

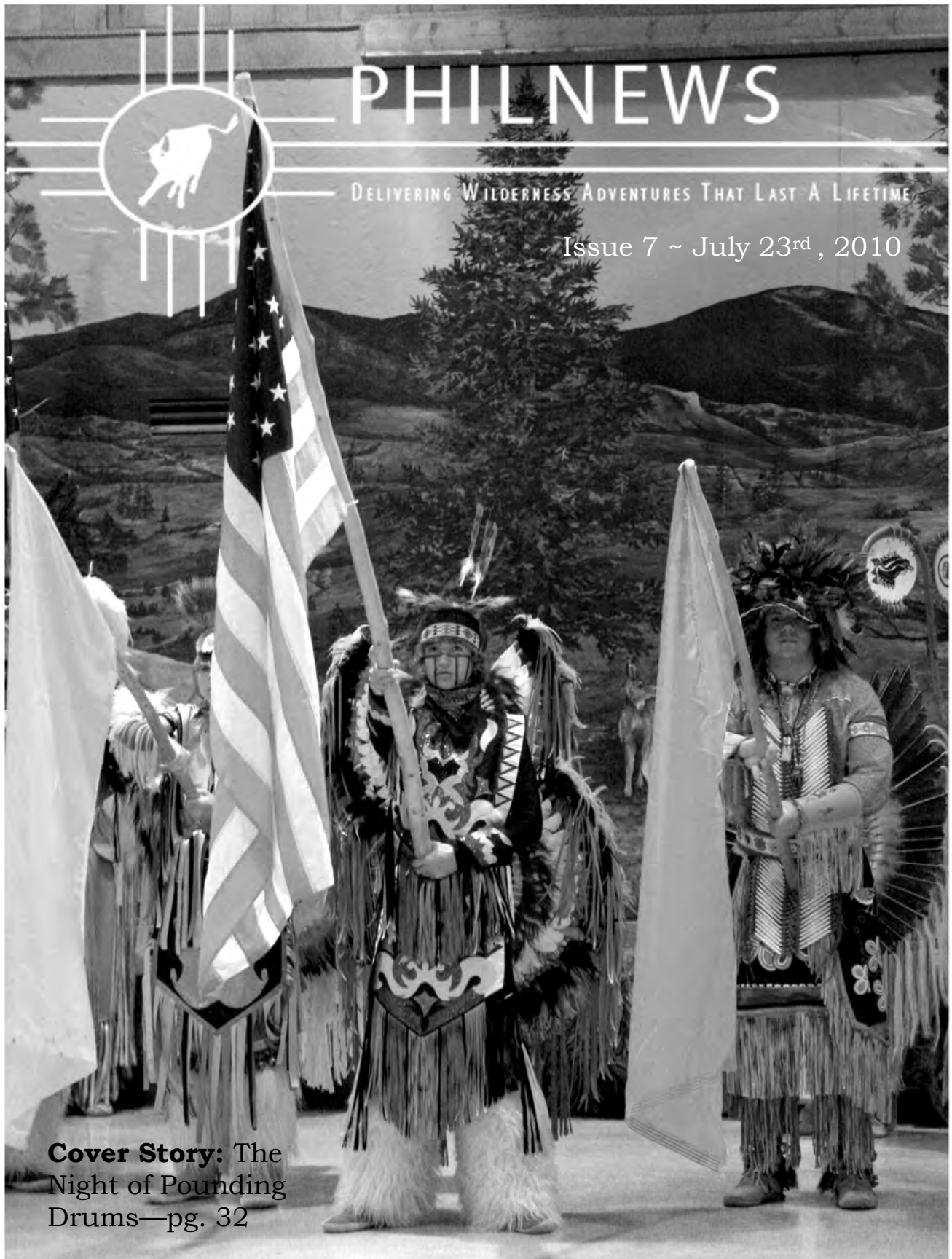


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### COVER

Kwahadi Dancers Color Guard

Photo by Zac Boesch

Article by Timothy Bardin

### CORRECTIONS

Issue 6 gave an incorrect answer key for Issue 5's Sudoku game, please find the corrections on page 38.

The PSA 2010 Summer Reunion had a colloquium schedule in Issue 6 that overlapped with an ad for L. Martin Pavletich Studio. PhilNews gives PSA & Mr. Pavletich their sincerest apologies for these errors.

### SUBMISSIONS FOR 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.**

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## MARK'S MINUTE

### THE WILDERNESS PLEDGE

Seven weeks ago on May 30<sup>th</sup> we all gathered on the lawn of the Villa Philmonte for the All Staff Training. We enjoyed the “W-O-W” of Giovanni and were challenged to believe that “Anything is Possible.”

One of the things that was shared with each of us during our small group training by the Camp Directors and Ranger Trainers was the Wilderness Pledge. Each of us was given a card and encouraged to follow the principles during your time at the Ranch.

**The Wilderness Pledge**

*Through good Scout camping,  
I pledge to preserve the beauty and splendor of the Philmont Wilderness.  
I commit myself to:*

*An absence of litter and graffiti.  
Respect for Philmont's wildlife.  
Conservation and proper use of water.  
Respect for trails and trail signs.  
Proper use of campsites.*

One of the things that I have begun to read in the comments by crew leaders and crew advisors in evaluations as they depart the Ranch is the amount of litter that is present across Philmont's Base Camps and in campsites and along trails in the backcountry.

These comments are a challenge to me because they tell me how our campers view their experience! When I visit campgrounds and public parks across the country, my experience is always impacted by the amount of trash and litter that is present.

**We need to band together and eliminate this problem. Join me by picking up litter as you walk about the Ranch. Commit to picking up at least five pieces of litter every day. Let's rid the Ranch of this problem and live the Wilderness Pledge by insuring that there is “an absence of litter and graffiti.”**

Litter impacts the beauty of Philmont – a truly magnificent place! It impacts the beauty in our memories.

John Muir wrote, “*These beautiful days must enrich all my life. They do not exist as mere pictures – maps hung upon the walls of memory – but they saturate themselves into every part of my body and live always.*”

We can remove the litter from the Ranch and also encourage each participant to join us in living the Wilderness Pledge and insuring that there is an absence of litter throughout the Ranch.

Thank you for bending down and making this happen!

**MARK ANDERSON**

Director of Program

## OWEN'S SECTION

Article by Owen McCulloch

### How to explain your Philmont job to friends, family and potential employers. Oh, and resume tips too.

Your time on the Philmont Staff will be unlike any other job you'll ever have. The kind of things you do, and the responsibilities placed upon you, can provide experiences that will last you a lifetime – if only you could figure out how to explain that to your friends, family and potential employers!

Yes, Philmont is a summer camp. A big summer camp with more than 25,000 participants over 11 weeks. And a training/conference center. And a large retail operation. And a model for conservation and recreation. And a motor pool. And ranching operations. And a medical infirmary that is also a teaching hospital with a pharmacy and a negative-pressure infectious disease room. And farming operations. And a food service operation serving 750,000 trail meals, 360,000 dining hall meals, 27,500 Chuck Wagon meals, and 45,000 backcountry staff meals. Oh, and we are currently the 34<sup>th</sup> largest city in New Mexico.

Philmont is obviously not a regular camp – and you really need to find some ways to describe what you do more than just saying “I worked at a camp”. For any Philmont staff member, you receive more training and responsibility when compared to other organizations. You have job skills used at Philmont that will relate to other jobs in the “outside world” – you just need to find out how to describe your skills in a way that non-Philmont and non-Scouting people will understand.

Let's say for instance you are working in a service-oriented job:

Description #1	Description #2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided customer service</li><li>• Answered questions</li><li>• Restocked area</li><li>• Kept area clean</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided direct customer service to over 150 individuals every day.</li><li>• Problem solved issues for customers with a 99% satisfaction rate.</li><li>• Responsible for inventory controls and maintaining proper stock of items.</li><li>• Provided a safe and clean area for staff and customers.</li></ul>

Or maybe you are a member of the Ranger Department:

Description #1	Description #2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with Scouts to help them learn hiking skills.</li><li>• Seeing that the crew is in the right place at the right time to receive the best possible service in meals, health care, orientation, campfire program and bus transportation.</li><li>• Pointing out to crews various opportunities to enjoy natural and historical features of the Philmont country.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Educational guide and mentor to between 60 and 100 customers.</li><li>• Through exceptional time management and prioritization, help direct and provide opportunities for customers to maximize their experience.</li><li>• Through a servant-leadership style, provide guidance and assessment to help facilitate the development of a high functioning, independent team.</li></ul>

Regardless of what your job is this summer, look for ways to describe it beyond the typical (and inaccurate) answer, “I worked at camp.” Think about the actual skills you used beyond the simple function of the skills, and think about what it takes to the specific skill well. That is what you want to be able to describe.

## How Much, How Many, So What?

An important idea to keep in mind when crafting your resume is the question your potential employer will be asking: “So what?” By this I mean you must make your experiences relevant to the person(s) reviewing your information. Remember that the person is more interested about what you can do for them in a new position, not just what you’ve done in the past.

Be sure your resume leaves the reviewer thinking about what you are going to do, not just what you’ve done in the past. Focus on your accomplishments, and answer the unasked questions about “how much, how many, and so what?”

## What should your resume look like?

There are three general styles of resumes:

**Chronological** – best if you have a long, unbroken work history and are looking at moving up in the same employment field.

**Skill or Function** – lists skill sets, not just jobs. It works better with people who do not have a long-term single type of job experience, or are looking for a job change to a different industry.

**Targeted** – a great format for targeting your skill set towards a specific job, but does require multiple resumes for each different job you may be applying for.

## What about a cover letter?

You should certainly submit a cover letter when applying for a specific position. Make sure to keep your letter short, and be sure to address your letter to a specific individual; never submit it to “To whom it may concern” or “Dear Sir or Madam”.

Be sure to tell them which position you are specifically applying for, and don’t repeat the information included in your resume. This is a brief letter of introduction, and should direct the employer to your skills or background that make you a good candidate for their consideration. Remember, a cover letter is a custom item – you are applying for a specific position with a specific person and you are highlighting your specific skills.

Use your cover letter to highlight what you have to offer and what the employer is seeking. The cover letter is an opportunity to describe your skills, abilities, and personal qualities and how they would benefit the employer.

## Okay, so what do you put in a resume?

Personal Data

Name, permanent address, phone, professional email

Objective

What is your employment goal

Work Experience or Work History

Body of your resume

Education and Training

Degrees, certifications

Activities, Organization, and Community Service

Specifically mention if you’ve been an officer, board member, etc.

Professional Affiliations, Associations, and Military

Job or career related groups and military experiences are a plus

References

Acceptable to list as “Available upon request”, but make sure you’re ready to send it if requested.

## **OWEN'S SECTION (CONT.)**

Article by Owen McCulloch

### **What about volunteer experiences?**

Absolutely include your volunteer experiences on your resume. While some individuals list them separately under "Volunteer" or "Community Service" sections, do not hesitate to include them under your Work Experience in your resume. Just because you were not paid a salary for the work does not mean it does not have value. Describe your accomplishments just as you would with any other job history. Don't forget to describe it with your potential employer's questions in mind: "How many? How much? So what?"

As a volunteer, did you manage a project? Did you oversee a group task? Did you have a budget or a timeline? Did you accomplish the goal you set out to achieve? These are all directly marketable skills – don't miss the opportunity to include these on your resume.

### **Now what?**

There are hundreds of resources online to help develop a resume, and don't ever hesitate to make changes to it if you are not getting the results you are looking for. Take your time putting it together, and keep thinking about those ways to explain what you do at Philmont. Don't hesitate to try and explain what you do in terms that someone else might understand—because they probably won't ever understand what an "ist" does, much less an "Invasive Species Specialist", "Group Leader", "Trading Post Clerk" or "PC" means.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:  
DURING THE SHINING LIGHT  
CEREMONY ON SATURDAY, JULY  
31, 2010, THE WIRELESS  
WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM  
5PM TO THE END OF THE  
CEREMONY.**

**REGARDS FROM IT STAFF,  
MICHAEL JOHNSON**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### PSALM 151

One of my favorite books in the Bible is the "Book of Psalms". It is a book sacred to Jews, to Christians and to Muslims. It contains 150 psalms. Psalms are prayers for every occasion. I find psalms are especially helpful when I want to pray, but I find myself troubled, exhausted, or at a loss for words.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "I pray best on my knees. Maybe that is why God brings me there so often." I know there have been times in my life that I fell to my knees in prayer. Sometimes it was to say, "O God, please help me!" Other times it was to say, "Thank you, God for helping me"! I suspect that is why so many crews attend one of the 7:00 PM services at base camp before they hike out, and again, when they return. There are psalms asking God for help; there are also psalms giving thanks to God.

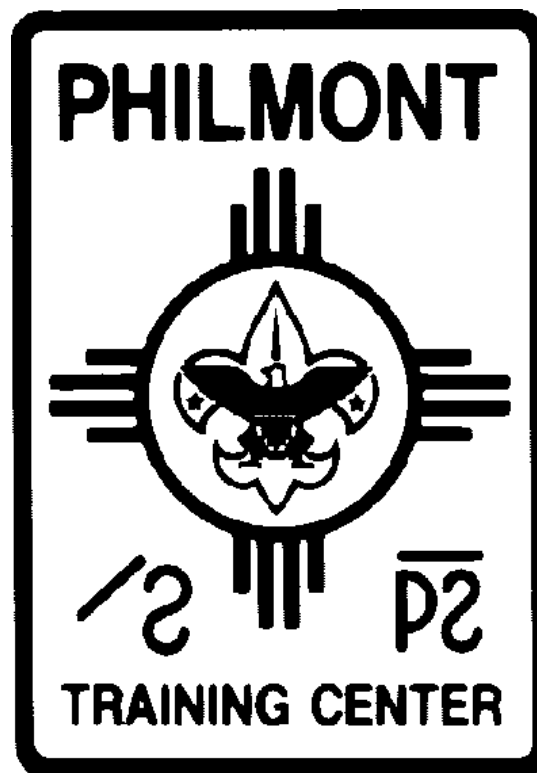
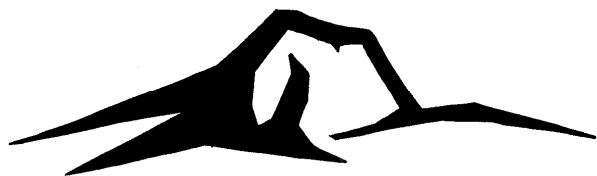
Josef Stalin claimed that the bad are manipulated by force, and that the good are manipulated by guilt. As a Catholic, I am not unfamiliar with guilt. I also take seriously the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. As a Scoutmaster, a Crew Advisor, and a Chaplain, I know that feeling of regret - for my thoughts, or my words, or my actions, or my failure to act. When I let down those entrusted to my care, I believe I let God down. There are, fortunately, several psalms asking God for mercy and forgiveness. Several of them I know by heart.

Cooks like to hear good comments about the food they have prepared. To laud a creation is to compliment the creator. Of course, there are psalms praising God for the marvels of creation. It occurs to me that all those "WOW!" moments at Philmont are, in fact, our own personal psalms of praise. Maybe we at Philmont pray more often than we realize.

I like to think of the "Philmont Hymn" as the One Hundred Fifty-First Psalm.

YOURS IN SCOUTING,

**FR. RAY**



### A WORD FROM WATSON

Article by Henry Watson, NPS Manager

The BSA has been into conservation for years. We had project SOAR in the 1970's. In the 2000's, the Sea Scouts worked with Ducks Unlimited on nesting boxes. This year Philmont kicked off the Wilderness Guía program. All good things right?

What about us as departments and individuals? Some of us recycle our soda cans and packing material in the bins near Services. Others don't. It's so much easier to participate in recycling programs at home. My home actually has a recycling container in the parking lot, the nearby grocery store accepts plastic bags and the UPS store accepts bubble wrap and packing peanuts.

But conservation of natural resources (or being green) is something that has been part of the Scouting movement since the beginning. Lord Baden-Powell was one of the first proponents of catch-and-release fishing. Please try to find ways to support the Sustainability expert, Sarah Burgess.

And I'll challenge the other departments on the ranch by stating that NPS rocks! We reduced our print run by 25%. We reuse envelopes and use the back of extra photo prints for scrap paper. What about your department or camp?

Tell us!

# WEATHER



## SATURDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>

Scattered T-storms  
High: 75<sup>0</sup>  
Low: 54<sup>0</sup>



## SUNDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Scattered T-storms  
High: 77<sup>0</sup>  
Low: 54<sup>0</sup>



## MONDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>

Isolated T-storms  
High: 79<sup>0</sup>  
Low: 54<sup>0</sup>



## TUESDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>

Isolated T-storms  
High: 83<sup>0</sup>  
Low: 54<sup>0</sup>



## WEDNESDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Scattered T-storms  
High: 92<sup>0</sup>  
Low: 53<sup>0</sup>



## THURSDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>

Scattered T-storms  
High: 80<sup>0</sup>  
Low: 54<sup>0</sup>



## FRIDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>

Scattered T-storms  
High: 91<sup>0</sup>  
Low: 52<sup>0</sup>



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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: HAU YEE WONG

Article by Justin Lyon, staff writer



CONAN MCENROE

Hong Kong is one of the most densely populated cities in the world with a population of over 7 million people in an area roughly 426-square miles. This massive city is the home of international staff members, Hau Yee Wong.

Hau Yee flew over twenty hours from Hong Kong to arrive here at Philmont. She currently works in the backcountry of Philmont, in the climbing camp of Cimarroncito, where she is developing her climbing abilities. “I’m not a very good climber yet,” she said, although after her training she is now confident in her belay.

Back home in Hong Kong Hau Yee was a Scout instructor in the Scout Association of Hong Kong. She is a Rover, a position for Hong Kong Scouters over 21. Among other things she helped people affected by the earthquakes in Hong Kong, and helped to teach people about China and the importance of taking care of it. Hau Yee has been a part of Scouting since she was ten, making this her eleventh year of involvement in Scouting.

Hau Yee is also fluent in English, having studied the language since she was about three years old.

Before receiving an invitation from the PSA to come here, Hau Yee knew very little about Philmont. When she arrived, she was pleasantly surprised. “I think this is a very unique place. I never imagined that a campsite can be so huge like this and can have so many camps doing so many different programs.”

Hau Yee says the staff here are very nice and have treated her well. While she has not done much hiking in Philmont’s beautiful mountains, she has already made memories here that will last a lifetime. “I saw my first shooting star at Cimarroncito,” she said. Hau Yee said that after the Philmont season is over she would perhaps like to travel, maybe to New York.



# WORLD NEWS



## RELEASE OF THE LOCKERBIE BOMBER

On July 20, 2010, Prime Minister David Cameron tells Diane Sawyer (on ABC World News Report) that the release of the Lockerbie Bomber was “a bad decision”. Cameron was set to meet with President Obama hours before the Sawyer interview, and candidly voiced his belief that the release shouldn’t have taken place or even be considered. “Today I’m asking the cabinet secretary in the UK to go back over all the paperwork and see if there’s anything else that should be released so there’s the clearest possible picture out there of what decision was taken and why.”



## DEBT WORRIES EASE IN EUROPE

The worry, only two months ago, was that Europe could play a big hand in the collapse of the global economy as we know it. Now some experts are saying that treating it as though the crisis state never happened will help the Euro economy turn around, and some investors are doing just that.

## US AND SOUTH KOREA TO STAGE WAR GAMES

On July 20, 2010, the U.S. and South Korea announced that war games would be staged in the near future. These war games are to be part of a series of exercises which are to send a “clear message to North Korea that its aggressive behavior must stop” (says U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates). One of the largest war ships in the world, the USS George Washington (a nuclear-powered ship) is set to be part of the games.

## NATIONAL GUARD TO GO TO BORDER

1,200 National Guard Troops are scheduled (as of Monday, July 19, 2010), according to the Obama administration, to deploy to the southwest US border in an effort to bring the region “under control”. “The Guard has been a tried and tested support to law enforcement ... and I’m confident they’ll prove it again in this instance,” says Alan Bersin, commissioner of Customs and Border Protection. He is confident in their efforts to assist those in place (or going to be in place) by the Homeland Security.

## MUSLIMS’ DIRECTION OF PRAYER CHANGES

In Jakarta, Indonesia the Indonesian Ulema Council told the congregations in the most Muslim populated country to face west when they prayed. Now the direction has been corrected by that same council, and they have been told that the correct direction to pray is in the northwest direction. The purpose of praying in a specific direction is that prayers are directed toward Kaaba, the religion’s most sacred site in Saudi Arabia. It turned out that praying west was praying toward Egypt, so the correction was made. Some Muslims have taken the correction in stride: “I don’t really worry about the praying direction,” said Riza Irwansyah, an office worker in Jakarta. “The important thing is I prayed to Allah and I believe He will listen, no matter which way I’m facing.”

# WORLD NEWS

## FLOATING SCHOOLS TO SAVE EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH

As Bangladesh floods (from what some say are the effects of global warming), there are children around the city benefiting from the kindness of others who have donated everything from pens and books to a Spiderman backpack. Along with the kindness of donations, there is the innovative power that they benefit from as well. Who can argue that to put a school room in a boat is not an innovative measure? Children wait for the boats from the dry parts of the land, instead of walking for hours to the school they would otherwise have to reach.

## AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN BEING NEIGHBORLY?

On Sunday, July 18 Afghanistan and Pakistan signed an agreement regarding trade and transit issues that currently resist between the neighboring countries. The two countries were prodded into signing the agreement by the U.S. Hillary Rodham Clinton even paid a visit an international conference in Afghanistan and spoke on the matter. \$500 million American dollars will be given in economic aid for the agricultural, public health and other issues that will be assisted with the plan that Mrs. Clinton brought to the table.

## 2 US TROOPS AND 6 AFGHAN POLICE KILLED

On Monday, July 19, 2010, two US soldiers were killed in what looked to be two separate blasts in the south (say NATO sources). Taliban is currently trying to force the international and Afghani aids out of the area to place a Taliban stronghold there. On Tuesday, July 20, there are expected to be some riots at the conference, similar to the riots (and shootings) that happened at the capital in May. Security breeches have already occurred and measures are being taken to minimize these on Tuesday's conference



## AN AMERICAN DREAM IN YEMEN

Samir Kahn, a 24-year-old man, has moved to Yemen to be a writer. Some move to California to write screenplays, but this young man had niche market *and* an agenda. The 24-year-old American citizen is said to have gone to Yemen to become the top editor of the magazine Inspire, which is a recruiting tool for Al Qaeda. He is currently Editor-in-Chief of the publication, which publishes articles about bomb-making techniques as well as an article from Usama bin Laden.

## MEXICO CITY ARREST FOR ENDANGERED MONKEY THEFT

In Mexico City, a man was stopped for having a mysterious bulge under his t-shirt. He was stopped, searched and kept in detention at the airport in Mexico City as the mysterious bulge turned out to be a girdle full of 18 tiny endangered monkeys. 38 year-old Roberto Cabrera flew to Mexico City from Lima, Peru. 2 of the monkeys died during the process. Cabrera was arrested for trafficking endangered species.

## US NEWS



### BP CLOSES WELL; US HAS CONCERNS

BP successfully capped the gushing oil well last week, and they have been testing the cap since that time. Retired Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, the US official in charge of the Gulf oil cleanup, said Monday that BP would be allowed to keep the cap on for another day. BP intended to keep the cap in place until the relief wells were finished to stop the leak for good, but low pressure readings from the well raised concerns that oil could be leaking into the surrounding undersea bedrock. If tests determine that the cap is unsafe, it may be undone, continuing the outpouring of oil once again.



### FORMER USDA EMPLOYEE SAYS WHITE HOUSE PRESSURED HER TO RESIGN

Shirley Sherrod, former USDA director of rural development for Georgia, resigned Monday. She said she received four calls telling her the White House wanted her to resign, although the White House denies involvement in her resignation. She resigned after media outlets aired a video of her speaking in March at an NAACP banquet, where she allegedly admitted to discriminating against a White farmer based on his race. However, the video clip did not show her full speech, and the comments used were taken out of context.

### EMT ACCUSED OF IGNORING PATIENT KILLED IN NYC

EMT Jason Green was shot and killed at 5 a.m. Monday morning as he was leaving a SoHo nightclub. Green and fellow EMT Melissa Jackson were accused of wrongdoing last December when they did not stop to help a pregnant woman who collapsed in a sandwich shop when they were on their coffee break. The EMTs told someone to call 911, and the woman and her unborn child later died. Police do not think the shooting is related to the previous incident.

### SENATE TO VOTE ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Next up on the senate's agenda is a vote on a \$34 billion extension of unemployment benefits. Democrat Carte Goodwin was sworn in last Tuesday to fill the seat of the late Sen. Robert Byrd. Democrats say they now have the 60<sup>th</sup> vote needed to break the Republican filibuster and approve the unemployment benefits bill. Republicans say they support extending the benefits, but they are concerned with the deficit and would like to see corresponding spending cuts to cover the cost of the extension.

### LOOPHOLE GIVES GUN-CARRIERS EASY ACCESS TO TEXAS CAPITOL BUILDING

People with permits to carry guns in the Texas Capitol building in Austin are allowed to use a separate, faster entrance line. The four public entrances to the building have metal detectors, put in place in May after a man fired a few rounds (without harming anyone) outside the main entrance to the building. Those with permits can bypass the metal detectors, even if they are not carrying a gun at the time. Austin lobbyists, attorneys and journalists are now rushing to obtain gun permits.



**US NEWS**
**WASHINGTON POST RELEASES  
STUDY ON POST-9/11 US  
INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING**

The Washington Post conducted a two-year investigation on government intelligence efforts, which they are now releasing in a report titled Top Secret America. They reported Monday that this top-secret intelligence gathering has grown so unwieldy and expensive that no one really knows what it cost and how many people are involved. The report says that 854,000 have top-secret security clearance, and that there are 1,200 government organizations and more than 1,900 private companies working on counterterrorism, homeland security and intelligence in some 10,000 locations across the U.S.

**PALIN VOICES OPPOSITION  
ON GROUND ZERO MOSQUE**

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin chimed in on the controversial proposed construction of a mosque near Ground Zero, calling it an unnecessary provocation. Palin posted on her twitter page ([twitter.com/SarahPalinUSA](https://twitter.com/SarahPalinUSA)) Sunday, "Peace-seeking Muslims, pls understand, Ground Zero mosque is UNNECESSARY provocation; it stabs hearts. Pls reject it in interest of healing." The proposed 13-story, \$100 million project has sparked an enormous controversy in New York City.

**10,000 ACRE FIRE BURNS THREE  
HOMES IN CENTRAL WASHINGTON  
STATE**

The fire started Sunday afternoon outside of Yakima, Wash. and grew to 10,000 acres by Sunday evening. Three homes and several smaller buildings were destroyed by the fire. The cause of the fire is not yet known. 100 homes were evacuated, but the evacuation was lifted Monday as winds died down.


**\$2,200 REWARD  
OFFERED FOR RETURN OF  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
TEEN**

Norma Lopez of Moreno Valley, Calif. went missing Thursday, July 15. She was supposed to meet her sister and a friend at her home that afternoon, but she never returned from summer school at Valley View High. Investigators found some of the girl's personal items in a field she often used as a shortcut, where they discovered signs of a struggle. Local authorities say she may have been abducted, and they do not suspect she is a runaway. The FBI and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children are involved in the search.

**DEFENSE TO BEGIN IN FORMER  
ILLINOIS GOVERNOR'S  
CORRUPTION TRIAL**

Prosecutors laid out their case against former Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich over the past six weeks, using witnesses and wiretaps to portray the Blagojevich as obsessed with his appearance, jealous of other politicians and delusional in his ambitions. Rod and his brother Robert Blagojevich pled not guilty to charges that they were trying to sell or trade a Senate seat. Defense began this week.

## SPORTS

### GEORGE STEINBRENNER DIES AT AGE 80

With a nickname like “the boss”, Steinbrenner was definitely in control of things. But no one escapes death. At age 80, this man, owner of the prestigious New York Yankees, passed away on the day of the 2010 All Star game. On July 19, 2010 the first game was held in the George M. Steinbrenner Field since his death on July 13, 2010.

### NASCAR DRAMATICS

Carl Edwards purposefully wrecked driver Brad Keselowski’s car in a Nationwide Series race on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Now NASCAR is faced with the decision of whether or not they want to punish such behavior. As Sports Writer Jay Hart says, “Controversy creates conflict”, and some publicity experts would say any news is good news.

### LOU PINIELLA ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

At the end of this baseball season, Lou Piniella will retire. He made his announcement on Tuesday, July 20, 2010. With 18 years as a player in baseball’s Major Leagues and another 22 years as coach to the Chicago Cubs, it was not at all taken lightly that this great would be leaving the stadium for a life of rest and relaxation. With doors now open for a new team manager there is nothing short of a gossip frenzy among baseball enthusiast about who will fill the position.

### OPERATION PUCK PURCHASE

The Harry Caray Restaurant Group has a mission. They want to purchase the puck (for \$50,000) which was held back the celebrations for fans of the Chicago Blackhawks. The puck was caught inside the net and left people wondering where it went when it did. HCRG has purchased other memorabilia from such intense games (a glove and stick of Sidney Crosby for \$10,000 for

### BRITISH OPEN RESULTS

Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa made a swinging seven-stroke victory at the British Open on Sunday, July 18, 2010. In the United States Open a month early Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland won. Both men giving wins that are said to have effect “beyond the borders of their countries” says Larry Dorman, Golf commentator.



### LONGEST TENNIS MATCH IN HISTORY!

In Wimbledon, England the longest tennis match was taking place. The score board couldn’t keep up, the audience could hardly keep up, but the energy was definitely up. 23-seeded John Isner of Tampa, FL, and qualifier Nicolas Mahut of France played on and on. They had been playing each other for 10 hours when the action was suspended due night fall, when the two competitors could no longer play. A humble remark from Isner shows enthusiasm for the game: “He’s serving fantastic. I’m serving fantastic. That’s really all there is to it. I’d like to see the stats and see what the ace count looks like for both of us.”

MLB STANDINGS AS OF JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>

American League					
East	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
New York Yankees	58	33	0.637	--	Won 1
Tampa Bay Rays	56	36	0.609	2.5	Won 1
Boston Red Sox	53	40	0.570	6	Won 1
Toronto Blue Jays	47	46	0.505	12	Lost 1
Baltimore Orioles	29	63	0.315	29.5	Lost 4
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Chicago White Sox	51	41	0.554	--	Won 1
Detroit Tigers	48	43	0.527	2.5	Lost 6
Minnesota Twins	49	44	0.527	2.5	Lost 1
Kansas City Royals	40	52	0.435	11	Won 1
Cleveland Indians	39	54	0.419	12.5	Won 5
West	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Texas Rangers	54	39	0.581	--	Won 2
Los Angeles Angels	50	45	0.526	5	Lost 1
Oakland Athletics	46	47	0.495	8	Lost 1
Seattle Mariners	36	57	0.387	18	Lost 1
National League					
East	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Atlanta Braves	54	38	0.587	--	Won 1
New York Mets	49	44	0.527	5.5	Lost 1
Philadelphia Phillies	48	44	0.522	6	Lost 2
Florida Marlins	45	47	0.489	9	Won 3
Washington Nationals	40	53	0.430	14.5	Lost 3
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
St. Louis Cardinals	52	41	0.559	--	Won 6
Cincinnati Reds	52	42	0.553	0.5	Won 1
Milwaukee Brewers	43	51	0.457	9.5	Won 1
Chicago Cubs	42	52	0.447	10.5	Lost 1
Houston Astros	38	55	0.409	14	Won 1
Pittsburgh Pirates	32	60	0.348	19.5	Lost 1
West	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
San Diego Padres	54	37	0.593	--	Won 4
San Francisco Giants	51	42	0.548	4	Won 1
Colorado Rockies	50	42	0.543	4.5	Lost 1
Los Angeles Dodgers	49	44	0.527	6	Lost 5
Arizona Diamondbacks	35	58	0.376	20	Won 1

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# BLAST FROM THE PAST

The following was an article placed in the July 6, 1966 edition of PhilNews (then known simply as “A Weekly Bulletin to the Philmont Staff”). Enjoy!



## NEW ANIMAL DISCOVERED

A new animal species has been recently identified at Philmont, the Western Mountain Nuthead (Spoiler Philmonta). Although there have been reported sightings for several years, it was not until recently that positive identification could be made. The Nuthead is in the same family as the chimpanzee, although it is cojnsiderably less intelligent. This species is seldom actually seen, but identification in the field can be made by noting the following signs:

The Nuthead's trails run directly up the side of steep mountainslopes. Unfortunately, any light rain will immediately obliterate individual prints, but the main trail can be easily seen and recognized by the absence of switchbacks.

The species can also be identified by rough markings left on trees. Often only a stump is left sticking about three feet above the ground. It appears that these green trees are not actually eaten but rather are cut down for recreation by the Nuthead. No other reasonable explanation of this activity has yet been presented.

The third and most characteristic sign is the Nuthead's droppings. Although these droppings take on various forms, they are all characteristic. Usually these droppings are flat and paper thin. They are often brightly colored, but may take on a metallic appearance similar to tin foil. On rare occasions these droppings will be transparent and have a consistency similar to plastic bags. If these droppings are discovered on the trails of Philmont, they should not be disturbed, but left for other nature lovers to identify and appreciate.



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CHAOS."

~ WILL DURANT

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~ ERNEST THOMPSON SETON



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Thanks to these hard working guys and gals, we eat!

The entire Food Services staff is divided into several smaller crews designated to certain duties around the ranch. The Summit staff work in the kitchens of both CHQ and PTC. The Dining Hall staff consists of two groups, one rotating between working the CHQ staff and camper dining hall, and the other at PTC. The Commissary guys contribute to food services by delivering popular foods to the back country camps and as well as restocking trail meals

## ACTIVITIES



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## THE BACK AND FORTH OF THE BACK COUNTRY : INDIAN WRITINGS



[BACK ROW] ADAM BRASCHLER, DAN BENNETT, STACIA KOSTER, KIRA REDZINAK - CD  
[FRONT ROW] BATBAYAR DASHNYAN, ROSEMARY MCCANN



A camp celebrating the Anasazi Indians who once lived in this area, Indian Writings offers scouts the opportunity to visit a slab house, pit house, Indian remains and pictographs. Programs offer archaeological digging, tours of the hieroglyphs and a small museum related to the area.

**SPEED IS SCARCELY THE NOBLEST VIRTUE OF GRAPHIC COMPOSITION, BUT IT HAS ITS CURIOUS REWARDS. THERE IS A SENSE OF GETTING SOMEWHERE FAST, WHICH SATISFIES A NATIVE AMERICAN URGE."**

**~ JAMES THURBER**



## RING PLACE



SARAH SLOGGY, CARL SANMAN, KATHARINE KALLAL - CD, KARL HUBBARD, PAUL JENLINK, CHRIS WATERS,

Programming at the Ring Place consists of interpretive tours of the camps fifteen room homestead, wildlife observation, and conservation projects. Astronomy is offered in the evenings and scouts get a chance to gaze through a professional telescope, observing the rings of Saturn and many other distant stars and moons. Additionally, crews are taught how to predict the weather in a wilderness setting.



**"MOST PEOPLE ARE  
PRISONERS, THINKING ONLY  
ABOUT THE FUTURE OR LIVING  
IN THE PAST. THEY ARE NOT  
IN THE PRESENT, AND THE  
PRESENT IS WHERE  
EVERYTHING BEGINS."**

**~ CARLOS SANTANA**

## SEALLY CANYON

Programming at Seally Canyon consists of teaching scouts search and rescue (SAR) techniques as well as outdoor skills such as wilderness medicine, GPS technology, and emergency first aid.

Though a highly practical program, the staff makes sure there is also plenty of fun involved!

**"LIFE IS FULL OF BEAUTY.  
NOTICE IT. NOTICE THE  
BUMBLE BEE, THE SMALL  
CHILD, AND THE SMILING  
FACES. SMELL THE RAIN,  
AND FEEL THE WIND. LIVE  
YOUR LIFE TO THE FULLEST  
POTENTIAL, AND FIGHT FOR  
YOUR DREAMS."**

**~ ASHLEY SMITH**



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## WHITEMAN VEGA

Mountain biking and abundant wildlife viewings are the main staples of programming at scenic Whiteman Vega. With the scenic surroundings of Philmont, and the intensity of some of the rides, the best word to describe Whiteman Vega is “intense”.



**“DREAM AS IF YOU'LL LIVE  
FOREVER, LIVE AS IF  
YOU'LL DIE TODAY.”  
~ JAMES DEAN**

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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ACTIVITIES

Article by Timothy Bardin, staff writer



ZAC BOESCH

STAFF CHECKING IN A TRILBOUNDED CREW AT THE WELCOME CENTER

My day with the Activities staff was a unique experience. After spending the morning of July 15<sup>th</sup> with these individuals, I have a new respect for them and the job that they do. And it is a big job, bigger than one might think.

The Activities Department is actually a mega-department composed of four sub-sections. At any given time, an Activities staff member may be working a shift at the Welcome Center, the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center, the Staff Fitness Center or performing in one of Philmont's Evening Campfire programs.

Some would say that the first staff member an incoming participant meets in an 'official' capacity is their Ranger. But in reality, it's the staff at the **Welcome Center**. The Welcome Center is literally the front line of Philmont Scout Ranch and the staff greet and process a flood of arriving and departing crews every day.

"We try to make the process as quick, non-boring and as painless as possible," said Adele Owens (Activities staff)

The staff at the Welcome Center has two major responsibilities. First, they check-in Trailbound and Homebound crews. This task involves assigning tents and delivering important information and/or policies regarding tent cities, conduct in base, water conservation, etc. When the Trailbound crews are checked in, the Welcome Center also calls the Ranger Office (RO) and they pass the crews on to the Ranger.

The Welcome Center's other function is acting as an information center. Every day crews or Advisors drop by with a question and the Welcome

Center staff patiently answers them and provides directions, as needed.

The Welcome Center, which is open 24-hours a day, in four shifts. The morning shift (7:00 AM to 12:00 PM) is the busiest so there are usually 4-5 staff behind the desk to process crews, while the afternoon (noon to 5:30 PM) and evening shifts (5:30 to 10:00 PM) are run by 2-3 staffers.

Then there is the 'graveyard shift', also known as "W4". One person stays in the office all night (10:00 PM to 7:00 AM). During my visit, I discovered there are good and bad "W4"s. Generally, the overnight stay is not too bad (they have a cot and a foam mattress in the back room). It is fairly quiet and the staffer gets an adequate amount of sleep. If there is a legitimate concern, they are happy to help.

"But sometimes," Adele shared, "If there's a crew that comes in at, say 3:00 AM, or an Advisor complaining about something at midnight when we're trying to rest. Then we aren't too happy."

From the Welcome Center I migrated to the **Silver Sage Staff Activity Center (SSSAC)**, popularly known as the "S<sup>3</sup>AC". The morning shift at the S<sup>3</sup>AC starts at 8:00 AM. For the next hour staff perform janitorial duties and tidy up.

"We do our own cleaning," Ivanna Read said. "We are also responsible for maintaining and cleaning the Welcome Center."

They clean the bathrooms, empty the trash and do whatever else is required so the doors can open at 9:00 AM. They do the dirty work so we can have a clean, tidy area to relax in.

A S<sup>3</sup>AC shift also involves planning and prepping for the evening staff program, checking out movies and games to patrons, fielding movie room reserve requests and making the place pleasant for their visitors.

There are also two types of S<sup>3</sup>AC shifts, operated simultaneously; a "regular" shift and an "on-call" shift. The regular shift is staffed by an assistant manager and at least one other person. They are in charge of the shift, but they also have the "on-call" shift (usually 3-4 individuals depending on the needs of the day) to help out with tasks like running errands, setting up for activities or supporting other departments. The shifts run from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, 12:00-6:00 PM and 6:00 PM-10:30 PM (Close).

Jason Kirby, the manager and lone employee of

the **Staff Fitness Center**, was in Colorado during my assignment, so I did not get to hang out down there, but I have used the weight room and know he runs a tight ship. A few of his responsibilities involve conducting personal training sessions and free consultations. Jason also directs yoga (Acrobalancing and Hatha forms) almost every night.

My last stop was the **Philmont Evening Campfire Programs**. On two separate nights, I attended the Closing and Opening Campfire programs.

At the **Closing Campfire** on Friday night, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Joe Cooper, the Campfire Program Manager, gave me a tour backstage. The staff sets up and then sit back and wait for the campers (or the “wee children” as Joe refers to them) to arrive.

The night’s program consisted of short videos with various skits interspersed between and a presentation honoring the Crew Leaders.

“The script is heavily edited,” Joe said. “So there’s a lot of room for improvisation.”

My favorite act of the night was the “Rain of Mini-bears”. Stuffed chipmunks sailed from behind the set at the staffer on stage. He defended himself by kicking, beating and whacking the stuffed nuisances with everything from a plastic sword to a mangled backpacking pot.

But the hallmark of the campfire was the “Home Bound” sign. Whenever that sign was pulled out the campers screamed “HOMEBOUND!!” loud and long. The staff incorporated the sign to maximum effect and hilarity throughout their show. I left thoroughly entertained and I am sure the crews did too.

The **Opening Campfire** had a different preparation routine. When I arrived Saturday night, the actors and actresses were reviewing their lines. There are no scheduled rehearsals so the pre-show script review is all the time they have to work together.

Other complications the program performers face are tired co-workers, who have worked single to multiple shifts and last minute re-assignments to either campfire program, among others. But they always put on a good show, night after night.

Johamy Morales, the stage director for Opening Program, ran them through their paces and gave pointers. She is a professional stage actress from San Diego, California, so it was fascinating to watch her work.



ZAC BOESCH

STAFF RELAX AROUND THE FIRE-RING ON ‘STAGE’ IN THE CLOSING

The program itself was quite enjoyable, with a mix of music and dramatics. Actors, dressed in period clothing, portrayed famous individuals from Philmont’s history, such as Christopher “Kit” Carson and the Maxwell family, and provided commentary on important events. Songs like ‘Trapper’s Life’ and ‘French Henry’ complimented the actor’s performances and provided a seamless change-of-pace that kept the audience engaged and entertained.

This year’s Activities Staff is a marvelous group, and they put a lot of effort into their jobs, especially the campfires. So take a moment to thank them and stop by in the evening to watch the campfires. They appreciate it more than I can express.



ZAC BOESCH

AN ACTOR PREPARING HIS PROP AT OPENING CAMPFIRE



## SCOUTING: A FAMILY AFFAIR

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer



ANDREW BREGGIO

OWEN MCCULLOCH—ASSOCIATE  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM

Owen McCulloch was the new kid in town at 11 years old and glad to join the Webelos Pack 811 in Portland, Oregon. It was a pack of boys he grew up with, and he would end up even going to college with some of them. They progressed together in the Boy Scouting program and crossed over from Pack 811 to Troop 377. He became a member of the Order of the Arrow and continued progressing as a Boy Scout until he reached Eagle, and found a “full Scouting experience.”

By the time McCulloch earned his Eagle award, he had already started working at camps such as Camp Spirit Lake (near Mount St. Helens the year before it erupted), and Camp Baldwin. Both times he was on aquatics staff and loved it, but earning a belt buckle and mug from his services wasn't quite what an Eagle Scout could use to progress in life, so he continued down another road- the college road.

He attended Oregon State University, where in his last semester he met his future wife, Julia. Both in their final semester at college, they already had plans and went their separate ways- but luckily they were in a similar direction. He was headed for his post-college

touring of Europe, and she was headed off to work in Germany. Of course he would visit her- and was she impressed! “It was better than a bouquet of flowers,” Mr. McCulloch recalls.

He came back to the states and while Julia worked in Germany he worked for his college fraternity. His job included fundraising, traveling from campus to campus all over the U.S., public relations, and other things so similar to Professional Scouting that Mr. McCulloch found it to be a perfect fit.

After working for the fraternity for about 2 years, he took an opportunity to work with the Boy Scouts of America. It was January 1, 1993 when McCulloch started his career with the BSA as an Exploring Executive in the Cascade Pacific Council (and it was not long before the promotions started presenting themselves). He was promoted to Senior Exploring Executive and later became the Senior District Executive in the Silver Star District of the same Council.

A year after the start of his BSA career, he married Julia, his college sweetheart. 4 years later, in 1998, amidst the promotions and a relocation, came their first addition to the family. Their oldest girl, Maggie, was born and the little family immediately moved to Boulder, CO where Mr. McCulloch was hired into the Longs Peak Council as a District Director. There he oversaw the Scouting programs in the Boulder County District with 4500 Scouts, about 1000 Volunteers and 165 Units. The McCulloch family spent 4 years in Boulder County, where the family continued to grow.

Colleen was born in Boulder in 2001, and the family was yet again relocated, this time to the Florida Keys, where Mr. McCulloch became the Director of Program for Florida's National High Adventure Sea Base. He was stationed at the main office in Islamorada, and oversaw the 3 bases that made up the High Adventure Camp: Islamorada, Summerland Key, and Marsh Harbour (Abacos, Bahamas).

The family resided there from 2002 to 2006. (Declan, their “little hurricane baby” as the couple calls him, was born there in 2005, during hurricane Wilma.) During those 4 years Mr. McCulloch helped grow the program from 8500 youth to over 11,000. His work ethic and consistent results were again recognized and he was promoted.

Along with a promotion to be the Director of Field Services, the family uprooted and moved to Jacksonville, FL (one of the largest Councils in the United States). As Director of Field Services, Mr.



McCulloch was one of the professionals in that Council and oversaw the staff, the programs, the hiring, the District Executives and the *Learning for Life* Executives. "It was an enjoyable opportunity," says Mr. McCulloch looking back at the experience.

Enjoyable or not, Mr. McCulloch took the next opportunity presented to him and became the CEO of his college fraternity. The family was split over the opportunity and for quite some time he was based in Ohio while his family was still in Jacksonville. After being CEO for nearly 2 years, the continued separation from his family began to carry a price he didn't want to pay, so the family packed up and moved in the summer of 2009. The McCullochs became a Philmont family.

Mr. McCulloch returned to a career in the BSA and accepted the position he currently holds as Associate Director of Programs at the Philmont Scout Ranch, where he has already reached one of his goals in the time that he has been here. His goal was to have an ample pool of applicants for the 2010 summer season and he exceeded his own expectations. At the beginning of the season there were 1800 applicants for only a little over 1000 staff opportunities, and applications for continue to file in. The increase of electronic recruitment and campus recruitment has contributed to this larger pool of applicants, with the largest representation coming from two college campuses: Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas and Brigham Young University, Utah.

While Mr. McCulloch focuses a lot on personnel, that is not his only focus. He focuses on Basecamp operations, and works with Gordon McKinnie to ensure that things operate as smoothly as possible. With the Basecamp operations, marketing projects and personnel all being on his mind, the attention Mr. McCulloch has to give to the hiring process is also quite extensive, so this is definitely not a seasonal job for him.

With the 2011 applications already beginning to arrive, it's never too soon to start looking at your plans for next year. With the targeted recruiting efforts of this year (such as those Eagle Scouts requesting a letter of congratulations that are also sent an application for Philmont employment), the applicant choices for 2011 should be more diverse and even more plentiful. (It is interesting to note that out of all of the videos on the BSA YouTube Channel, the most watched is the Philmont Employment Recruitment video.)

As the Philmont experience continues for the McCulloch family, a thoughtful 11 year-old Maggie McCulloch said to him, "Dad, I feel like we are kind of

spoiled." When asked why, she responded, "We have lived in so many great places: First we were Sea Base kids, now we're Philmont kids." Perhaps if she hadn't recognized these fortunate circumstances she would be spoiled, but since she did, so maybe the McCulloch family is not spoiled, but indeed fortunate.

From his days as a Scout himself on camping trips with his own father, to moving his entire family around the United States, McCulloch voiced it well, when he said, "Professional Scouting has been good for me... For us it has been a family affair."

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## SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Article by Sarah Burgess

### “PHILMONT’S RANCHING REUSES AND RECYCLES”

Philmont Scout Ranch has clear and mindful plans when it comes to our range management. Seven years ago the Philmont Ranch Committee began seeking a group to match the objectives of the Ranch with a sustainable forestry plan. The group that met our expectations and was willing to work toward our goals and within our standards was the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI), an independent organization comprised of local communities, resource professionals, conservation groups and landowners.

The Sustainable Forest Initiative works to meet the needs of the present without compromising the future of the land. A land stewardship ethic that is a common goal of SFI and Philmont Scout Ranch, it integrates reforestation with managing, growing and harvesting trees for useful production. Objectives specific to Philmont include a focus on forest health and protecting watersheds, as well as planning the protection of structures and assets from forest fires. Delivering program to our participants in a safe and educational environment is paramount, with most timber stand action takes place outside of the summer season.

Annual forest treatments have been conducted on 5,000 acres of Philmont land yearly since 1994. The current unit being treated is in Bonito Canyon, with it’s fir and spruce trees. All the treatments taking place at Philmont must account for a variety of factors affecting the logging, including: accessibility along backcountry roads, seasonal traffic on foot and by vehicle and the size of area treated. A basic inventory of the North and Central country has been completed and a plan for the South country is underway.

The Demonstration Forest located on the west side of Cimarroncito Reservoir is another part of Philmont’s wish to educate its participants and visitors on the techniques of forest management and teach about forest ecology. It is 45 acres of mixed conifers on a one mile loop trail with signs explaining various timber harvesting methods. The Demonstration Forest exists through a partnership among Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico State Forestry Division, New Mexico Tree Farm Committee and the Southwest Society of American Foresters. This season we have a visiting forester program with the goal to increase forestry education of staff and crews at Philmont through quick interactions, lunch talks and several hour “forestry badge work” programs for regular treks and special treks like R.O.C.S. and Trail Crew Trek.

Another current project of our ranching operations is located at each of our four horse camps. Manure spreaders are stationed at Ponil, Clarks Fork, Beaubien and Cattle Headquarters and are used to spread our livestock’s manure throughout the pastures instead of piling up near creeks, harming the watershed, or affecting other program areas of the horse camps. This method is a natural and effective solution to reuse waste in a very sustainable way.

Philmont’s Ranching Department is an excellent example of how our foundations as a ranch remain sustainable in the background of this beautiful home of ours.



### Spotlighted Department of the Week:

**Philmont Training Center** has been taking recycling into their own hands all summer thanks to Assistant Program Director, Jennie Cowan. Jennie’s work includes designating bins and emptying the cans and plastics into the Recycling Trailer on a weekly basis. The PTC Office Staff have also been very conscientious about collecting white paper and reusing their cardboard.

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

## IMPORTANT THINGS WITH TREV:

Article by Trevor Roberts

It's very important to look good. When you look good, you feel good. Looking good is a part of the Boy Scouts of America. I've got a couple cheep tricks to looking good at Philmont.

The first trick is to have a well-groomed hair. Any style of hair will work as long as it makes you look professional at work. For the guys who grow beards, it's important to keep your beard looking great. I am currently growing my beard.

Another great trick to looking good is wearing really hip sunglasses. Sunglasses are great if you work in the backcountry, or at base camp. It's also very useful to hike while wearing sunglasses. It's a good idea to have a few pairs to choose from and just in case you loose a pair.

Give these tricks a try and see what you think. If you already look good, keep up the good work. Looking good should help build confidence. When you put everything together you will feel good about yourself. As staff we want to make the best experience possible for the Scouts. Looking good will help us give the Scouts lasting memories and that's what really important.

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## THE NIGHT OF POUNDING DRUMS

Article by Timothy Bardin, staff writer



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HERE A DANCER PERFORMS THE EAGLE DANCE. ONLY EAGLE SCOUTS ARE ALLOWED TO PERFORM THIS DANCE.

Shortly after 7 o'clock on the night of July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Kwahadi Dancers poured through the doors of the PTC Assembly Hall to the pounding of a drum and rhythmic chanting. More than 50 PTC attendees and staff from various departments came to the show, which lasted for 2 hours.

The Kwahadi Dancers are a performing group that is operated by Venture Crew 6 of Amarillo, Texas. Youth members are of all ages and are drawn from troops and crews all over Texas. Some of them travel over 100 miles to Amarillo every weekend to practice for 2-3 hours.

All of the Dancers wore elaborate costumes for the show. Because many of the dancers participate in all three seasons, they have more than one costume. Each youth designed and crafted their own costumes, called regalia. The Dancer's regalia reflected the personality and vision of the creator and all were beautifully designed.

Some of the costumes incorporated beads,

furs, or fringes and all the Dancers wore bells somewhere. Other costumes sported elaborate headdresses and other feathered accoutrements. Many used combinations of all these materials, which were often brightly colored.

One girl had white, orange and red flame patterns stitched into her shawl that matched her outfit and the same design scheme decorated her leg sheaths.

The Kwahadi Dancers perform three separate routines around the country over the course of a year. The *Winter Show* runs from January to March and practices are held during November, December and January. From April to May, they practice for the *Song of the Eagle* show that is performed from June through August.

The final round of practices is held during August, September and October for the *Indian Summer* show, which is performed during the month of November.

This evening's entertainment consisted of more



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A DANCER LIFTS HER HOOPS AT THE END OF THE HOOP DANCE. THE HOOP DANCE CELEBRATES THE "STORY OF LIFE".

ZAC BOESCH



DANCERS WENT INTO THE CROWD AND "KIDNAPPED" AUDIENCE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ROUND DANCE WITH THE DANCERS.

than just dances, although there were plenty of those. The 'Chief' periodically shared stories, lessons and talks designed to inspire and encourage his audience. Some of the topics he addressed were, freedom and its high cost, the power of family and family ties, dreams and goals, and patriotism.

The first dance was a tribute to the United States of America and her soldiers, called 'Homage to Flag and Soldier'. The dance honored our soldiers for the sacrifices they made, and continue to make, for our freedom.

At one point, the Dancers "kidnapped" members of the audience for two dances, the 'Round Dance' and 'Pawnee Two-Step'. Some of the other dances performed were the: 'Ladies Traditional Buckskin Dance', 'Shield Dance', 'Buffalo Dance', 'Hunting Dance' and 'Fancy Shawl Dance', among many others.

A special dance, called the 'Hoop Dance', was performed in honor of Tony Whitecloud, the man who donated the dance and taught it to Crew 6. The 'Hoop Dance' was a very elaborate dance that celebrated the "Story of Life". Four dancers held six hoops and assembled them in fantastic shapes, many of which merged with their bodies.

Another special dance was the 'Dance of Peace Belts'. During World War II, the Hopi Indian people would weave special belts for the men who went away to fight. The belts were designed to remind the men of home and family. It was a complicated dance and the youth performed it beautifully. The grand finale incorporated the two Eagle dances; the 'Eagle Scout Dance' and the 'Dance of the Trapped Eagle'.

The first was performed by the Kwahadi Dancer's four Eagle Scouts in honor of all Eagle Scouts across America and to inspire the potential Eagles in the audience. But the last dance was the *coup de gras*. All the Dancers returned to the floor to perform the hauntingly beautiful theme-dance for the *Song of the Eagle* season, the 'Dance of the Trapped Eagle'. It was a beautiful end to a special night.



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## ANNUAL RABBI ZEKE MEMORIAL PORCH TALK

Article by Lazar Palnick

Part of the PSA Reunion is the Annual Rabbi Zeke Porch Talk. There will be discussion of the "ideals of Inclusion, Interfaith and Interracial Cooperation" at Philmont, in Scouting and in Society.

For many years during his long tenure as the Jewish Chaplain, Rabbi Zeke Palnick would host Philmont staff members who came to the front porch of the Jewish Chaplain's Cabin at CHQ, either to seek out guidance or to talk with him. From the 1960's all the way to his death in 2005, Rabbi Zeke shared his advice and thoughts with those he met as he sought to instill values that stressed his desire to break down barriers between people- wherever he found them.

This year, Elder David Wilson, LDS Chaplain, has been chosen by the Palnick Family to lead the annual discussion. Elder Wilson served with Rabbi Zeke during his later years at the Ranch and was a well-respected colleague and friend. It is fitting that Elder Wilson became the first "Current" Staff Member Chaplain to lead this year's forum, as the two men shared many of the same values.

Be there! It's a conversation you won't want to miss!

**Thursday July 29, 2010, 8pm**

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## FUN FOR THE WEEK

### JOKES OF THE WEEK

Q: What did the limestone say to the geologist?  
A: Don't take me for granite!

~

Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them.

The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them.

The first guy drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on. The second guy says, "What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear."

"I don't need to outrun the bear," the first guy says. "I just need to outrun you."

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves."  
~ Edmund Hillary

"He who every morning plans the transaction of the day and follows out that plan, carries a thread that will guide him through the maze of the most busy life. But where no plan is laid, where the disposal of time is surrendered merely to the chance of incidence, chaos will soon reign."  
~ Victor Hugo



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# CROSSWORD

## WILDLY INEDIBLE EDIBLES

(LAST WEEK'S THEME WAS "WAIT! WAITE, DON'T TELL ME!")

### Down

1. Simpleton
2. Permissible
3. Flat or efficiency
4. Ntl non-profit dedicated to protecting and maintaining trails
5. Lenin's Socialist program during WWI
6. Port town of Scotland
7. Grab one from the TOT before you get lost!
8. Finishes FL.
9. Oils
10. Snout, probiscus
13. David Blain's trick in NY
14. 43,560 square feet
15. William Butler \_\_\_\_
22. Di-functional building blocks of plastic
25. Rob Dyrdek paranoid clothing line (abbr)
26. Did you fall off a com truck? Cause you're \_\_\_\_ fine!
27. Mario's evil twin
28. Trump ending?
29. Med students last hurdle
34. Measurement of wool
36. One who stands alone usu. because of strange behavior
37. Small types
38. Somewhat
40. \_\_\_\_-Mom
42. Shake it like a \_\_\_\_ shaker
45. An inner-city community
47. Amer. League partner
50. Warps
53. Makes hay
54. Saks thief, Winona
55. I-Camp, e.g.
56. Pen proceder?
57. From start to finish, you make a lot of turns
60. Quote from a blind man
62. Beast of burden
64. Sadie is one
65. How many Highlanders?
66. Nothin' but \_\_\_\_

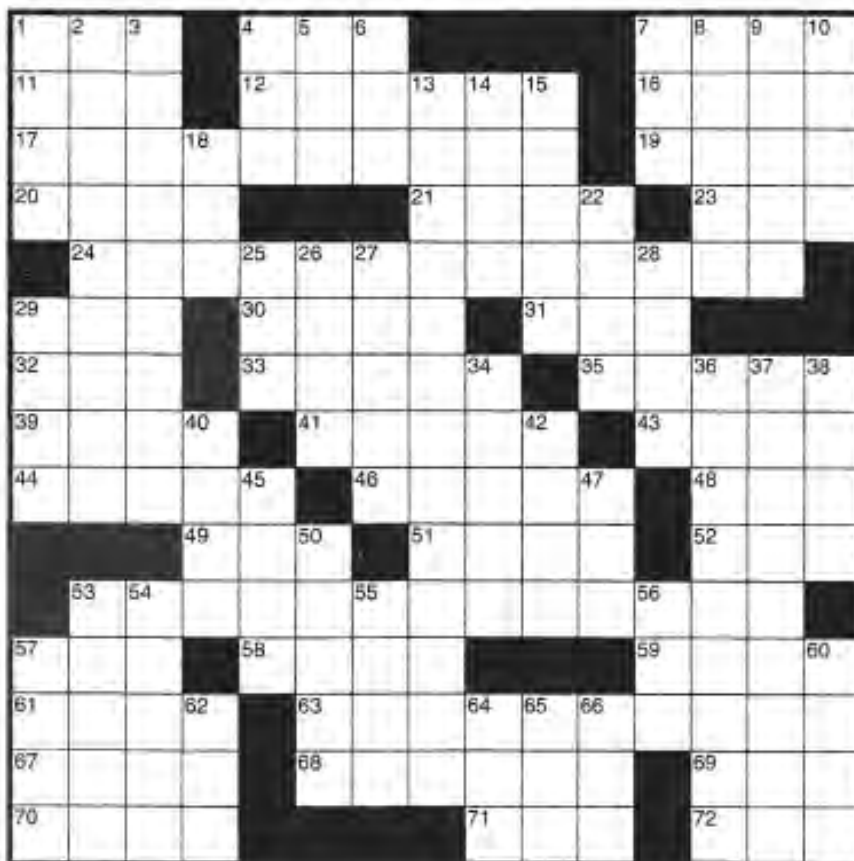
### Across

1. To fill the tank, with up
4. Santa \_\_\_\_, CA
7. A second one in a calendar month is blue
11. Elev.
12. The period of one's greatest prosperity or popularity
16. Alice's Restaurant Massacre singer

### Across (cont.)

17. EMERGENCY FOOD: cut the evergreen bark and eat gum or harden it and chew
19. Shepherd's \_\_\_\_ (pl.)
20. Pre 1596 Old English for went
21. Characterized by dullness and monotony
23. Female deer, goat or leoprid
24. EMERGENCY FOOD: a vetch that grows to a length of several feet with greens that may be cooked and salted, but will be bitter
29. Chairman
30. Melt away
31. First half of the weekend? (abbr.)
32. gninepo tebahplA
33. Paranormal, multicolored radiations
35. Leaf pore
39. Nestle's petfood
41. Perils
43. To refine, as a written work

44. Batman's Mad Hatter, Jervis \_\_\_\_
46. We're surrounded by it!
48. Genetic instructions
49. July '08 album by G-Unit
51. Sword handle
52. Not beginning or end
53. EMERGENCY FOOD: thrives on damp banks with edible shoots and leaves may be steeped for a refreshing tea
57. April showers bring their flowers
58. Do it with a deck
59. Individual programming contests for students (specific)
61. Alan \_\_\_\_
63. EMERGENCY FOOD: a thick syrup made by boiling down the juice is good as an aid with colds and sore throats
67. Get some at bedtime
68. Fox
69. \_\_\_\_ Gulch
70. Mistakes
71. \_\_\_\_ Shorty
72. Half of a sleeping sickness bug



# SUDOKU

EASY

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

MEDIUM

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

HARD

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JUST GIVE UP

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WEEK 7

ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S PHILNEWS!!

## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS GAMES

Thank you to Kayla Smith who found that the answer queue for Issue 5's Sudoku was incorrect. Please find the correct answer queue below.

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

Great job!

## **PTC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

### **WEEK 8**

JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>

NATIONAL ADVANCED YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE  
PHILMONT STAFF ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

### **WEEK 9**

AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> - AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

ADVANCED COMMUNICATION AND COUNSELING SKILLS  
WORKING WITH SCOUTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
DISTRICT KEY THREE—KEY LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE  
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ADVANCEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
CUB SCOUTS IN 2010 (FAST TRACKS)  
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SCOUTING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **CONTINUED TRAINING SCHEDULE**

Below is the schedule for the remaining second set of Continued Training sessions.

**723 AND 725—HOW TO EXPLAIN YOUR PHILMONT JOB TO FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS. OH, AND RESUME TIPS TOO**

**726 AND 728—WATER PURIFICATION**

**730 AND 801—PHILMONT HISTORY**

**802 AND 804—NATURE WRITING**

**803 AND 805—TRACKING**

### **SHOUT OUTS**

Lydia at Fish Camp— Thanks for the cartoon. We'll put it in our electronic edition at the end of the season.

Again, thank you to Kayla Smith for spotting the errors with the Sudoku. (See corrections on opposite page.)

EVENTS  
**JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> — AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b><u>23</u></b> <b><u>Homemade Ice Cream @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Ranger CT: Explaining Your Philmont Job and Resume Tips</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b> <b><u>Philmont 5K Run @ Fitness Center, 5:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b> <b><u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></b>  <b><u>Risk S<sup>3</sup>AC 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>26</u></b> <b><u>PSA Trek/ Reunion/Colfax Collequim</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Wannabe Band @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Trivia Night @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Handicraft @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @ 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Bad Movie Night (TBA) @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Ranger CT: Water Purification and Treatment</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b> <b><u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></b>  <b><u>Scout Postage Stamp Ceremony @ Villa Philmonte, 11:00 AM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Buffalo BBQ @ 5:30 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Country Dance @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Dungeons &amp; Dragons Walcott Room 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b> <b><u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Movie Night @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ PTC Small Fry, 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Wise Guys</u></b>  <b><u>Humans v. Zombies 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Ranger CT: Water Purification and Treatment</u></b>	<b><u>29</u></b> <b><u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Bingo @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Branding @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Handicraft @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @ Tent Cities, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PSA Salsa Night @ Baldy Pavilion, 8:00 PM</u></b>
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b><u>30</u></b> <b><u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></b>  <b><u>Bratwurst Day @ S<sup>3</sup>AC, 11:00 AM</u></b>  <b><u>Ranger CT: Philmont History</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b> <b><u>PSA Trek/ Reunion</u></b>  <b><u>Shining Light: BSA 100vrs Celebration Baldy Pavilion 5:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b> <b><u>Photo Contest Deadline S<sup>3</sup>AC 5:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Tie-Die Night Fitness Center Pavilion 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b> <b><u>Blood Drive S<sup>3</sup>AC 9:00 AM-3:30 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Kickball CHQ Fields 6:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Villa Tour 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM (Every Monday)</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @ 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Ranger CT: Nature Writing</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>Blood Drive S<sup>3</sup>AC 9:00 AM-2:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Movie Night Baldy Pavilion 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Buffalo BBQ @ 5:30 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Country Dance @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Ranger CT: Tracking</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b> <b><u>Volleyball CHQ Fields 6:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ PTC Small Fry, 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Ranger CT: Nature Writing</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b> <b><u>Smoothies S<sup>3</sup>AC 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Bingo @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Branding @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Handicraft @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @ Tent Cities, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Villa Tour 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM (Every Tues.)</u></b>  <b><u>Ranger CT: Tracking</u></b>