Martin as a government contractor and taught at the Community College of Southern Nevada. I taught introductory computer, remote sensing, UNIX, and geographic information systems courses. Being a college professor, I got the summers off; it was then that I worked at Philmont. While working in God's country, I felt the call to enter the seminary to become a Catholic priest. God spoke to me, and I was able to listen to his call to enter into ordained ministry in His Church. It is awesome to be back in "God's Country" and to be on staff as a chaplain. I challenge everyone who works at Philmont to take time daily to experience the beauty of Philmont and to spend time daily admiring God's creation!

### SPENDING TIME WITH GOD + DUTY TO GOD

During this summer, you all will have the opportunity to spend some time alone thinking about what God is calling you to do. You will have the opportunity to develop your relationship with God. Lord Baden Powell said that the two bookends to the Scouting program are *Duty to God* and a *Scout is Reverent*. Everything we do in Scouting and here at Philmont should have God as the center of it.

Philmont started the Duty to God program for the participants on treks so they could draw closer to God as they encountered and lived the Philmont experience. This program was expanded to include special program treks, participants at the Philmont Training Center, and the Philmont staff.

I pray that the entire staff will take the opportunity to draw into a closer relationship with God and earn the Duty to God patch. Each of you should have received the requirements during training (if not, contact any chaplain for the requirement sheet).

The requirements are fairly simple but require an effort on your part: (1) attend a religious service of your choice (at CHQ or PTC) at least two times each month for a minimum of six times (If you are a staff at the backcountry camp, you may substitute a staff developed religious service in lieu of a base-camp service); (2) volunteer to assist in any religious service that is offered at Philmont; (3) participate in some kind of daily devotion, meditation, prayers, reflective journal writing, and/or personal scripture study program; (4) obtain a copy of the Religious Emblems Brochure (available from any chaplain) and agree to share the program with others within your Scouting influence in your home council; and (5) hold your own personal grace before meals.

After you have completed the requirements, bring the completed form to the Tooth of Time Trading Post to purchase the patch. The Duty to God program is more than getting a really cool patch: **it is about developing a personal relationship with God.**

This summer can be a life-changing experience if you let it. Spend some time with our Lord each day. Enjoy the beautiful views of Philmont. Experience the beauty of God's country. You have a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of God's creation here at Philmont, whether this is your first year on staff or your 40<sup>th</sup> season. Every staff person who works here has been selected from the best. It is an honor to be a part of the Philmont staff. Don't waste the opportunity to experience Philmont and to experience God this summer. Ask God to guide your thoughts, words, and actions. As you spend time with the Lord, ask Him to help you decide what he is calling you to do with your life.

If any of the chaplains can help your journey in your relationship with God, just ask. Also, if your backcountry camp would like a service for your staff, kindly I-Camp one of your friendly chaplains.

YOURS IN SCOUTING,

**FATHER STEVE HOFFER**

## A WORD FROM WATSON

Article by Henry Watson

The first crew has come off the trail and I can't help thinking about my first trek.

It was 1980 and trail stoves were brand new. I remember that my crew had borrowed one and even then we didn't really know how to use it. The normal way crews cooked was over a fire in the fire pit. And in the rain that involved a poncho held over head of the cook or in heavy rain... and a cold dinner.

Leave No Trace was not even thought of. The underbrush was used up as every crew looked for tinder. The really popular campsites no longer had any dead tree limbs and my crew starting picking up branches as we hiked from camp to camp.

Unfortunately, we all looked for souvenirs of our trek. I don't know how many rocks disappeared off of Baldy, but I know that my crew took a bunch. We looked for deer antlers and arrowheads ( we never found any.) We might have carved our names in a tree (can't remember.)

In 1980 there was no more than half the number of Scouts on the trail than there will be this year.

In 2010 there will be 21,000 youth in the backcountry. I can't imagine that many young versions of me all looking for souvenirs.

That is why I actively support and promote the wilderness ethics programs at Philmont. I've got that piece of Baldy somewhere; haven't seen it in years. But I've learned that I still carry the memory of that trek and don't need a rock to prove that I Made It.

I'm glad that Philmont has created the Wilderness Guía crew position and I ask every staff member to find out more about the program and help spread it throughout Scouting.

## HEALTH HINTS

### FIRST AND FOREMOST

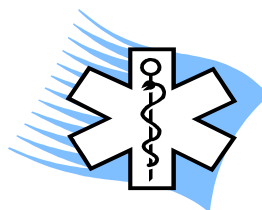
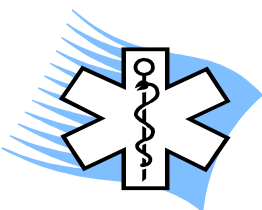
- ◆ For general health, use good hand-washing hygiene.
- ◆ When coughing, not only cover your mouth, but tuck your cough into your elbow. (This keeps you from spreading any virus with a hand you may otherwise cough on.)
- ◆ Don't go to work sick. If you think you are contagious, stay away from work.

### H1N1

- ◆ The H1N1 vaccine is very important. Although this is not offered at the Health Lodge, it is suggested that each staff member get vaccinated by their local provider.

### STAY HYDRATED!

- ◆ How much water you drink depends on your activity level.
- ◆ For the activity level of a basecamp staff member, the standard 8 glasses a day should suffice.
- ◆ If you are involved in the back country or have a raised activity level, more than 8 glasses (64 ounces) a day is suggested.
- ◆ While electrolytes from sports drinks are good to quickly hydrate you, they need to be low in sugar (as sugar has the opposite effect).
- ◆ Know that caffeine found in coffee, soda, and some energy drinks can also have a dehydrating effect.





## WORLD NEWS

### MASSIVE CASUALTIES, MANY MISSING IN CHINA FLOODS

Massive flooding and mudslides in southern China caused by heavy rain resulted in over 200 reported dead, over 100 reported missing and more than 2.3 million evacuees from the regions of Fujian, Guangdong, Hunan, Jiangxi, Guangxi and Sichuan. The regions hit worst from the torrential rains were the southern provinces of Fujian, Guangxi and Sichuan. The projected property damages from the thousands of homes and crops destroyed is over 43.3 billion yuan (around 6.35 billion U.S. dollars). The storms, which began June 13, caused power outages, collapsed reservoirs, caused landslides and damaged highways.

### RUSSIA RESTRICTS NATURAL GAS TO BELARUS

Russia began to limit natural gas supplies to neighboring country Belarus on Monday. Belarus refused to pay Russian gas rates of \$169 per 1,000 cubic meters for the first quarter, and \$185 for the second quarter, which led to Belarus accumulating a large debt over the natural gas. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev gave the order to the Russian energy corporation Gazprom, the world's largest producer and exporter of natural gas, to start gradually restricting gas supplies.

### AMERICAN ARRESTED WHILE HUNTING OSAMA BIN LADEN

Gary Faulkner, 50, was arrested last week after being stopped near the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan's Nuristan province. Faulkner was detained when he was discovered carrying with him a pistol, a sword, night-vision equipment and Christian books. Faulkner told police that he was looking for Osama bin Laden, and has been doing so since the al Qaeda's attacks on September 11, 2001.

Faulkner was later released with no charges after meeting with US officials on Thursday for extensive questioning.

### ELECTRICITY SHORTAGE IN IRAQ LEADS TO PROTESTS

Shortages of electricity and running water led to hundreds of demonstrators protesting in the streets of Basra on Saturday. The demonstrators broke windows of the local government's building, and threw stones at security forces, said Hashim al-Louaibi, a spokesman for the Basra Provincial Council. The security forces fired warning shots in the air to disperse the crowd, which were not intended to harm the crowd, said al-Louaibi. However, the shots resulted in casualties; one person was killed in the gunfire. Following the protest, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's office issued a statement that the Prime Minister ordered a ministerial delegate to deal with the power shortages in Basra.



## WORLD NEWS

### VICTOR DECLARED IN COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL RUNOFF

Juan Manuel Santos, former Colombian Defense Minister, claimed victory in Colombia's presidential runoff after winning over 69 percent of the votes. Santos vowed to continue the fight against the leftist guerrilla group FARC, which has been waging war against Columbia's central government since the 1960s. Santos ran against Antanas Mockus, a former Bogota Mayor and Green Party candidate. Mockus received 27.5 percent of the votes. Santos will replace Alvaro Uribe, who received high approval ratings for his efforts against FARC in his two terms.

### CHINA MOVES TO ALLOW CURRENCY TO FLOAT

Last Saturday China's central banks announced that the Chinese currency, the yuan, would be allowed to float ahead of the G-20 summit in Toronto, Canada. This move will allow the yuan to be more flexible in the world exchange rate.

Several nations including the U.S., Brazil, and India support the rate reforms to Chinese currency. China's official news agency, Xinhua, reported that The People's Bank of China would push for more reforms to make up for criticisms over trade imbalances between Western nations and China.

### PORTUGUESE NOBEL PRIZE WINNER DIES

Jose Saramago, Portuguese author and winner of the Nobel Prize for literature in 1998, died Friday, June 18. Saramago died of organ failure caused by prolonged illness, and was surrounded by his family on his deathbed in his home on the spanish island of Lanzarote. One of Saramago's best known works is the novel "Blindness," an allegorical tale of a nation that lost its sight.

### PLANE CRASH IN AFRICA LEAVES 11 DEAD

A plane carrying 11 passengers, predominantly employees of Australian mining company Sundance Resources, was reported missing Sunday after it departed from Cameroon en route to the Republic of the Congo. The passengers were visiting Sundance's iron ore projects in Cameroon and Congo, according to the company. The wreckage of the plane was discovered on Monday. There were no survivors. The cause of the crash is currently unknown but is still being investigated.

## US NEWS

### BP OIL LEAK UPDATE

The current low estimate is about 1,470,000 gallons (or 35,000 barrels) of oil from the British Petroleum leak in the Gulf of Mexico since April 20, 2010. BP is releasing live footage online of the oil leak, and some speculate that the video will harm public opinion of Obama's action on the leak. BP chief executive Tony Hayward received flack for attending an English yacht race. The oil company is continuing efforts to siphon and divert the oil as it leaks. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration expanded the area of federal waters closed to fishing in the Gulf to 81,000 square miles. Oyster prices are doubling, and the price of shrimp is on the rise.

### MILITA MEN TO STAY LOCKED UP UNTIL TRIAL BEGINS

The five members of a Midwest militia, who were conspiring to rebel against the government and use weapons of mass destruction, will be forced to remain in jail while awaiting their trial according to a ruling by an appeals court. This ruling will reverse the decision by a federal judge.

The men have been deemed "to dangerous to be released" and that no conditions of release will reasonably assure the safety of the community.

### OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WILL SUE ARIZONA ON IMMIGRATION LAWS

The Obama administration has decided to file a lawsuit against the Arizona law that deports illegal immigrants. The law, which is set to take effect July 29, allows local police to use more authority in determining the legal status of people they stop. Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard said his office will not defend the state's lawyers in challenges against the Arizona law, which leaves Governor Jan Brewer's lawyers to defend the law on behalf of the state.

### MURDERER EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD IN UTAH

Double-murderer Ronnie Lee Gardner, 49, was executed by firing squad last Friday in Utah. This is the third firing squad (all of which were in Utah) since 1976, when the death penalty was restored in the United States. Utah mandated in 2004 that all executions thereafter would be by lethal injection, but inmates who were on death row prior to the mandate are still given the option of a firing squad.

### BIDEN TO KICK OFF 'RECOVERY SUMMER'

This week Vice President Joe Biden will kick off the Obama administration's "Recovery Summer," a six-week-long push designed to highlight jobs created by a surge in stimulus-funded projects to improve highways, parks, drinking water and other public works.

## US NEWS

### GEN. MCCHYRSTAL TO MEET WITH OBAMA AFTER DISMISSIVE COMMENTS

General Stanley McChrystal apologized Tuesday for remarks quoted in a Rolling Stone article that will be printed in this Friday. After the apology, McChrystal was summoned to the White House to meet with Obama to explain his comments. The comments in the interview were allegedly dismissive of top officials in the Obama administration. McChrystal is the top U.S. general in Afghanistan, whom Obama selected last year to turn around the war.

### LABOR DEPARTMENT WILL EXPAND THE GAY WORKERS' RIGHTS

The Labor Department intends to issue regulations that will expand the rights of gay workers to allow them family and medical leave to care for their partner's sick or newborn children. The Labor Department's wage-and-hour division set forth the policy in a ruling Wednesday.

### FREMONT, NEBRASKA PASSES LAW AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Residents of Fremont, NE, voted Monday to stop employers and landlords from hiring or renting to illegal immigrants. The law is likely to be challenged in court, and opponents said the city of 25,000 would not be able to afford the implementation of the law.

### TIMES SQUARE CAR BOMB SUSPECT PLEADS GUILTY

The Pakistan-born U.S. citizen pled guilty Monday to ten terrorism and weapons counts. The attempted bombing occurred May 1, when Faisal Shazad parked an SUV packed with three separate bombs components in Times Square and lit the fuse. The bomb never went off. Shahzad said in court that he is a Muslim soldier at war with the United States. He said his funding for the bomb came from the Pakistan Taliban, and he said that more attacks will come if the U.S. does not pull out of Muslim countries. He will be sentenced October 5.

### ARIZONA WILDFIRE CONSUMES 14,000 ACRES

A wildfire is raging in northern Arizona, near Flagstaff, and it was only twenty percent contained as of Wednesday. The fire, dubbed the Shultz fire, was started by an abandoned campfire. An estimated 1,000 homes were evacuated and nearby national forests (Coconino, Kaibab and Prescott) have implemented fire restrictions.

## SPORTS

### STRASBURG IS THE REAL DEAL

Stephen Strasburg, a heavily hyped pitcher drafted by the Washington Nationals earlier this year, has certainly lived up to the expectations. In his first three starts, Strasburg had 32 strikeouts (an MLB record) and an ERA (earned run average) of 1.86. In his most recent game, Strasburg retired 15 consecutive batters. If Strasburg can keep this up, the sky is the limit for this talented rookie.

### MCDOWELL WINS US OPEN

Graeme McDowell held off Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson, and Tiger Woods on Sunday to win his first major championship. McDowell is the first Irishman to ever accomplish the feat.

While McDowell was able to handle the difficult course and shoot a 74, the golfing world's big three faltered. Els chased after McDowell for most of the day but wasn't able to catch him, Mickelson couldn't sink a birdie putt to save his life, and Woods just fell apart, shooting +4 for the day.

### HIGHER POWERS FALTER IN WORLD CUP

Nothing seems to be going right for most the world's most dominant soccer nations. England, a heavy favorite to win the tournament, tied both the United States and Algeria, making their game against Slovenia a must win. Spain, another heavy favorite to win it all, lost to tiny Switzerland and powerhouse Germany came up short against Serbia. Finally, Italy tied with New Zealand, leaving them with four draws and a loss in their last five games.

The only team immune to the mediocrity virus that is going around is Brazil. The perennial powerhouse has won both of its games, 2-1 against North Korea and 3-1 against Ivory Coast.

### WORLD CUP REFS UNDER HEAVY SCRUTINY

While human error is nothing new to sports, there has been an abundance of it in the World Cup recently. The first major gaffe was when a referee waved off the go-ahead goal for the United States in their game against Slovenia. Just a few days later, two more poor calls took place in the Brazil-Ivory Coast game. The initial blown call was a no call for an obvious hand ball that allowed Brazil to go up 2-0. The second mistake took place when an Ivory Coast player wasn't watching where he was going and collided with Brazil's Kaka. The referee, mistakenly believed Kaka had done this on purpose, gave Kaka a red card, ejecting him from the game and the following game as well.

The FIFA Referee Committee is expected to review the referee's performances and decide on what to do from there.

### MCGEE OVERCOMES DEATH, WINS UFC CONTRACT

On September 9, 2005, Court McGee was pronounced clinically dead due to a heroin overdose.

Then on June 19, 2010, Court McGee defeated Kris McCray to win The Ultimate Fighter and, more importantly, the six figure contract that goes with it.

McGee, a former drug addict, has made the most of his second chance at life; cleaning up his act, getting in the gym, and winning the fighting-based reality show.

**MLB STANDINGS AS OF JUNE  
22<sup>ND</sup>**

<b>American League</b>					
<b>East</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
New York Yankees	43	27	0.614	--	Lost 1
Tampa Bay Rays	42	27	0.609	0.5	Lost 1
Boston Red Sox	43	28	0.606	0.5	Won 6
Toronto Blue Jays	38	32	0.543	5	Lost 1
Baltimore Orioles	19	50	0.275	23.5	Lost 1
<b>Central</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Minnesota Twins	40	29	0.580	--	Won 2
Detroit Tigers	38	30	0.559	1.5	Won 1
Chicago White Sox	34	34	0.500	5.5	Won 6
Kansas City Royals	29	42	0.408	12	Lost 4
Cleveland Indians	26	42	0.382	13.5	Lost 2
<b>West</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Texas Rangers	41	28	0.594	--	Won 8
Los Angeles Angels	39	33	0.542	3.5	Lost 1
Oakland Athletics	34	38	0.472	8.5	Lost 1
Seattle Mariners	28	41	0.406	13	Won 4
<b>National League</b>					
<b>East</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Atlanta Braves	42	28	0.600	--	Won 5
New York Mets	39	30	0.565	2.5	Lost 2
Philadelphia Phillies	35	32	0.522	5.5	Lost 2
Florida Marlins	33	36	0.478	8.5	Won 1
Washington Nationals	32	39	0.451	10.5	Won 1
<b>Central</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
St. Louis Cardinals	38	31	0.551	--	Lost 1
Cincinnati Reds	38	33	0.535	1	Won 1
Chicago Cubs	31	38	0.449	7	Won 1
Milwaukee Brewers	29	40	0.420	9	Won 1
Houston Astros	26	44	0.371	12.5	Lost 4
Pittsburg Pirates	25	44	0.362	13	Won 2
<b>West</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
San Diego Padres	40	29	0.580	--	Won 1
San Francisco Giants	38	30	0.559	1.5	Won 1
Los Angeles Dodgers	38	31	0.551	2	Lost 4
Colorado Rockies	36	33	0.522	4	Lost 1
Arizona Diamondbacks	28	43	0.394	13	Won 1

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# Blast from the Past

Since this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in America, this summer PhilNews is reprinting articles from past editions. This article was originally published on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1989.

## **PHILMONT FEATURED IN *NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE***

If you can get a hold of a copy, you'll be interested in the July-August issue of New Mexico Wildlife magazine. This issue contains a beautiful color photo essay of Philmont.

The photographs were taken by Chris Walker, a former Philmont employee. The photography captures wildlife in breath-taking scenes.

According to the article, Walker said his pictures represent the “neglected side of New Mexico—territory in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains not often seen by people who concentrate on White Sands or historical Santa Fe.”

Publicity such as this helps maintain Philmont's reputation of beauty and excellence. If you have any ideas for similar or related efforts, contact NPS.

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# WHY PROFESSIONAL SCOUTING?

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

The meeting was for those who were interested in learning more about the Scouting profession. It began with mingling, and a low-key atmosphere remained throughout the next hour of discussion. College graduates from various fields of study and Scouting professionals gathered together in the gallery at the Villa the evening of June 17, 2010. It was the perfect chance for having questions answered about this “Profession with a Purpose”.

The meeting was to inform those who came with questions about the positive and negative aspects of a professional Scouting career. Honest discussion between college graduates and Scouting professionals made the meeting a success.

Steve Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and Owen McCulloch then conducted a discussion between the college graduates and Scouting Professionals. Individuals came with honest questions and had a chance to get honest feedback about the profession. Mike Farrell, a young Scouting executive visiting the PTC, shared that this is “a great job if you don’t like being behind a desk.” Still, he states that at times it is “a necessary evil.”

Other advice from professionals included: “It is not an 8 to 5” (McCulloch), speaking of the job requirements in professional Scouting. He also stated that the satisfaction of this job is above any other even when some tasks are the same as other jobs. Details and advice on professional Scouting were

prevalent in the setting. Entry level positions were discussed in detail: from the salary and benefits package to the typical duties involved.

Refreshments were plentiful as the useful information was shared. While possibly walking away with a plate of chocolate dipped strawberries, attendees also walked away with information to help any decision to be made about professional Scouting.



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# Sustainability Statement

Article by Sarah Burgess

Many of you have asked, “what can I do?” or “what can my department do?” to help Philmont along the path to sustainability.

The answer lies in the first two words of the popular phrase above. If we can collectively reduce our use of white paper or electricity, or reuse cardboard boxes as storage for our offices, then we will be taking strides in the area of sustainability. For resources that can be recycled, we are fortunate to have an on-site receptacle this season. It is up to all of us to encourage participants, visitors and fellow staff members to put in the effort to take cans, plastics and cardboard to our Recycling Trailer next to CHQ Services.

It is important for us to know that Philmont Scout Ranch’s sustainable initiatives are about more than just recycling. Many areas of the ranch save and reuse material or donate it to a different cause. An example of this is the sawdust from the Carpenter Shop which is collected and given to PTC Handicraft for their pottery classes.

The most recent projects from this week included a donation of old staff polo shirts to Father Dennis O’Rourke, a Philmont Chaplain, who will take them back to his diocese mission on the Arizona/Mexico border. Later in the season Father Steve Hoffer will also be collecting old staff shirts to donate to the St. Therese Center in Las Vegas, NV.

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## THE MAN BEHIND THE TITLE

Article by Timothy Bardin, staff writer

Mark Anderson, the Director of Program at Philmont Scout Ranch (also known as “Unit 2”), is a very down-to-earth individual. The man behind the title enjoys “normal” activities and interests just like everyone else. He loves spending time with his family, especially on backcountry outings. One of his favorite movies is James Cameron’s, *Titanic*, because it blends drama and history. He is also a big NCIS fan.

“I’m currently on a quest to watch every NCIS episode since Christmas,” Mr. Anderson shared. “I tape every episode as it is shown and I have a chart marking the episodes I have viewed and those I have yet to see.”

Mr. Anderson grew up in northwest Arkansas and was active in Scouting throughout his younger years, first through his troop and later in his Explorer post (known today as a Venturing crew). According to Anderson, he was very involved, participating in campouts, camporees and attending Scout-leadership training seminars.

Although he graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in Forest Resource Management, Mr. Anderson always knew he wanted to be a professional Scouter. He planned his career and education around Scouting and was delighted when he received an opportunity to follow his dream.

“During my senior year of college, my District Scout Executive, whom I knew through my involvement in Scouting as a young man, approached me. I filled out an application and several weeks before graduation was offered a job,” Anderson related.

According to Anderson, he never came to Philmont as a youth. His first experience with the Ranch was a three-day layover, with a hike to the Tooth of Time on his way to a National Explorer Congress, while he was in high school. He later brought two crews to Philmont in the early 1980’s as a District Executive in Beaumont, TX.

Mark made two more visits, this time to the PTC with his family, for professional training. When he heard that there was a position open, Mr. Anderson let the appropriate people know of his interest and he was invited to Philmont for an interview.



TARA RAFTOVICH

### MARK ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

January 1, 1999, Mr. Anderson started his Philmont career. In the 12 years he has worked here, Mark has accumulated many memories and experienced many things. When asked what his favorite was, Mark replied, “That’s a hard question to answer, because there are too many. What I enjoy is shared activity in the outdoors with other people.”

As the Director of Program, Mr. Anderson has important responsibilities. Starting in December, he began forming a new program team that includes the camping program, Philmont Training Center and the museums. He also participates in the hiring and staff training process. Another responsibility is the marketing of the Ranch. Anderson also related during the interview that he personally hires all the Rangers and the members of the Conservation Department, as well as the chaplains and Health Lodge staff.

“What is the Ranch like in the off-season? Quieter!” Anderson laughed. “Once the staff has left for the summer, all the permanent staff moves over to the PTC.”

In closing, Mr. Anderson challenged, “My hope is that each of you on staff will not only have a good time, but share that good time with the 21,000 people who will come through the Ranch and the 3,000 who will visit the Training Center this summer. It may be the only time these visitors will come here so I urge you be the very best in what you do.”

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# Chitchatting with Doug Palmer

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

Doug Palmer has been a professional staff member living at Philmont since 1988. While the Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year as an organization, Palmer is in his 22<sup>nd</sup> with Philmont. The past 22 years, Palmer has been an Associate Director of Program, and is this year working with Owen McCulloch, Greg Gamewell, and Dave Kopsa who all share the same title.

For the last 22 years Palmer has not only seen the ranch grow, but has helped it grow. He has seen all sorts of programs, including the number of backcountry camps (22 when he first arrived) to the interpretive programs, expand and develop. He says he is most proud of the interpretive programs. The living history programs here at Philmont, he reminds us, have some terrific acting and directing consultants.

Palmer has worked for the BSA prior to working at Philmont. As a District Executive in three separate local councils, he spent 17 years in places such as Lubbock, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Midland, Texas. Aside from his three years spent in New Orleans, he spent the other 14 years in Texas councils before he came to start his career of “Delivering Wilderness Adventures That Last a Lifetime”.

Being a “wilderness theme park” (Palmer quotes Mark Anderson) the Scouts that come through Philmont have the opportunity to live such an array of experiences that can’t be lived anywhere else in the world. “We are the only camp that offers for youth to shoot, and even load, a .30 caliber rifle.” With opportunities to walk a burro on a mountainside, learn and practice techniques for correct backpacking, horseback riding, and so much more, the adventures and experiences seem unlimited.

Palmer states that he is both proud of the advancements that have been made since his first day on staff and is very glad to be part of Philmont.



ANDREW DUNHEIMER

**DOUG PALMER, ASSOCIATE  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS**



ANDREW DUNHEIMER





## Bombs Away!

Article by Timothy Bardin, staff writer

As the sun beat down beneath a baby blue sky, eleven Philmont Staff members gathered for a water fight. It was a great opportunity to cool down and have a good time. Activities Staff Nicky Maestas, Jericka Lambert and Dan Rajnic coordinated the event.

The fun began with a water balloon-toss. Everyone paired up and proceeded to pitch spheres of cold water at one another. The result was often hilarious. As partners edged further and further away, the balloons came down harder and harder. There were many unexpected showers, followed by gasping laughter, when balloons burst in the hands and dumped icy water all over the hapless individual.

Everyone then converged on two ice chests and armed themselves with water balloons. The ensuing fight was filled with laughter, squeals, ambushes, yells and frantic dodging as they tried (often unsuccessfully) to avoid the flying projectiles.



TARA RAFTOVICH

Everyone finished off the fun with a slingshot (pictured above). Most of the people gathered around and lobbed balloons at two staffers farther down the field. The targeting was terrible and the receivers tried hopelessly to catch the wayward balloons.

Afterward, Nicky gathered everyone together and discussed a future water fight. He told the group it would be more elaborately organized and that people were allowed to bring their own “weapons” (i.e. water bottles and water guns), buckets would be provided.

“Watch the PhilNews Calendar, the dining tables and the notice board at the S<sup>3</sup>AC for information on the next water fight,” Nicky said. “We have another fight planned, but we won’t tell you how, when, or where it’s going down.”

# Ranger Marathon

Article by Justin Lyon, staff writer

If you are looking for a solid challenge for your days off, try your hand at the Ranger Marathon. The Ranger Marathon is a cross-Philmont hike from the northernmost camp, Dan Beard, to the southernmost camp, Carson Meadows, within a 24 hour period. Hopeful challengers must also carry a backpack weighing at least 35 pounds (not factoring in food or water) from beginning to end. Participants are not required to take any specific route and may choose whichever path they want, as long as the starting point of the hike is Dan Beard, and the ending point is Carson Meadows.

Challengers must also abide by all Philmont regulations regarding safety. It is highly recommended to have at least three people in your group before attempting the Ranger Marathon.

If you have completed the marathon already, or are simply looking for a different or more challenging hike, there are a couple of variations to choose from. One is the Reverse Ranger Marathon, which follows the same rules and guidelines as the normal marathon with one exception; your starting point is Carson Meadows, and your ending point is Dan Beard. This can give challengers a different perspective on Philmont's unique terrain than the normal marathon can provide. Another possible variation is Yo-Yo, in which challengers are given 72 hours to hike from Dan Beard to Carson Meadows, back to Dan Beard, and then back to Carson Meadows again: effectively two Ranger Marathons and one Reverse Ranger Marathon stacked upon one another. This challenge will push your abilities to the limit, should that be your preference.

To anyone hoping to attempt any of these challenges, a word of caution from the Ranger Department, *"Remember to change your socks, a lot."*

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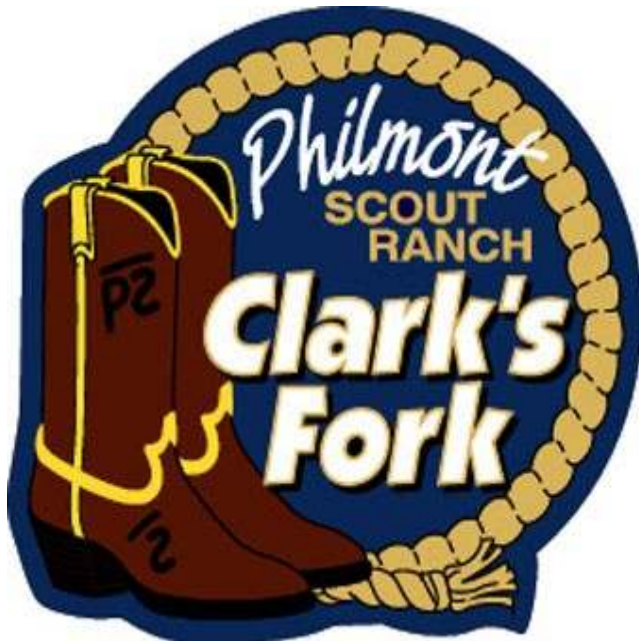


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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF: DINING HALL STAFF

Article by John Koser, staff writer



ZAC BOESCH

HUNGRY STAFF MEMBERS QUICKLY LINE UP IN ORDER TO GET SOME DELICIOUS FOOD SERVED BY THE CHQ DINING HALL STAFF

There are many hard working groups that often get overlooked here at Philmont and none more than the CHQ Dining Hall staff. I was allowed to spend a day with the staff, seeing what their duties are and how they perform them before I got the chance to do them myself. Let me tell you, I will never underestimate this particular staff again.

The day started out with breakfast. The regular staff must all report to the dining hall by 5:45 AM, while the managers and assistant managers must be there at 5:30 AM. The staff sets up everything for the Scouts and other staff, before getting some time to eat their own breakfasts. When the crowds begin to arrive is when the chaos starts to take over.

In both the Scout and staff dining halls there are staff members that physically serve the food. The difficulty of this particular job seems to depend on the amount of servers that are there and what food is being served that day.

Helping the servers are the runners. It is the runners' job to get the replacement food once the serving trays start to get empty. While it doesn't sound too important, the runner is a key element to keeping the entire serving line running smoothly, thus keeping those waiting for food happy.

Soon enough, it was lunchtime and it was my turn to give serving a try. Truthfully, due to the good amount of staff and an excellent runner, serving wasn't all that hard for me. Granted, all I did was scoop pudding so I don't think I had the most difficult of jobs either. Unfortunately for me, my inexperience was about to give me some major stress.

I was pulled off of serving and lead to the back room of the Scout dining hall where the dirty trays are cleaned. It was here that I would get to be the "banger." The banger's job is to bang the dirty trays over a grate so that any leftover food on the tray won't get stuck in the massive, quarter of a million dollar cleaning machine. Trust me; this is a lot harder than it sounds.

Things started off easily enough. I was only dealing with maybe eight or nine trays at a time and could keep pace with them no problem. And then came the swarm; dozens upon dozens of dirty trays came flying towards me and I had to work like crazy just so I wouldn't be overrun by dirty trays.

Somehow I managed to keep up through the madness and was told I did a good job. The staff said that I had probably cleaned somewhere between 200 and 300 trays in that brief period of time.



ZAC BOESCH

THE BANGER WORKS FURIOUSLY THROUGHOUT HIS SHIFT, CONSTANTLY GRABBING TRAYS, BANGING THEM CLEAN AND THEN STACKING THEM FOR WASH, ALL SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE A CLEAN TRAY TO EAT OFF OF.

It wasn't until later that I was told that lunch was their slowest time and that it was Brat Day, meaning that a lot of people were at the S<sup>3</sup>AC for lunch, which meant less dirty trays. In other words, I could barely keep up with the frantic pace of the slowest meal on the slowest day.

In the staff dining hall, things go a bit differently. Since there are no trays, there is no banging. This means that the plates are rinsed off by hand before being run through a special cleaning machine. This might be even harder than banging because it is all done by one person.

After that, the entire staff had to help clean everything. From the bathrooms, to salad bar, to the milk machines, everything had to be cleaned after every meal. Even with all the staff working, the process still took a good chunk of time and was far from easy.

I was already exhausted by this point and the staff hadn't even covered dinner yet, the busiest time of the day. Thankfully, I just got to sit back and watch this time.

The dining hall also hosts a cereal eating contest between the Philmont Rangers and the dining hall staff. These events are often incredibly hectic but as great as entertainment as you can find in base camp.

The CHQ Dining Hall is managed year round by Mollie Espinoza and is being managed this summer by Daniel Porch as well.

"I think everyone needs to eat at the Scout dining hall," Mollie said when asked about the importance of the Scout dining hall. "Seeing all the Scouts fresh off the trails, bright and happy, that is what Philmont is all about."



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CONAN MCENROE SHOWS OFF HIS SKILLS ON THE WHITEMAN VEGA BIKING TRAILS

# The Trails of Whiteman Vega

Article by Conan McEnroe, staff photographer

You have certainly heard of the Valle Vidal. It's a beautiful mountainous area just north of Philmont property. You have heard about its expansive fields and Ponderosa Pine forests, its lack of defined trails and plentiful wildlife such as elk, black bear and bald eagles. Tenderly nestled to the North of Cerrososo Road is a camp called Whiteman Vega. This camp is your mountain biking sanctuary, with a friendly staff, a full line of bikes and a diverse track to suit varying skill levels.

The staff is made up of the most delicate and kindly mountain climbing 'trail shredders' ever. It feels like you are surrounded by a confident safety net if anything were to go wrong. Be it a flat tire or a broken hip, they have the supplies and the know how to make the fix. Everyone there is excited to ride and willing to get off the couch inside their yurt to escort participants through the harrowing edges of mountain bike insanity. They are encouraging and focus on safety.

The bikes used by participants are perfectly suited for each participant. They have disc brakes, 100

millimeters of adjustable fork travel, Sram™ components, and plenty of sizes to accommodate many different body shapes. If you have giant legs and a dwarfed torso, they have you covered. The bikes can take anything short of being run over by a car. Just look both ways at the road, stick to the trail and there should not be any problems.

The trail is a lengthy piece of land that can be docile and serene and at the same time, a brain-shaking, muscle-grinder. There are almost always multiple paths to pick from when careening down the mountain side, meaning you can try the intense rides, if you dare, or stick to the granny gear side if you feel more comfortable with that. Hidden deep in the trail are some 'sweet' berms, awesome jumps and 'gnarly' hill climbs. If you want to feel particularly 'sick nasty' there is a half pipe that you can use to try and land some 'radical' air tricks.

Apart from the biking trail, there is a trials course, and plenty of cleaning supplies for cleaning the gunk off the bikes. The staff is ready to guide you, and the bikes want to be ridden. The camp is silently waiting in the Valle Vidal for some visitors. Get out there as soon as possible and 'shred the gnar'!

IMPORTANT THINGS WITH TREV

Hello Philmont Staff, my name is Trevor Roberts. I am going to be writing weekly to you about my experiences here at Philmont. I will be telling you about the unique places I've been and people I've met. If you have a good story you want told about your summer here at Philmont, please write to me and I'll come to you and help you get it in the PhilNews. For this first edition, I would like to tell you what Philmont means to me.

I am a first year staff member working as a photographer here in base camp. I came here from Lincoln, Nebraska with four friends and the encouragement of a fifth. Not knowing what Philmont was, I got lots of help after hearing about this amazing place in the off-season. After arriving from a 12-hour road trip with Jimmy Lowe, I feel right at home.

It's true we are changing the lives of Scouts all over the nation and beyond, but let's not forget about ourselves. For me, Philmont is a time to figure out what we stand for as individuals. This summer is likely to change the lives of us all; I encourage everyone to make the most of it.

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# Way Up in the Valle Vidal

Article by Rebecca Bood'ee, Seally Canyon staff member

Way up in the Valle, the Valle Vidal  
If you want to eat like a king of kings  
If you don't like to hear your cell phone ring  
Let's ride a bike  
Let's take a hike  
Let's look at stars  
Let's learn some SAR  
Way up in the Valle Vidal

Way up in the Valle, the Valle Vidal  
If elk are who you want to meet  
If you love the smell of stinky feet  
Let's build a yurt  
Let's wear some dirt  
Let's dream of hikers  
Let's trash on Bikers  
Way up in the Valle Vidal

Way up in the Valle, the Valle Vidal  
If you like to run from bears at night  
If you want to see some cowboys fight  
Let's jump a fence  
Let's pay no rents  
Let's eat a steak  
Let's bake a cake  
Way up in the Valle Vidal

Way up in the Valle, the Valle Vidal  
If you salivate 'bout buffalo  
If you still think it's cool to say "yo"  
Let's name a bear  
Let's wash our hair  
Let's burn some trees  
Let's fight the breeze  
Way up in the Valle Vidal

Way up in the Valle, the Valle Vidal  
If you want to pet a buck Mule Deer  
If you like the quiet, come on up here  
Let's love on cows  
Let's take out bows  
Let's say goodbye  
Let's I-camp pie  
Way up in the Valle Vidal

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'Cuz no one cares in the Valle Vidal – We're pumped to be **RIGHT HERE!**

Although the correct pronunciation of "Valle Vidal" is "Vah-yay Vee-dahl," it is commonly pronounced "Vahl (rhymes with 'hall') Vuh-dahl," or simply, "the Valle."



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## FUN FOR THE WEEK

### EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

#### Squat to Press with a rock

Holding a rock in a clean or racked position you lower yourself down into a deep squat and as you come out of the squat you press the rock over your head.

Notes: When squatting you try and keep your torso as erect as possible to prevent any sort of unnecessary back strain.

You also want to try and keep your hips back so as to shift the stress from your knees, to your hips and knees.

This exercise is done very quickly in piston like movements, and has a very high caloric burn when executed properly.

### SHOUT OUTS

Congratulations to those who submitted their "Create A Word" games back to the PhilNews. For doing so, we'd like to give a shout out to Kari at Rich Cabins who got 65, April Miller who had 227, the entire Whiteman Vega crew with 288 and Robby Cordell who had a whopping 379.

Nice job guys and keep up the hard work!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in."

- George Washington Carver

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# GAMES

EASY

5				7	9	6		
			3		1		7	
7					5			2
2	6					9		
		9		8		5		
		4					2	7
6			2					1
	4		6		7			
		2	5	1				6

MEDIUM

			1					9
8							3	
	3		8			6		5
5	2			9				
	4			3			7	
				4			8	2
3		9			2		1	
	1							3
7					6			

HARD

	3			5				
		7	1	3			9	
		4		9		2	5	
			3				8	
	6			2			7	
	2				7			
	4	2		7		1		
	5			6	3	9		
				1			2	

JUST GIVE UP

			8		4		9	2	
4	8	2					1		
2	6				9	3	7		
		4				8			
	1	3	6				5	4	
	2						1	8	3
9	3		1		5				

ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S PHILNEWS!!

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S GAMES

EASY

8	2	6	9	3	7	1	4	5
5	7	3	4	6	1	9	8	2
1	4	9	5	2	8	3	7	6
9	8	2	6	1	4	5	3	7
4	6	5	7	9	3	8	2	1
3	1	7	8	5	2	6	9	4
7	3	8	1	4	5	2	6	9
2	9	1	3	7	6	4	5	8
6	5	4	2	8	9	7	1	3

MEDIUM

8	6	9	1	5	4	2	3	7
7	4	2	6	8	3	1	5	9
1	5	3	2	9	7	6	4	8
9	8	5	3	1	6	7	2	4
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2	3	1	4	6	8	9	7	5
5	9	8	7	2	1	4	6	3
4	7	6	5	3	9	8	1	2

HARD

3	9	4	1	6	8	5	2	7
1	8	6	2	7	5	9	3	4
2	7	5	9	3	4	6	1	8
7	6	2	5	8	3	1	4	9
9	3	8	4	1	7	2	5	6
4	5	1	6	9	2	8	7	3
5	2	3	8	4	6	7	9	1
6	4	9	7	2	1	3	8	5
8	1	7	3	5	9	4	6	2

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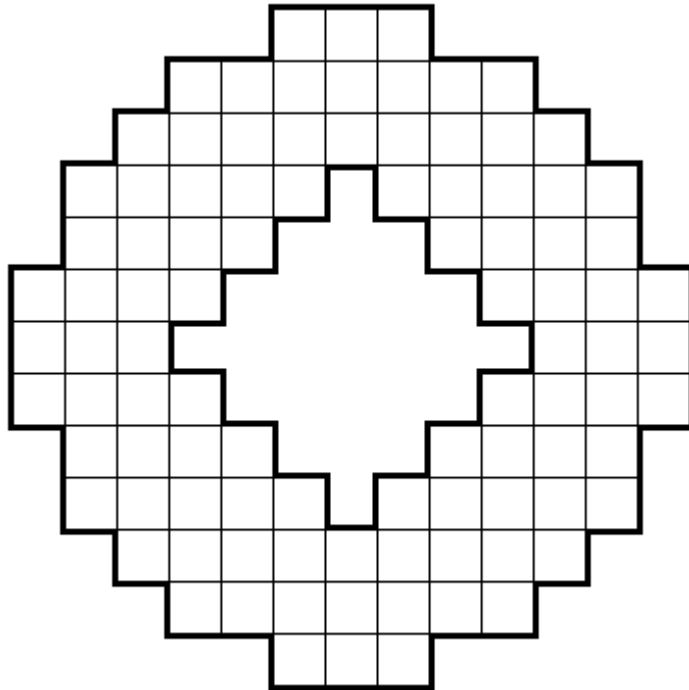
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### WORD WHEEL

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#### 3 LETTER WORDS

AFT  
ASP  
ATE  
CAB  
HAS  
HEN  
OVA  
TAP

#### 5 LETTER WORDS

COUNT  
ENDUE  
FLOSS  
PRUDE  
SERGE  
SERVE  
STOOD  
YODEL

#### 4 LETTER WORDS

BURY  
COTE  
DIRT  
ETCH  
HOST  
LODE  
RIOT  
RUNE  
SALT  
SERF  
SNIP  
STUN  
TROP  
TUNE  
WEAL  
WEIR

#### 7 LETTER WORDS

CLOSURE  
LECTURE  
PROFESS  
SERVILE

#### 9 LETTER WORDS

ESPIONAGE  
FOOTPRINT  
FRUSTRATE  
TENTATIVE

### PUZZLE VERSE

FIT THE UNDERLINED WORDS CORRECTLY INTO THE GRID.

## The Quest

By Duncan MacKellar

Far below, another world,  
The distant land is green.  
This is the mountain, unforgiving,  
Nothing in between.

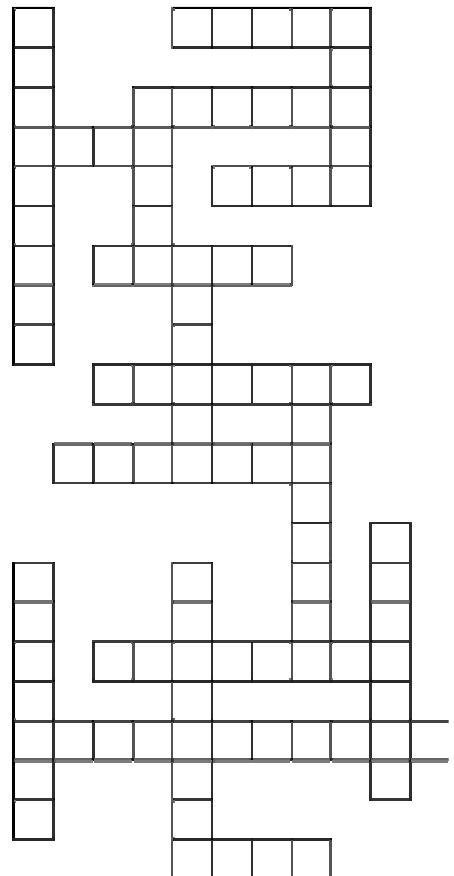
A fragile ledge beneath the sun,  
Out here and alone.  
Every movement forms a dance,  
Shadows on the stone.

The weathered wall, smooth and sheer,  
Offers up the test.  
No mistake, no second chance,  
No room for second best.

Searching fingers scan the face,  
Inching slowly on.  
Faith becomes a living thing,  
It holds you or it's gone.

Decisions without wavering,  
Action safe and sure.  
Every thought is positive,  
Simple, clear and pure.

Beyond all knowledge, strength and skill,  
The will can never rest.  
It seeks to conquer fear and death,  
And triumph in the quest.



## PTC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### WEEK 4

JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 2<sup>RD</sup>

LDS SCOUTING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>—JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>: NATIONAL ADVANCED YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

## CONTINUED TRAINING SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule for the remaining first set of Continued Training sessions. The second set of sessions will begin on July 9<sup>th</sup> and will be compiled as soon as possible. All sessions begin at 6:00 PM and are held in the Ranger Office chapel area.

626 AND 628—CONFLICT RESOLUTION

627 AND 629—GPS/NAVIGATION

630 AND 702—ASTRONOMY

701 AND 705—ADVISOR DEVELOPMENT

706 AND 708—ECOLOGY



**EVENTS**  
**JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> — JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><b><u>25</u></b> <b><u>Philmont National Visitation</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Karaoke @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>26</u></b> <b><u>Opening Program for First LDS Week @ PTC, 7:15 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Zombies vs. Humans @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Conflict Resolution</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>27</u></b> <b><u>Geek Game Night @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, After Dinner</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: GPS/Navigation</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>28</u></b> <b><u>Un-Birthday Party and Alice in Wonderland @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Conflict Resolution</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>29</u></b> <b><u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM, Assembly Hall</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PTC Wannabe Band &amp; Cracker Barrel @ 7:30 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Campfire Story Telling/Reading @ Baldy Pavilion, 9:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: GPS/Navigation</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>30</u></b> <b><u>Bratwurst Day @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 11:30 AM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PTC Family Western Dance @ 7:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM, Buster Brown</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Yoga @ PTC Small Fry, 7:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Astronomy</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>1</u></b> <b><u>Closing Program for First LDS Week @ PTC, 7:15 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Movies and Mocktails @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Advisor Development</u></b></p>
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><b><u>2</u></b> <b><u>Bowling @ Trinidad Lanes, meet at S<sup>3</sup>AC @ 6:45 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Astronomy</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>Opening Program for Second LDS Week @ PTC, 7:15 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Laundry Party @ CHQ Laundry Room, 8:00 PM</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>4</u></b> <b><u>Freedom BBO @ Volleyball Fields, 11:30 AM</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>5</u></b> <b><u>Ultimate Frisbee @ Villa Lawn, 6:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Advisor Development</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>6</u></b> <b><u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM, Assembly Hall</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PTC Wannabe Band &amp; Cracker Barrel @ 7:30 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Video Game Tournament @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Ecology</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>7</u></b> <b><u>PTC Family Western Dance @ 7:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM, Buster Brown</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Yoga @ PTC Small Fry, 7:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Outdoor Movie @ TBA, 8:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Ecology</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>8</u></b> <b><u>Closing Program for Second LDS Week @ PTC, 7:15 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Volleyball Games @ CHQ Volleyball Fields, 8:00 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ranger CT: Ecology</u></b></p>