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 A Viking feast at Cyphers Mine.
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MARK'S MINUTE

THOUGHTFULNESS

“We are thoughtful in all we do.”

What does the word “thoughtfulness” mean?

Occupied with or given to thought; contemplative; meditative; reflective:

Characterized by or manifesting careful thought:

Careful, heedful, or mindful;

Showing consideration for others. Attentive.

Thoughtfulness implies a concern for comfort and the good of others. It implies providing little attentions, offering services, or in some way looking out for the comfort or welfare of others. It implies sparing others annoyance or discomfort and being careful not to hurt their feelings.

“We are thoughtful in all we do.”

Thoughtfulness is character. But thoughtfulness is even more encompassing than character. It is part of the fabric that resides deep within each of us – thoughtfulness applies literally to every internal and external activity.

Thoughtfulness is key to customer service and those chance encounters with our participants and visitors that happen each day.

Thoughtfulness is key to employee interactions and support.

Thoughtfulness is key to understanding the brand.

Thoughtfulness is key to how you feel and go about your work.

“We are thoughtful in all we do.”

By thinking about this we realize the need to develop the invaluable habit of considering that no action of ours is without consequence to others and anticipating what those consequences will be.

I ask you to adopt the concept **“We are thoughtful in all we do”** on a personal basis. I would also encourage you to adopt it as one of the important values of your team here at Philmont.

The quality of our time here at Philmont Scout Ranch this summer requires that we act upon our ability to relate and connect with those around us.

Theodore Roosevelt said, “The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.” Through our action, by **being thoughtful in all we do**, we can enhance each person’s experience.

Mark Anderson
Director of Program

OWEN'S SECTION

Article by Owen McCulloch

STAFF UNIFORM REMINDER

As we continue to greet new participants at Philmont daily, it is important to keep up with our appearance and uniforming.

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

A WORD FROM WATSON

Article by Henry Watson

We're halfway through the season and it's important to remember that we need to keep to keep ourselves motivated. Every trailbound crew deserves the same level of enthusiasm and interest as the first. This can be difficult especially as staff ramps up its day-off activities. Yes, doing the Ranger Marathon and the Reverse Ranger Marathon back-to-back is an accomplishment, but if you spend the next three days being tired and not cheerfully talking to crews, are you really being "helpful?"

Work/life balance is something everyone struggles with in their careers. It's easy to be labeled a 'workaholic' or a 'slacker' when in reality you are just out-of-balance.

My advice is to use two things to keep you balanced. First, listen to your co-workers. If they start kidding you about your work behavior, think about what they are saying. Pay attention and modify your behavior if you think they're right. Second, use the Scout Law to help you. Those sixteen words are easy to remember and if you ever find yourself thinking that you don't measure up to it, then you need to change something in your life.

Scouts and the Scout Law. My 'words of wisdom' to keep you enthusiastic throughout the summer.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

MEET BAPTIST CHAPLAIN MINISTER A.J. SMITH

Hi, my name is A. J. Smith. I am an ordained Southern Baptist minister and professor of Church History for Liberty Theological Seminary through Liberty University Online. I am a disaster relief chaplain with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, with training from the International Critical Stress Foundation for critical stress incidence intervention. I serve as the executive vice-president of the Association of Baptists for Scouting, and an active Scouter in the Greater Alabama Council. This is my first year at Philmont as part of the chaplaincy staff. I've attended the PTC twice.

I am a native of West Texas. I graduated with a B. A. from Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene, Texas. In 1995 I enrolled in seminary at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. I completed my master of divinity degree in 1999 and my doctor of philosophy degree in 2004. I have served as pastor of three churches and associate pastor in two churches. I am an adjunct professor of Church History for Liberty Theological Seminary Online, a division of Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia. I moved to Alabama in 2006 to assist a classmate in launching a new church. Presently I play rhythm guitar in the church band at Concord Baptist Church and teach various classes for the church.

I became involved in Scouting when my son, James, became a Tiger Cub. I served as his Tiger Den leader, and after moving to Alabama as Cubmaster and committee chairman. Presently I serve the Shelby District as a member of the District Committee and a unit commissioner. One of my primary responsibilities is the promotion of Duty to God in the Shelby District. I am part of the district training team and teach at the annual University of Scouting for the Greater Alabama Council.

For many years I worked as a painting contractor, a trade skill I learned from my father, who was a bi-vocational pastor. Among my favorite activities as a painting contractor were wood finishing and hanging wall paper. My hobbies include hunting and fishing, amateur radio, music (guitar, keyboard, and vocal), reading, and writing.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve as a staff chaplain at the Philmont Scout Ranch. My family and I are enjoying our time in "Scouting Paradise" and look forward to coming back again and again.

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD + DUTY TO GOD

Lord Baden-Powell said, "If you are really out to make your way to success--i.e., happiness--you must not only avoid being sucked in by irreligious humbugs, but you must have a religious basis to your life" (*Rovering to Success*, 101). Baden-Powell believed firmly in the importance of faith in God as the basis for happiness in life. In his recent book, *On My Honor*, Texas Governor and Eagle Scout Rick Perry makes the notable distinction between merely believing in God as a mental exercise and truly trusting in God.

Writing from a Christian perspective, it seems to me that the most important thing any person can do is to live his or her life for the glory of God. The Christian Bible speaks of God's glory, power, and majesty revealed in nature (see Psalm 19). As one looks at the beauty and grandeur of Philmont, sunrises from Baldy or the Tooth of Time, or any other magnificent location, one cannot help but feel the awesome majesty and sovereignty of God in his creation. The diversity of wildlife that live here is amazing. These works of creation tell of God's glory without words and point us to the Creator.

From a Christian perspective I also see another factor in making God's glory known. That second factor is human activity. According to the Bible, God created humanity in his image (Genesis 1: 26-28). The Apostle Paul said that we were created by and for Christ (Colossians 1: 16). That means that you and I were created for God's glory. In fact, Paul, in another place, said, "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10: 31). If a Scout's duty is first to God, then his or her first duty is to bring glory to God in all he or she does. We do that when we seek to be reflections of God's image--the image in which we were created. This calls each of us to an imitation of God. In order to imitate God each person must know God and know what God is like. This involves both a personal relationship with God and some understanding of God's will.

Many religions offer some kind of explanation of what God is like. Some, more than others, offer proposals for having a personal relationship with God. Writing from my Christian perspective, a personal relationship with God comes through faith, or loving trust, in Jesus Christ, God's son. Knowledge of what God is like comes through observations of nature, an awareness of personal conscience, and from reading the Bible to know God's will.

One's personal relationship develops through such things as prayer, which is talking to God, meditation, which is contemplation on the character of God or the teachings of the Bible, and worship, which can be either individual or group service to God. Spiritual maturity does not come automatically. It also does not come to most in spiritual isolation. It comes through a worshiping community of faith. This is why spending time seeking God together within a group, whether it is your church or your crew. From this perspective one sees the benefit of having devotionals each day in the Philmont backcountry. As Scouts who seek to do their duty to God you could pursue a fuller knowledge of God, whatever your religious belief system may be, through group reflection on sacred writings and encountering God through his creation. Seek to grow together and motivate one another to draw closer to God and to each other.

In conclusion, I encourage your pursuit of your duty to God as individuals, Scouters, and crew members. Look at nature and behold God's glory in it. As you do, ask yourself the question, "What am I doing to bring glory to God?" You will find that this is best done within a community of faith, whether you express that in your crew, a church, or another religious group. We provide you that opportunity through chapel services and camp devotionals.

YOURS IN SCOUTING,
A.J. SMITH

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD

Book review by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

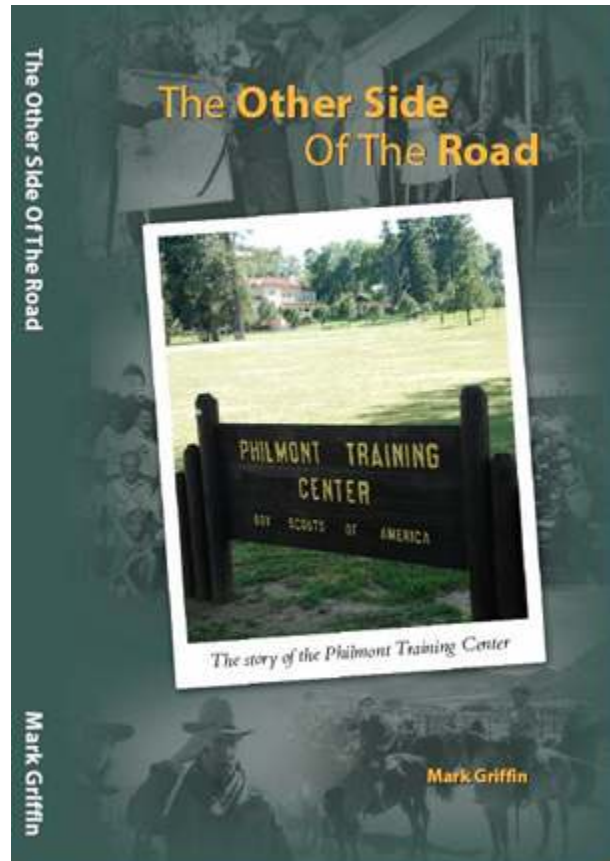
Mark Griffin, Scout Executive and former Director of the Philmont Training Center (PTC), has long loved all that Philmont has done for the Scouting movement, and for families around the world. He took up the project of writing a book about this place he loves: The Other Side of the Road. In it he has captured the work that has gone into the Philmont Training Center, and the joy that has come out of that work.

The success of the training center is based on having “the best Scouters, with their families; participating in a quality conference and family program; under the leadership of a top-notch faculty and staff; combined with the beauty of Philmont.” When these essential ingredients are combined, as Mark Griffin writes, success is found at the PTC.

In his book, The Other Side of the Road, he covers each of these essential ingredients, and how they play their role in the success of the training center. This book is written in an unbiased fashion, despite Mark’s personal involvement with the PTC for the past several years.

With so much love for the Philmont Training Center, and so much love for the project that became The Other Side of the Road, it would be interesting to see if Mark Griffin writes a similar book about Philmont at large.

For more information on this book, or for your own copy, visit the PSA Store at www.philstaff.com.



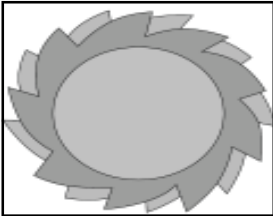
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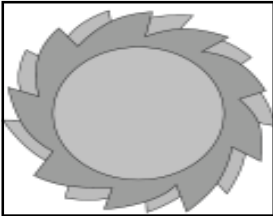
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Low: 52°



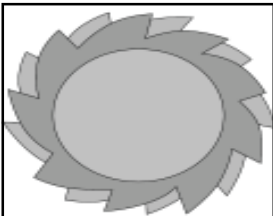
MONDAY, JULY 19TH

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High: 88°
Low: 53°



TUESDAY, JULY 20TH

Sunny
High: 90°
Low: 52°



WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST

Sunny
High: 87°
Low: 53°




THURSDAY, JULY 22ND

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WORLD NEWS**ISRAEL RELEASES REPORT ON
GAZA FLOTILLA RAID**

The report blames flawed intelligence and poor planning for the botched aid mission. The report does not blame the commandos for opening fire when they were confronted by violent pro-Palestinians onboard one of the ships. Eight Turks and one Turkish-American died in the raid which occurred May 31.

ROMAN POLANSKI GOES FREE

Film director Roman Polanski was freed from house arrest after the Swiss Department of Justice found a flaw in the US extradition request. Polanski fled the United States in 1978 just before his sentencing after he pled guilty to having sex with a minor. Polanski was arrested in Zurich in September 2009, and he was held under house arrest at his vacation home in Switzerland until now, while the US attempted to have him extradited for sentencing.

US TRADES SPIES WITH RUSSIA

10 Russian spies were arrested in the U.S. last week. All 10 pleaded guilty to failing to register as foreign government agents. They were deported to Russia in exchange for four Russians serving prison sentences for spying for Western countries.

**RUSSIAN PRESIDENT URGES TALKS AS IRAN NEARS
NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES**

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Monday that Iran is getting closer to being able to make nuclear weapons. Iran has vowed to multiply its supply of enriched uranium by September 2011, which would allow it to power a research reactor in Tehran. Medvedev is urging talks on the Iranian nuclear program after Iran rejected United Nations Security Council demands to halt uranium enrichment. US State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said Monday that the US shares this concern with Russia.

**FRENCH LABOR
MINISTER ACCUSED OF
ACCEPTING DIRTY
CAMPAIGN MONEY**

French Labor Minister Éric Woerth is at the center of a growing scandal. A former L'Oréal accountant accused Woerth of accepting an illegal cash donation of €150,000 from L'Oréal billionaire Liliane Bettencourt for President Nicolas Sarkozy's 2007 campaign. French financial inspectors cleared Woerth Sunday of accusations of helping Bettencourt evade taxes.

**SOLAR-POWERED
PLANE FLIES THROUGH
NIGHT**

The plane Solar Impulse, powered by 12,000 solar cells, landed in Switzerland last Thursday after a 26-hour flight at 28,543 feet. This was the longest and highest flight completed by a solar plane. The makers of the plane will now begin work on a more advanced model, and they plan to circumnavigate the globe by 2013.

WORLD NEWS

'BAREFOOT BANDIT' CAPTURED IN BAHAMAS

The 19-year-old fugitive Colton Harris-Moore was caught in the Bahamas early Sunday morning after a two year chase involving the FBI and authorities from four states and the Bahamas. Harris-Moore's infamous crime spree began in 2008 after he fled a group home in Washington State. Since then, his crime spree has spanned several states and has included home burglaries, vehicle thefts and even some thefts of small planes. His escapades, especially crash-landing planes, have made him an internet celebrity. He was dubbed the 'Barefoot Bandit' for his habit of ditching his shoes in the homes he allegedly burgled.

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWED IN CLEAR SKIES ON EASTER ISLAND

A total solar eclipse crossed the South Pacific Sunday. Thousands of people flocked to Chile's Easter Island for the event, doubling the island's population. Despite forecasts of stormy weather, there were clear skies for viewing the eclipse.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the earth and the sun, casting a shadow on the earth and revealing the sun's corona. Astronomers observe the sun's corona during solar eclipses.

SOMALI MILITANTS TAKE BLAME FOR UGANDA BOMBINGS

A Somali Islamist militant movement claimed responsibility Monday for Sunday's bombings in the Ugandan capital. The bombings killed at least 74 people at two locations where crowds were gathered to watch the World Cup final. The Obama Administration has offered to help Uganda in investigating the bombings. The Al Qaeda-linked militant group claiming responsibility for the bombings is called al-Shabab, and this is the first time they have acted outside of Somalia. It appears that al-Shabab attacked because Ugandan troops are involved in the African Union-led peacekeeping force that protects Somalia's U.N.-backed government.

HAITI STILL DEVASTATED 6 MONTHS AFTER EARTHQUAKE

Over a million Haitians are still living in tent camps 6 months after the January 12 earthquake that killed 220,000 people. 1.5 million people were displaced by the earthquake, and only 28,000 have found new homes. Hundreds of families in Port-au-Prince are living in tents along the median of a busy road, putting them in the dangerous position of being hit by cars in their flimsy homes.

The Haitian government has been slow to take action for recovery, fearing that additional earthquakes would ruin new homes and previously undamaged homes. Former President Bill Clinton and Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive say that only 10% of the internationally pledged \$5.3 billion has been disbursed to the Haitian government.

MARCHING SEASON BEGINS IN N. IRELAND

27 police officers were injured in Belfast July 12, known as "The Twelfth" by Protestants who march in celebration of the English king William III who ousted his Catholic predecessor James II in 1689. Three officers were shot during the riots. The rioting began as police were forming lines to separate nationalists from traditional loyalists.

US NEWS
OBAMA ADMINISTRATION PERFORMS 'SILENT RAIDS' ON IMMIGRATION

The Obama administration is having federal agents screen companies' records and fining the company for any illegal immigrants being employed. Some in opposition to this effort are stating that the effort is not intense enough, as illegal immigrants are often not employees of record. Still, others in opposition say that this is not an American act, considering America is made up of immigrants.

The George W. Bush Administration's work-site roundups are said to have reached less companies. While Bush's effort has proved to engage Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in deporting more of the illegal aliens, Obama's effort is still to be proved as to whether or not it will be effective as there is no deporting involved.

ARIZ. IMMIGRATION LAW SPREADS POLITICAL FIRE

Gov. Jan Brewer was met with protestors when she attended the National Governors Association meeting Saturday, July 10.

The controversial immigration law will go into effect July 29 unless blocked by courts. The law will allow police to question people on their immigration status while enforcing other laws.

A recent CBS poll shows that national support for the law has reached about 57 percent.

"GRIM SLEEPER" SERIAL KILLER LINKS CONTINUE TO BE FOUND

Lonnie D. Franklin, Jr. is the man currently accused of at least 11 murders spanning 25 years. The murderer responsible for these deaths has been known as the "grim sleeper" because of the 13-year hiatus taken between murders in his killing spree.

A family member of a victim stated that she feels some relief knowing they have a serious suspect behind bars. Franklin faces arraignment on August 9, 2010.

KILLER OF FORMER "IDOL" CONTESTANT INDICTED

Alexis Cohen, former American Idol contestant (known for his rants that made a stir on the internet), was killed in a hit and run incident on July 25, 2009. Now, nearly a year after his death, New Jersey officials have indicted 24 year-old Daniel Barks of the murder. Aggravated manslaughter is just one of the charges he faces. He is currently jailed at \$150,000 bail.

BP TO INSTALL BIGGER CAP ON OIL LEAK

The oil company British Petroleum stated July 10 that they are set to install a bigger cap to contain most of the leaking oil. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the surfacing oil is likely spreading due to winds and ocean conditions.

In Exxon's 1989 oil spill on the coast of Alaska, the spill is estimated to have reached 10.8 million gallons. So far the government expects this oil spill to be as much as 135.3 million gallons. So far none of that oil has spread to the urban areas in the states north of the spill.

US NEWS



OLD GLORY IN DISTRESS

An eye doctor in Downriver, Michigan flies an American flag upside down. Traditionally an upside down flag is a symbol of the individual being in distress. To those unaware of this traditional meaning, the upside-down flag was taken to be a sign of disrespect to Veterans and the country in general. The doctor stated that he thought he would “flip the flag in the long-standing sign of distress”. What he didn’t expect was the stir it has caused. He simply hoped to inspire cognitive reasoning on the state of the country, and never intended to communicate disrespect (of the flag, country or anything of the sort).

INTERNATIONAL EFFECTS OF US BUDGET DEFICITS

The International Monetary Fund is calling for the US to have stronger holds on its budget deficit as it has had a negative impact on more than the US itself. The IMF states that a country with such strong influence should be backed by a manageable deficit, or lack of deficit.

‘THE LAST AIRBENDER’ GETS POOR REVIEWS

Critics say that The Last Airbender is “a drag from start to finish.” The graphics, supposed to be displayed in 3D, could not be distinguished as such due to the murky the footage. This film by M. Night Shymalan leaves many audiences disappointed.

HOLLYWOOD’S INFORMAL PARTNERSHIP WITH EDUCATION

Schools in the Glendale and Lawndale Districts (north of Los Angeles) are raising money by allowing Hollywood to film in their schools. California’s schools have long been strapped for the cash necessary to educate their youth, and this effort is now expected to not only bring money in for the schools, but to bring filming back to the greater Los Angeles area after a slight decline in filming projects over the last few years. This arrangement is expected to be win-win for both the education and filming industries.

CONGRESS IS PUSHED FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

US Education Secretary Arne Duncan pushes Congress to find more financial resources for the educational system in the U.S. Opponents to this measure say that the Secretary of Education should focus on fixing the system that currently spends any money put in it, before asking for more money to be used. Proponents of the Secretary’s efforts say it’s about time such a focus was given to our education system.

SPORTS

SPAIN WINS WORLD CUP, DEFEATS NETHERLANDS 1-0

In the biggest soccer game for the next several years, it's only fitting that the game would be decided by some last-minute heroics. The game had already gone past regulation time, 90+ minutes, and another 15 minute overtime half. With only three minutes left in the final overtime period, Spain's Andres Iniesta sneaked past the Dutch defense and slammed a fierce shot past the goalkeeper for the winning goal. It is the first time Spain has ever won a World Cup.

YANKEES PURSUE TRADE FOR CLIFF LEE

In a surprising turn of events, ace Pitcher Cliff Lee was traded from the Seattle Mariners to the Texas Rangers. Before the deal was made public, it seemed that the team in leading contention for Lee was the New York Yankees. The deal is even more shocking considering the state of the Rangers, a team dealing with bankruptcy proceedings and unsettled ownership.

GERMANS DEFEAT URUGUAY 3-2 FOR THIRD PLACE

A disappointed German team was able to hold off the underdog Uruguay squad to capture third place in the World Cup, their second in a row. The Germans, understandably disappointed after their 1-0 loss to Spain in the semifinals, were able to put in a late goal for the win.

LEBRON SIGNS WITH MIAMI

LeBron James has finally chosen who he will play for in the coming years, and his decision has altered the very landscape of the NBA. James, choosing to chase titles rather than a larger payday, decided to join the Miami Heat. The Heat had already re-signed star player Dwayne Wade and had added NBA all-star Chris Bosh from Toronto as well.

With the addition of both James and Bosh, along with re-signing Wade, the Heat are now leading contenders for the next NBA Championship.

MICKELSON MISSES THE CUT AT THE SCOTTISH OPEN

In a stunner, Phil Mickelson missed the cut at the Scottish Open. Mickelson, who often vies with Tiger Woods for the rank of number one golfer in the world, had a monumental collapse on the 18th hole. Mickelson shot a horrendous quintuple-bogey 9 on the par-4 hole, the same hole he birdied in the previous round.

MLB STANDINGS AS OF JULY 13

American League					
East	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
New York Yankees	56	32	0.636	--	Won 1
Tampa Bay Rays	54	34	0.614	2	Won 2
Boston Red Sox	51	37	0.580	5	Won 1
Toronto Blue Jays	44	45	0.494	12.5	Lost 1
Baltimore Orioles	29	59	0.330	27	Won 4
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Detroit Tigers	48	38	0.558	0.5	Lost 1
Minnesota Twins	46	42	0.523	3.5	Won 1
Chicago White Sox	49	38	0.563	--	Won 8
Kansas City Royals	39	49	0.443	10.5	Lost 3
Cleveland Indians	34	54	0.386	15.5	Lost 2
West	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Texas Rangers	50	38	0.568	--	Lost 4
Los Angeles Angels	47	44	0.516	4.5	Lost 2
Oakland Athletics	43	46	0.483	7.5	Won 2
Seattle Mariners	35	53	0.398	15	Lost 1
National League					
East	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Atlanta Braves	52	36	0.591	--	Lost 1
New York Mets	48	40	0.545	4	Won 1
Philadelphia Phillies	47	40	0.540	4.5	Won 4
Florida Marlins	42	46	0.447	10	Won 1
Washington Nationals	39	50	0.438	13.5	Lost 2
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Cincinnati Reds	49	41	0.544	--	Lost 4
St. Louis Cardinals	47	41	0.534	1	Won 1
Chicago Cubs	39	50	0.438	9.5	Lost 1
Milwaukee Brewers	40	49	0.449	8.5	Won 3
Houston Astros	36	53	0.404	12.5	Lost 1
Pittsburgh Pirates	30	58	0.341	18	Lost 6
West	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
San Diego Padres	51	37	0.580	--	Won 1
Los Angeles Dodgers	49	39	0.557	2	Won 1
Colorado Rockies	49	39	0.557	2	Lost 1
San Francisco Giants	47	41	0.534	4	Won 2
Arizona Diamondbacks	34	55	0.382	17.5	Lost 1

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Blast from the Past

Since this year marks the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America, this summer PhilNews is reprinting articles from past editions. This article was originally published on July 4th, 1985.

PROJECT WILD BY WARREN SMITH

The past few years has seen Philmont make increasing use of government agencies and other experts from off the ranch during staff training. One such outside program that has been used to great advantage this summer at PTC is Project Wild, a program of New Mexico's Department of Game and Fish.

The purpose of Project Wild is to provide young people with activities that develop skills or teach information that will help participants gain a greater understanding of the natural world and the relationships of the various components of the natural world. These activities are often games that require the participants to role play the various elements of a particular ecosystem. For example, in a game called "Quick Frozen Critters" the participants play rabbits and coyotes in search in food. The game is reminiscent of the old troop meeting standby "Steal the Bacon" except that "Quick Frozen Critters" has a few twists that end up teaching the players something of the relationships between predator and prey.

One of the outstanding features of Project Wild is that it is totally free of charge. Project Wild personnel came to Philmont, provided four hours of training to the staff, and left manuals outlining several hundred activities and games — all at no cost to Philmont. The Philmont Training Center family program department, which received Project Wild training this year, is now using the activities and games with young people ranging in age from 6 to 20.

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PHILMONT STAFF ASSOCIATION 2010 SUMMER REUNION

For only the second time in our storied history, the Philmont Staff Association (PSA) will have a week-long reunion at the Philmont Training Center. The festivities begin on Sunday, July 25 and will conclude on Saturday, July 31. Former Philmont staff from all over the country and every walk of life will gather for a week of fellowship, making new friends, hikes, and Philmont memories. The PSA invites you, the summer staff, to join in on a number of them. No reservations are required; just drop on by.

On Monday, July 26 and Tuesday, July 27, the Colfax Colloquium will be the featured event at the Philmont Training Center. The Colfax Colloquium is a collection of speakers covering topics related to the Art, History, and Science of Philmont. Twenty-one experts will be gathered to share their insight with us. You are invited to attend the sessions that interest you. The schedule of speakers and topics is included in this article, and will be posted on bulletin boards all around Philmont.

On Wednesday, July 28, PSA members will participate in family activities. There will also be some day hiking opportunities available, including the Tooth of Time. The day concludes with Family Movie Night.

The PSA will participate in service projects for Philmont on Thursday. There are a variety of projects that members will be doing to “give back” to such a special place. The Zeke Palnick Porch Talk is also on Thursday evening. The PSA is hosting a Salsa-Tasting Extravaganza at the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center at 8:00PM.

Friday, July 30 will be a grand day at the PSA Reunion. The Silent Auction will feature a wide selection of unique items. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Seasonal Staff Scholarship fund. The Silent Auction will be held Friday afternoon and will conclude at 4:30 PM. The Annual Business Meeting will be at 2:30 PM at the PTC Assembly Hall. Following dinner, the Silver Sage Award ceremony will start at 6:45 PM. This ceremony will also be at the PTC Assembly Hall. This year’s recipients of the Silver Sage Award are: Bob Allen, Paul Claussen, Linda Davis, and Gretchen Sammis. You are all welcome to attend this special presentation.

So, please come to PTC and visit the PSA Reunion as your schedule allows. We are looking forward to sharing our Phil-stories of days gone by with you. If you have any further questions about the Reunion or the Philmont Staff Association, please I-Camp us or stop by our office at PTC (Beaubien Building).

COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULE

	ART	SCIENCE	HISTORY
MON 10:15 AM	How the Wolves of Union County Led Seton to change America	Philmont Backcountry for the Last 22 Years	Vermejo Park: A History of a New Mexico Ranch
MON 1:30 PM	Flintknapping: Replicating Stone Tools	Philmont Forestry	The Santa Fe Ring: Gilded Age Politics in Old New Mexico
MON 3 PM	Of the Land & Spirit of a Woman of New Mexico: The Art of Dawn Chandler	Philmont Ranch Department Past & Present: People, Structure and Processes	Lucien Mawell: Villain or Visionary
TUE 8:45 AM	Ideals and Traditions of Scouting and Philmont as Revealed in Paintings	Philmont Bears: How Big Are They Really?	Mining in the Margin: The Struggles of the Baldy Mountain Mining District
TUE 10:15 AM	Working for the BOSS: Myths, Legends and Tall Tales of the God Squad through the Seasons in HIS Country	The Abundant Land: Life at Philmont 1,700 Years Ago	The History of the Philmont Ranger
TUE 1:30 PM	If You Believe, They Will Believe: Historical Interpretations in Philmont’s Backcountry	Wilderness Medicine and the Philmont Health Lodge	The Santa Fe Trail: 57 Years of Commerce
TUE 3:00 PM	Creating Visions of Philmont and Northern New Mexico	Dawson, NM: Beyond the Cemetery	The Phillips and Their Villa Philmonte

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BEAR RESEARCHERS TALK BACK

Article by Chloe Euston, staff writer

“We chase bears,” bear researchers Ben Martini and David Borrego said.

In addition to tracking down the wily critters that call Philmont home, their job also encompasses a lot of education. They are involved with Trail Crew Treks, the Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS) and other miscellaneous talks around the ranch. Martini said the job covers everything related to bears and mountain lions.

The bear researchers’ job is an important part of keeping campers safe, especially as bears have been entering campsites at a high rate this summer. Three bears have already been put down, and the bear researchers currently have traps set at Cimarroncito and Carson Meadows. The bear researchers said that actions taken with the bears depend on the bear’s age and history of incidents. Any bear that has come into contact with or attacked a human or livestock will be put down. Bears that have caused less serious issues might be relocated, which the New Mexico Game and Fish department handles.

The bear researchers said that some environmental causes may be to blame for the high rate of incidents. “This season is pretty rough,” Martini explained. He pointed out that there was a late frost this spring and that the weather has been dry lately, which means that bears are lower in the mountains than usual. He said that 80 percent of a bear’s diet is plant material—and they are not finding the plants they need due to environmental factors.

Another factor that contributes to a bear’s likelihood to cause problems is age. The bear researchers said that most of the bears involved in the incidents so far this summer have been young bears and yearlings. Yearlings are more likely to cause problems with humans because they are out on their own for the first time. They simply do not know how to handle themselves in the backcountry, especially when they encounter humans, and especially when their natural food sources are low.

“It magnifies the little mistakes that Scouts make. If a Scout screws up, it’s a much bigger issue this year,” Martini said.

Director of Program Mark Anderson recently issued a statement to backcountry staff concerning bears in the backcountry.

Anderson writes, “80 percent of the crews on the Ranch report seeing bears. Unfortunately crews continue to make errors in the bear procedures and bears have been able to obtain a meal in at least 10 campsites. We must impress upon crews to follow the bear procedures each day of their trek including the last night.”

In light of the recent events, it is important for everyone on the Ranch to adhere to Philmont’s bear procedures as strictly as possible. Philmont’s bear procedures state that the goal is to avoid rewarding bears with food. Some important guidelines from Philmont’s Bear Procedures include:

- ◆ **Hiking:** Hike as a group, make your presence known (call out), always keep a clean camp and use only designated campsites.

- ◆ **Smellables and food:** Upon arriving in camp, crews should place all smellables that are not immediately needed in the bear bag and place all dishes near the sump. All food and smellables should be hung in bear bags as soon as possible.

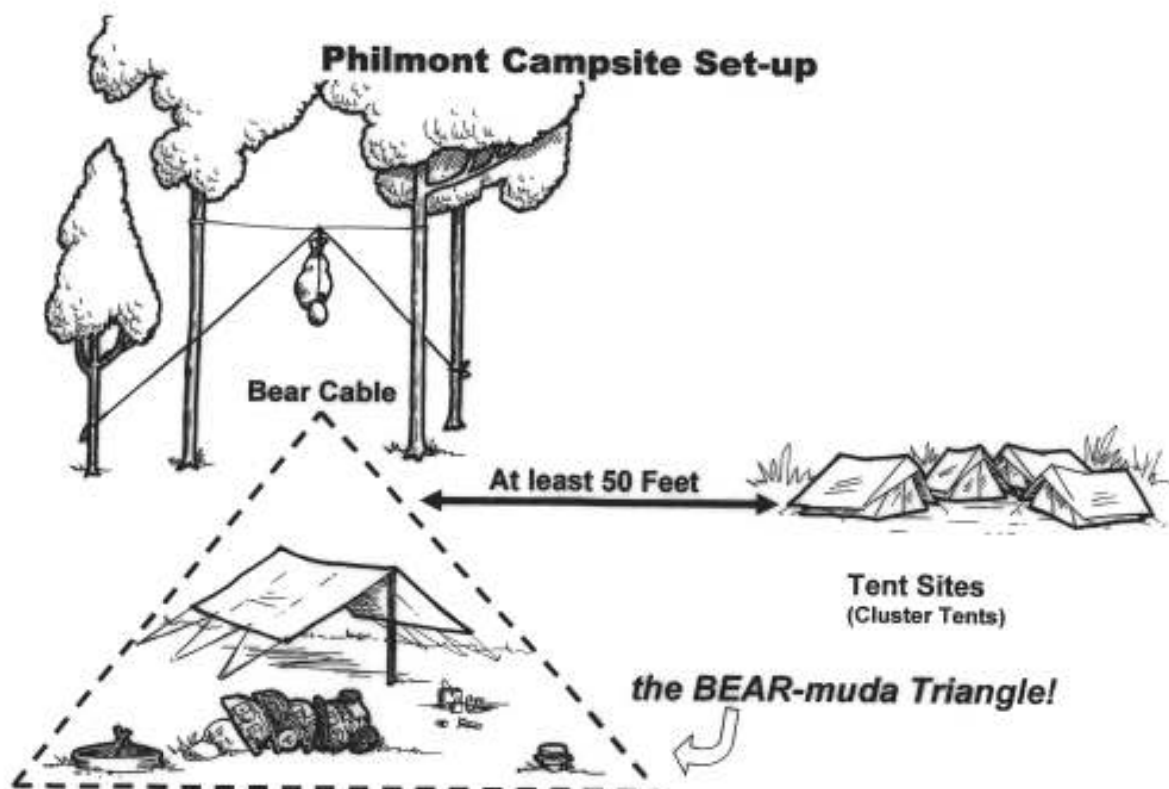
- ◆ **Tents:** Keep tents grouped in clusters with no isolated tents. Keep tents away from smellables, backpacks, wooded areas, acorn or berry patches, slopes and animal trails. Keep tents more than 50 feet away from any point on the Bearmuda Triangle (sump, cooking area, bear bag). Do not store day-clothes in tents.

- ◆ **Even if everyone follows procedures correctly, hikers will still encounter bears in the backcountry. Everyone hiking in the backcountry should know what to do in the event of a bear encounter or a bear attack. Philmont’s Bear Procedures states, “If you are attacked by a black bear, do not play dead, but rather fight with everything you have, using rocks, sticks or anything else at hand.”**

BEAR RESEARCHERS TALK BACK

PHILMONT BEAR PROCEDURES RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ Give all bears a wide berth.
- ◆ If a bear approaches your campsite, stand upright, make loud noises and wave your arms.
- ◆ If the bear proceeds to enter your campsite, you should gather your crew and quickly leave.
- ◆ **Do not** throw rocks at a bear, as this could provoke the bear to act aggressively.
- ◆ If you awaken with a bear curiously examining you, talk with a calm tone of voice to let the bear know you are alive and well; if the bear is several feet away, you may be able to slip out of your sleeping bag and retreat.
- ◆ If possible, back away slowly from a bear as running could provoke it.



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“I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR DESTINY WILL BE, BUT ONE THING I KNOW: THE ONLY ONES AMONG YOU WHO WILL BE REALLY HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO WILL HAVE SOUGHT AND FOUND HOW TO SERVE.”

~ALBERT SCHWEITZER

BASECAMP PHOTOS

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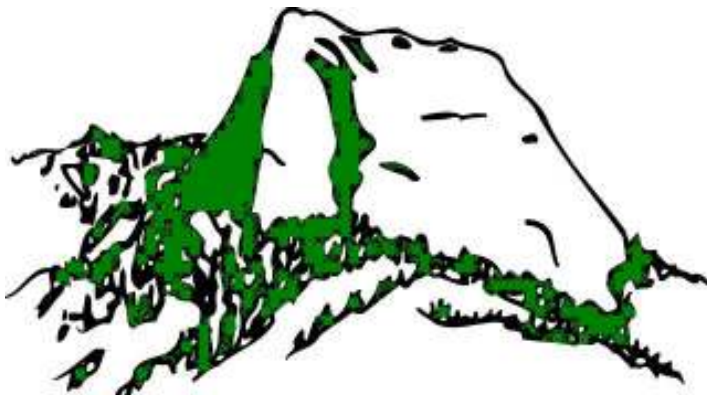
“MEDICINE IS NOT ONLY A SCIENCE; IT IS ALSO AN ART. IT DOES NOT CONSIST OF COMPOUNDING PILLS AND PLASTERS; IT DEALS WITH THE VERY PROCESSES OF LIFE, WHICH MUST BE UNDERSTOOD BEFORE THEY MAY BE GUIDED.”

~PHILIPUS A. PARACELSUS

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Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, New Mexico

“THE SPIRIT IS THERE IN EVERY BOY; IT HAS TO BE DISCOVERED AND BROUGHT TO LIGHT.”

~ SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL

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~ GIFFORD PINCHOT

THE BACK AND FORTH OF THE BACKCOUNTRY : **RICH CABINS**



ANDREW BREGGIO

[BACK] TJ LAYTON, NEIL FLANAGAN, PAUL AKERS, TYLER HALL [FRONT] KATIE CLARDY - CD, ELIZABETH STANDARD, ANDREW WALLA

The homesteading program here is complete with barnyard animals, ranch chores, and a tour/talk about the ranch and surrounding area. Scouts learn Frontier skills such as rail splitting, shingle making, primitive farming, and log structure construction. There is also a small commissary.



“NO MAN SHOULD GO THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT ONCE EXPERIENCING HEALTHY, EVEN BORED SOLITUDE IN THE WILDERNESS, FINDING HIMSELF DEPENDING SOLELY ON HIMSELF AND THEREBY LEARNING HIS TRUE AND HIDDEN STRENGTH.”

~ JACK KEROUAC

UTE GULCH



ANDREW BREGGIO

CLIFFORD EADE, MATTHEW WYNN, JEREMY HYDE - TP MGR., IAN SANDOE, RYAN WILDER, BRIAN JORDAN - CD

Ute Gulch is first and foremost a commissary and is the most extensive on in the backcountry. They distribute dehydrated food, fuel and staples to the backpackers hiking through the area. The Trading Post also carries an extensive collection of patches, postcards and stamps. But, Ute Gulch is more than just a food warehouse. The establishment offers some of the funniest employees on the ranch who organize alternating games such as dirt hockey, softball and horseshoes.

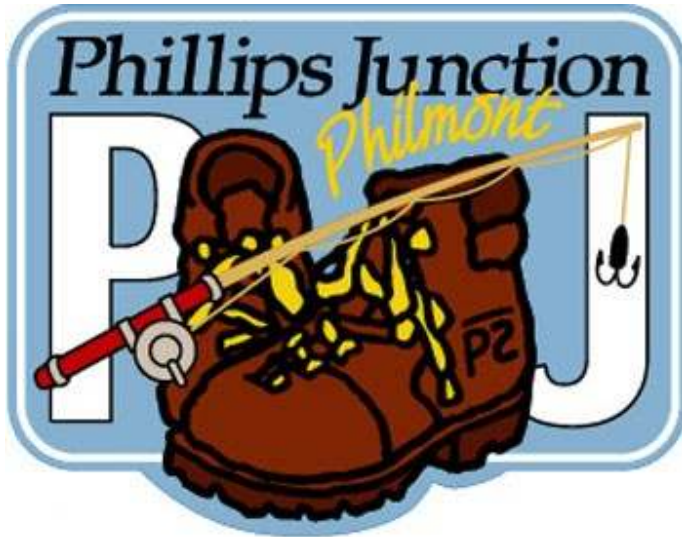


"HAD I NOT SEEN THE SUN, I
COULD HAVE BORNE THE
SHADE, BUT LIGHT A NEWER
WILDERNESS, MY WILDERNESS
HAS MADE."

~ EMILY DICKINSON

PHILLIPS JUNCTION

Phillips Junction, also known as “PJ,” is the main commissary camp and trading post for the South Country. In addition to stocking up on supplies for the trail, Scouts can buy fishing licenses and even take showers here.



“LET'S CELEBRATE THE PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING IN PRESERVING A GOOD PIECE OF OUR 'ORIGINAL EARTH.' THE WILDERNESS AREAS ON PUBLIC LANDS THAT BELONGS TO ALL OF US, NO MATTER WHERE WE LIVE.”

~ MIKE MATZ

ANDREW NAM, MATTHEW MURRAY - CD, KERI KANE, STEPHEN PORTER, BRYAN BROWN, AUSTIN BERGMAN



CROOKED CREEK

Crooked Creek is one of the two camps on Philmont property that does not have road access and must be supplied via burros or human effort, giving it a remote, rustic beauty. Wildflowers and wildlife are abundant in the camp's meadows. The programming offered here is homestead themed, and focuses on creating different aspects of homesteading related building projects, and activities.

"TODAY IS YOUR DAY!
YOUR MOUNTAIN IS
WAITING. SO...GET ON
YOUR WAY."

~ DR. SEUSS



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ANDREW BREGGIO

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF: PHILMONT SECURITY

Article by Justin Lyon, staff writer



JUSTIN LYON

SECURITY STAFF SPEAK WITH PARTICIPANTS IN OFFICE.

We see them every day, patrolling the grounds of Philmont. They are easily recognizable by the yellow armbands on their upper arms. We are aware of their time spent breaking up conversations during quiet hours around the tent cities. We are familiar with them as the sort of ‘police’ of Philmont, complete with aviator sunglasses and a kickin’ afro. Many departments affectionately refer to them as ‘the fuzz,’ but to everyone else they are Security.

I recently had the distinct pleasure of working with the Security department to find out exactly what it is they do. I was somewhat expecting a day of patrolling and crime-busting, but as I would come to learn, patrolling the grounds of Philmont, scaring off ne’er-do-wells was not the sole responsibility of Security. As the men of the department aptly put, Security is first and foremost a department of customer service and public relations for all of those passing through the glorious backcountry.

I arrived early in the morning, and by ‘early,’ I mean I was shuffling my feet as fast as my sleep-deprived mind could manage after smashing the snooze button for some hours before realizing I had ten minutes to make it over to the Security office. I was greeted by Steve Hentzelman, the Assistant Manager of Security and the Lost and Found Coordinator. As I would soon come to discover, as evidenced by Steve’s title, one of the most important aspects of the Security office’s day is the organization of lost and found, and dear me, this is a big job. Considering the number of Scouts who pass through the backcountry, there is a nigh uncountable number of

things being lost or misplaced that, more often than not, find their way down into the lost and found bins.

As it turns out, Security does quite a good job of counting this uncountable stream of possessions. Steve explained to me the process behind lost and found. Each backcountry camp sends down their lost and found items in yellow bags to be sorted. If the item is marked, it can be run through a database to find the crew it belongs to, whereby the item waits for the crew to return and claim it. Stuff that isn’t marked gets a “bag-n-tag.” Yellow cards are filled out for the items that are found, and are placed in a clear plastic bag with the item, and blue cards are filled out by people looking for certain items that have been lost. If an item matches the description on the blue card, then the item can make its way safely back to the person who lost it. Every single item that passes through Security is logged into a database, so that nothing goes unnoticed. The whole process impressed me with its efficiency, and Steve even allowed me to log a few items into the computer. As of that day, Security had a 43% return rate for lost items, of which they were very proud.

When I asked what the strangest thing that he had ever seen pass through lost and found, Steve said, “a five pound weight.”

Steve also described to me the other responsibilities of the Security office, specifically distributing and signing out lockers to crews. The locker distribution, which I observed much of throughout the day, is part of the registration process every crew has to

go through, both trailbound and homebound. This is where a good example of Security's public service comes into play. As I was told by Michael Stamat, "Security is one of the first faces that participants, advisors, and crew leaders see when they get off the trail." Stamat explained to me that by providing a smiling face and polite disposition, they hope to improve or round out the Philmont experience positively.

At about the middle of the day, after having had my fill of lost and found organizing and locker distribution, Michael Stamat and Fletcher Harrell arrived on the scene to start off the second half of the day. I like to imagine Stamat and Fletcher to be something along the lines of Philmont's Starsky and Hutch. Stamat, who I swear has a personality that wouldn't be out of place on television, gave me the rundown on the rest of what happens in Security. He told me that Security is always on call, although unless there is a call they mostly stay in base camp. Security also has a line of power outlets for crews to safely charge electronics. There have also been a couple cases of snakes in the tent cities that Security relocated. Most importantly, I was told, are the incident reports. These are few and far between but are basically reports filed when something bad happens on Philmont, be it a medical incident or a theft. I'm still not sure whether I'm thankful nothing like that happened that day, but then again there have been considerably few instances of drugs or alcohol on Philmont premises this year, so I guess the staff has been doing a good job.

Once the evening rolled around, Security shifted gears. Around 6:00 PM the Security office shut down Lost and Found, and Stamat and I left to assist the Tooth of Time Traders in closing down, which mostly consisted of standing outside making sure nobody went in as the remaining customers finished their purchases and trickled out of the building. At around 7:00 PM Stamat and Fletcher blocked the backroads for the chapel services, in order to keep cars out so that the area was quiet for the crews and chaplains. During this time Stamat showed off an old speed radar that he said was dangerous to point at people. I took him at his word for that. After a rather uneventful time with no cars going over the speed limit or even attempting to drive past the chapels, the Protestant chapel service ended, and Stamat and Fletcher routed the crowd through the Health Lodge area in order to keep things quiet for the Jewish and Catholic chapels.

At around 8:25 PM, after all the chapel services had ended, we headed back to the Security office to prepare for the Scout crossing. This is where Security blocks off the main road to allow the campers, to cross to the opening campfire ring. During this time I was allowed to wear the signature gaudy orange vest and I got to wave the signature orange light to allow the campers to cross.

It was a rather good feeling, as I got many thank you's and courtesy nods.

In about an hour there would be another crossing to shepherd campers back across the street, but between that time Stamat, Fletcher, and I went to patrol the Zastrow turnaround to ensure there was nobody there who shouldn't be. In this interval, I learned about what is done if there is a car discovered in the parking lot or at a turnaround that does not have the Philmont sticker; the car is 'booted.' A boot is a lock placed on the wheel of a car that prevents it from going anywhere. This is all done as a safety precaution.



JUSTIN ASSISTS SECURITY STAFF WITH CROSSING.

After the second crossing, we struck out to patrol the administration area. We passed by the motor pool, the maintenance area, food storage, the admin complex, the PTC and the library, all while Stamat was telling outlandish stories about past escapades of the Security office.

At 10:30 PM we made our way to the S³AC to close up, and it was here that I parted from my company of Security. I said my goodbyes as Stamat and Fletcher disappeared to do night patrolling as I, recalling my sleep-deprived state, opted to crash instead. It didn't seem too bad, a day with Security. The staff was enjoyable company, funny and more than a pleasure to be with. I understand the importance of public service in regards to the Philmont experience. Imagine, for a moment, if we didn't have the consistently visible reminder that Security gives us and the passing crews. They remind us to be courteous and cheerful. Heck, they made my day, and I salute them for it.

RECIPES FROM THE BACKCOUNTRY COOKBOOK*

NAVAJO FRIED BREAD

4 cups flour
1 ½ cup warm water
1 tbsp baking powder
1 cup shortening
1 tsp salt

1. In a large pot, mix flour with baking powder and salt.
2. Pour in warm water and mix to form dough.
3. Knead by hand until dough is soft but not sticky. Cover and let stand 15 minutes.
4. Shape into balls about 2in across, then flatten by patting and stretching dough with hands and fingers until flat and round.
5. Heat shortening in large skillet and fry bread until golden brown.

*The Backcountry Cookbook is available for purchase through the Philmont Staff Association. For more information on this book, or for your own copy, visit the PSA Store at www.philstaff.com, or stop by the PSA office at the Philmont Training Center.

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RECIPES FROM THE BACKCOUNTRY COOKBOOK

MEAT LOAF, JIM FOSTER

(Makes a whole lot.)

1 ½ lb. ground beef
 1 tube saltine crackers
 1 medium onion
 1 medium bell pepper

1 can Ro-Tel chili tomatoes, diced
 1 16 oz. jar picante sauce or salsa
 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
 3 eggs
 1 cup ketchup

1. Put ground beef into a large mixing bowl. Crumble crackers while still in the tube, then empty into meat.
2. Chop onion and bell pepper, then add to the meat and crackers.
3. Add tomatoes, picante sauce and tomato sauce, continuing to mix.
4. Add eggs, mix well, then add ketchup and stir in.
5. Put mixture in a large baking dish. Set in oven at 375 degrees and bake until done, or about 30 to 40 minutes.

This is a large dish. You might want to cook half at first and freeze the other half for another day, according to the size of the staff.

DUMP CAKE, JIM FOSTER

1 yellow cake mix
 1 can pineapple
 1 can pie filling (cherries, apples, peaches)
 1 stick butter
 2 tbsp plain flour

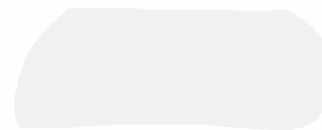
1. Mix the pineapple and pie filling together and pour into a 9" x 12" pan.
2. Sprinkle the dry cake mix over the fruit. Cut the butter up over the top of the cake mix.
3. Bake for about 45 minutes at 375 degrees...may take longer at high altitudes.

You need to remember to add two table-spoons plain flour to the mix before prepar- ing when using prepared cake mixes at high altitudes.

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SCOUTING STAMP FIRST DAY OF SALE

A Philmont press release by Paul Grasse

The United States Postal Service will participate in a first-day-of-sale ceremony for the new 44 cent Scouting postage stamp on Tuesday, July 27, at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM. A similar first-day-of-issue ceremony will take place during the Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, VA, a U.S. Army installation, located near Bowling Green, VA.

The Boy Scouts of America was founded February 8, 1910, and celebrates its centennial in this year of 2010. The issue of this new Scouting postage stamp is appropriate to this historic event, and Philmont Scout Ranch is proud to participate in the celebration.

The ceremony will start at 11 AM at the Villa Philmonte Gazebo at the Philmont Scout Ranch located 4 miles south of Cimarron, NM on Hwy 21. The event is free and open to the public.

Margaret Romero, Manager of Marketing, USPS; Yasmin Montano, Operations Manager, USPS and Robert Temple, Officer-in-Charge, Cimarron, NM Post Office will be representing the United States Postal Service. Philmont plans to have John Clark, General Manager High Adventure Division, Mark Anderson, Director of Program, together with Ed Pease and Gene Klingler, MD representing the Philmont Ranch Committee along with other invited friends and neighbors of the Ranch.

Following the unveiling of a large likeness of the Scouting stamp, individual copies of the stamp, as well as panes of 20 stamps will be available for sale by the USPS. Representatives of the Philmont Museum will also offer for sale souvenir cachet envelopes with a special first-day-of-sale cancellation on the Scouting stamp at a price of \$5.00. The Museum will also mail the souvenir cachet envelopes within larger envelopes to Scouters, philatelists and the general public for \$5.50, as long as supplies last.

For further information call Paul Grasse at (575) 376-2281 ext. 1256.



IMPORTANT THINGS WITH TREV

Article by Trevor Roberts, photographer

At the beginning of the season, everything is crazy around base camp. Staff members are getting to know each other while everybody is going through training. There are people everywhere. Our friends leave for Scatter. Pretty soon the Scouts are arriving, and we start to form patterns that make up our day. The excitement of Philmont can start to fade.

I recently experienced a small case of the mid-summer blues, but with the help of my friends I was able to lift my spirits. I hiked into the backcountry for some delicious food, a campfire with the Crater Boys, and I even got to do some blacksmithing with Blue.

Here is some advice on how to get over the blues: Try to do something new every day. Make a goal of something that you want to accomplish by the end of your summer. Visit a part of Philmont that you've never been to. It always helps to meet new people. Look for activities in Cimarron such as the gunfight every Saturday at the Trading Company. If you stick around afterwards, you could become part of the action next time.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: ABDALLA EL-HALFAWY

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer



Abdalla El-Halfawy is a Philmont Scout Ranch staff member at Miners Park. This camp has such a lively staff and always creates enthusiasm for the crews passing through. The excitement that is created over rock climbing and rock climbing games is contagious. As the crews climb, the energy climbs, and Abdalla smiles broadly as he enjoys the display.

“On belay!” Calls a young Scout, intimidated by the challenge before him. “Belay on,” Abdalla calls from the bottom of the rock wall. It was time for Bandango- a game where bandanas are tucked in pockets and captured by one of the participants dangling from the rock wall. Some call it wall wrestling, but at the count of three participants at Miners Park called out what they knew it as, “Bandango!” And the grabbing and swinging began.

When he isn’t helping with the evening activity or other responsibilities at Miners Park, Abdalla likes to relax in the serene surroundings of the camp.

Abdalla came to Philmont from Alexandria, Egypt (known to locals as “Alex”, Egypt). Aside from the time he has lived in Egypt, he has traveled quite a bit. He has gone to Germany, England and Turkey as a Scout. His travels include coming to the United States twice before. In 2005 he attended a

Scout camp in Nevada, and in 2006 he went to California to another camp. It was at these other US camps that Abdalla heard about Philmont and he decided to apply.

When he isn’t at Philmont, Abdalla is a leader in his Scout troop back home, and it took him 3 years to reach that level. Such diligence will certainly pay off for this young man as he continues training in the police academy.

After traveling and working hard to get to Philmont, he feels that “America is very beautiful.”



EARLY LEAVE REQUESTS: A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Article by Owen McCulloch

EARLY LEAVE REQUESTS

Every seasonal staff member has signed a Letter of Employment with an agreed upon start and end date. Occasionally, a date must be changed – but to do so obviously changes the kind of service we are giving our customers if we have fewer staff, and we take this seriously. Date changes do become part of your permanent employment record, so be sure you only change your end date if you have to.

- ◆ Early Leave Requests must be submitted with the required signatures to CHQ by July 31. Submissions past that date will not be considered, and will be automatically denied.
- ◆ Requests for Early Leave prior to August 10 must have a letter of resignation.
- ◆ You must provide documentation supporting your request.
- ◆ Any request submitted will be processed for the date requested – even if the request is marked “Denied – Not A Valid Reason”.

ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR LEAVING PHILMONT EARLY

- ◆ Your contract says so
- ◆ 5 days prior for school schedule (we do check the dates)
- ◆ Freshman orientation/Grad School orientation
- ◆ Accident/injury/death/family emergency

TOP WORST REASONS FOR LEAVING PHILMONT EARLY (THESE ARE FROM LAST YEAR, AND THEY WERE ALL MARKED “DENIED – NOT A VALID REASON”)

1. I’m getting a ride with another staff member (even though their contract ends before mine)
2. My school said I had to be back early for registration (but the school doesn’t start for two weeks).
3. I need to see my girlfriend/boyfriend/family/dog before I start school.
4. I have another job starting that pays more money, and need to leave in time to begin work.
5. My family has a vacation planned.
6. My apartment contract starts on August 15th.
7. I have to get my retainer adjusted.
8. I’m going hiking with friends.
9. I have to readjust to lower altitude before school (from Dallas).
10. Road trip!

PHOTO CONTEST 2010

1. Photos must be of scenes at Philmont and must have been taken this summer by a current staff member.
2. No digital alterations (e.g. “photoshopping”) are permitted, except in the Digital Creations category.
3. Photos can be I-Camped to, dropped off in person, or downloaded at the CHQ Activities Department, or sent to philmont.activities@scouting.org.
4. All photos will be printed in 8x10 sizes. Printed photos will be scanned and reprinted.
5. All photos submitted will become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.
6. All photo entries must be labeled clearly with photographer’s name, department, category, and title of photo. Note: Any photo missing any of this information will not be accepted.
7. Photos must be submitted to the CHQ Activities Department on or before August 1st.

CATEGORIES:

Landscape	Storms & Rainbows
Sunrise & Sunset	Flowers & Plants
Wildlife	Humor (no vulgarity)
Digital Creations	Staff Activity
Camper Activity	Black & White
Porch View	

Winning photos will appear in the PhilNews at the end of the summer and be displayed in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center.

FUN FOR THE WEEK

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A family is camping in the woods when a brown bear walks up to the family.

Before they can run screaming away, the bear says something. He says, "Hello, how is it going? Do you have any..... honey?"

The father says, "I'm sorry but we don't. But, what was with the large pause?"

The bear looks down at his paws and says, "I don't know, I just have always had them."

SHOUT OUTS

Congratulations to Kim Ford at Head of Dean! She was awarded the Venturing Leadership Award by the Venturing Officers’ Association and Exploring Program of the Greater Saint Louis Area Council. Way to go, Kim!

Jason Kirby would like to thank the eight rangers who spent their work day doing a summer’s worth of gym repair at the staff fitness center. Rangers lead in gym use 20:1.

Thank you Cyphers Mine for reducing the number of PhilNews sent to your camp.

Sorry, Clear Creek. We got your request for a photographer too late to send someone out.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Article by Sarah Burgess

By the time of this publication, many of the 34 backcountry camps, and the Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, will become involved in the vital recycling efforts of Philmont. There are 22 items (such as juice bottles and other plastic bottles) from food items currently distributed through the Philmont Commissary that will now be separated from backcountry trash and transported to the Recycling Trailer by Services, including all those aluminum soda cans we know our backcountry staff thrives on!

Various non-black colored trash bags have been distributed to all backcountry camps so backcountry drivers will know the difference between trash and recyclables as they do their scheduled pickups.

As an update, **four tons** of corrugated cardboard has been transported to Angel Fire for recycling in the last four weeks. That's **8,000 lbs.** of cardboard which are then sent to a paper processing mill outside of Albuquerque to be recycled back into various paper products.

On July 10th, our second Bring Your Own Dish to Brat Day was facilitated by the Ranger, Activities and CHQ Dining Hall Staffs.

It is very exciting to include the backcountry in the ranch's environmental sustainability efforts, as basecamp efforts have been underway in collecting of cardboard, aluminum cans and plastic bottles for a month now. I appreciate the efforts from all of Philmont's staff, especially those in basecamp positions for encouraging Scouts to use the recycling bins and trailer.

Spotlighted Department of the Week:

Philmont Health Lodge picks up and serves takeout meals from the dining hall to their patients and staff using reusable dishes and eating utensils for all their in-house dining needs. The staff also incorporates transport of white paper, plastics and cans into their weekly duties. Lastly, any shredded documents are given to PTC Handicraft or CHQ Mailroom as packaging material.

*If you know a Philmont Department that is doing sustainable things, please
I-Camp Sarah @ Conservation.*



GAMES

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JUST GIVE UP

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ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S PHILNEWS!!

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S GAMES (ISSUE 5)

EASY

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

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6	4	1	9	7	3	8	2	5
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HARD

6	5	7	3	8	4	9	1	2
3	4	9	1	5	2	8	7	6
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9	1	6	2	7	3	5	8	4
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JUST GIVE UP

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

PHILMONT BINGO

HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the squares on the following card with words from below. When you hear one of the words on your card in conversation around Philmont, mark it off. Once you've marked off five in a row, call bingo! The middle space is free. The words you choose should determine the difficulty and length of your game. Choose wisely.

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|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ADVISOR | CHAPLAIN'S AIDE | HEALTH LODGE | PHILMONT GRACE |
| BACKCOUNTRY | CIMARRON | HIKING | PORCH TALK |
| BACKCOUNTRY MGR | COFFEE | I-CAMP | POTABLE |
| BEAR | COMMISSARY | MARK ANDERSON | RED ROOF INN |
| BEAR BAG | CONSERVATION | MINI-BEAR | SLEEPING BAG |
| BOY SCOUTS | CREW LEADER | MOUNTAIN LION | SUNRISE |
| BURRO | EAGLE SCOUT | NALGENE | TRAIL |
| CAMPSITE | GOD'S COUNTRY | PACK | TROOP |
| CHAPLAIN | GUÍA | PHIL-BURBAN | WAITE PHILLIPS |

		FREE		

PTC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEEK 7 — JULY 18TH - JULY 24TH

Strictly for the Unit Committee

Strictly for the Cubmasters

Specialized Programming for Venturing Crews

Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables and Venturing Forums

Learning to Teach Basic Outdoor Skills

Troop Operations

What's New in Youth Leader Training

Helping Packs, Districts and Councils Succeed using the Cub Scout Outdoor Program

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

CONTINUED TRAINING SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule for the beginning of the second set of Continued Training sessions.
Each session begins at 6:00 PM in the Ranger Office unless specified differently.

716—ULTRALIGHT GEAR

717—POOP AND PRINTS

718 AND 720—PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF HIKING

719 AND 721—RULES OF EXPEDITION BEHAVIOR

723 AND 725—EXPLAINING YOUR PHILMONT JOB & RESUME TIPS

726 AND 728—WATER PURIFICATION AND TREATMENT

EVENTS

JULY 16TH— JULY 29TH

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><u>16</u> <u>Movie Night @ S³AC 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Ultralight Gear</u></p>	<p><u>17</u> <u>2nd session of Ravado begins</u></p> <p><u>Jam Night @ S³AC 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Poop & Prints</u></p>	<p><u>18</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Pathophysiology of Hiking</u></p>	<p><u>19</u> <u>Table Games Triathlon @ S³AC, 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Wannabe Band @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Trivia Night @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Handicraft @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Cobbler @ 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Smoothies @ S³AC, 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Rules of Expedition Behavior</u></p>	<p><u>20</u> <u>Bratwurst Day @ S³AC, Lunchtime</u></p> <p><u>PTC Buffalo BBQ @ 5:30 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Country Dance @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Humans vs. Zombies @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Pathophysiology of Hiking</u></p>	<p><u>21</u> <u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Yoga @ PTC Small Fry, 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Dance Lessons @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Wise Guys</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Rules of Expedition Behavior</u></p>	<p><u>22</u> <u>PTC Bingo @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Branding @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Handicraft @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Halo 3 Tournament @ S³AC, 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Cobbler @ Tent Cities, 8:00 PM</u></p>
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><u>23</u> <u>Homemade Ice Cream @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Explaining Your Philmont Job and Resume Tips</u></p>	<p><u>24</u> <u>Philmont 5K Run @ Fitness Center, 5:00 PM</u></p>	<p><u>25</u> <u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Explaining Your Philmont Job and Resume Tips</u></p>	<p><u>26</u> <u>PSA Trek/ Reunion/Colfax Colloquim</u></p> <p><u>PTC Wannabe Band @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Trivia Night @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Handicraft @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Cobbler @ 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Bad Movie Night @ S³AC, 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Water Purification and Treatment</u></p>	<p><u>27</u> <u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></p> <p><u>Scout Postage Stamp Ceremony @ Villa Philmonte, 11:00 AM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Buffalo BBQ @ 5:30 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Country Dance @ 7:00 PM</u></p>	<p><u>28</u> <u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></p> <p><u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Yoga @ PTC Small Fry, 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Wise Guys</u></p> <p><u>Ranger CT: Water Purification and Treatment</u></p>	<p><u>29</u> <u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></p> <p><u>PTC Bingo @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Branding @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>Handicraft @ 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PTC Cobbler @ Tent Cities, 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>PSA Salsa Night @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></p>