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### CORRECTIONS

THE WILDERNESS PLEDGE GUÍA ANNOUNCEMENT IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE DID NOT HAVE A SIGNATURE LINE. PLEASE FIND THE SAME NOTICE IN THIS ISSUE (PG. 27) WITH THE SIGNATURE LINE.

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## MARK'S MINUTE

### FRIENDSHIP - TEAMWORK



As we reach the beginning of August, I am reminded of a Chinese proverb that states “Behind an able person there are always other able people.” In other words, teamwork is at the heart of great achievement. The Philmont Scout Ranch Summer of 2010 is a “great achievement”. Through our collective work we continue to provide experiences that make a difference, we deliver “wilderness adventures that last a lifetime.”

The team that has been developing over the summer is built around friendship. These friendships are critical! John C. Maxwell in his book, *The 360° Leader*, shares some thoughts about the importance of friendship in our team.

**Friendship is the foundation of influence.** President Abraham Lincoln said, “If you would win a man to your cause, first convince him that you are his sincere friend.” Good relationships make influence possible. Throughout the summer each of us is both influencing and being influenced by others. That means that all of us are leading in some areas, while in other areas we are being led. None of us are excluded from being a leader or a follower. When this is done in the context of friendship, we are able to create a “great achievement”.

**Friendship is the framework of success.** Theodore Roosevelt said, “The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.” Through strong friendship we achieve great results. This takes work – we have to respect and listen to each of our co-workers. We have to communicate and share. We have to overcome those bumps in the road that interfere in our working relationships.

**Friendship is the shelter against sudden storms.** When we have a bad day, who can make you feel better? A friend. When you have to face your fears, who would you rather do it with? A friend. When you fall on your face, who can help pick you up? A friend. Aristotle was right when he said, “True friends are a sure refuge.”

As we move toward the end of the summer I encourage you to continue to work on friendships. The friendships will help us with our “great achievement”.

YOURS IN SCOUTING,  
Mark Anderson  
Director of Program

# WEATHER



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

Isolated T-Storms  
High 83°  
Low 55°



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

Isolated T-Storms  
High 80°  
Low 54°



## MONDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

Isolated T-Storms  
High 80°  
Low 54°



## TUESDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

Scattered T-Storms  
High 79°  
Low 54°



## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

Mostly Sunny  
High 83°  
Low 54°



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>

Mostly Sunny  
High 83°  
Low 54°



## FRIDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>

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## BARBARA'S BYLINE

Article by Barbara Garcia

WOW Staff – it's August! I can't believe the work and talk is now centered on "end" dates, checkouts, gather, etc. Like me, you're thinking, "where in the world did the summer go?"

But since it is here, there are a few things from the Seasonal Personnel Office that might help you when it comes to your end date and any questions you might have about the checkout process.

Remember that **every** staff member must go through the checkout process just as you had to check-in when arriving at Philmont. This is to ensure that every department affected by your departure has correct address information, checked-out equipment is properly returned, any keys that were issued to you are returned and you get your 2010 Philmont Staff Mug for the wonderful service you provided this summer.

On your **last working day**, it has been allowed for you to start your check-out procedure after lunch when your supervisor lets you, no earlier than 1:00 PM and be paid for that day. (We have a couple of departments that have exceptions and they will convey that to you; i.e., Ranger hike-in days, or last overnight shift worked).

Please be assured that the checkout process takes about 20 minutes (depending on how fast you walk). :)

For those of you who need transportation to Raton to connect with the train or bus, please come in to my desk to pay the \$10 fee and you'll take your receipt to Logistics to be placed on their bus schedule. If you need to sign up for a shuttle to Albuquerque, Colorado Springs or Denver Airports, please do so ASAP with Betty Pacheco at the CHQ Office.

You might have noticed that with this past paycheck, our Payroll Administrator, Jo Duran, placed a note reminding you to let us know if your address is listed correctly. This is extremely important because the address you leave us with will be **where your W-2 will be mailed to after the end of the year, from the BSA National Office.**

We will be doing the final paychecks a bit differently from previous years as well. All checks will be shipped to Philmont, where Jo will double-check them for accuracy and will then mail them to you. In the past, they were mailed directly from the BSA National Office.

On a personal note: Let me take this opportunity to let you know that it has been amazing seeing all of you, helping with problems or projects, getting to visit (even for an ever-so-brief moment), sharing stories, hugs and smiles (and the "song!" – you know who you are) You cannot know the energy you give me with your caring and concern, to keep me going every day. I am blessed to know each and every one of you.



## A WORD FROM WATSON

During the fall I get the chance to read quite a few books on organizational management and I usually find that there's a lot left out of them.

Simply put, most management books start with the basic principle that it's the staff that needs to be motivated. True, but the books leave out other groups that are just as important.

Managers also need to feel that what they are doing is important and valued. Think about all the little things that they do from distributing paychecks to telling you how to get to that trail you've always wanted to hike. When was the last time you thanked them for simply handing you a letter from home or for letting you go to lunch early? Go ahead, say thank you and make their day.

The other and most important group is the participants. Think of the crews who are still arriving and those headed home. They both need to be encouraged on their treks. The Philmont backcountry trek lasts 12 days, but what they do here will last a lifetime. Give them encouragement to complete both.

Some programs here at Philmont will have a life of their own. The Wilderness Guias will spread the Leave No Trace and Wilderness Pledge ideals through the local councils, but only if we impress upon them through positive behavior the importance and the necessity of using what they learned at Philmont. We need to 'motivate' them.

So there is a lot of motivation and encouragement left for us to do. Please think about how you can continue to provide a great experience to all the people you will interact with during the closing days of the 2010 season.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### MEET CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN: FATHER DON

Father Donald Keith Hummel has been a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ for 32 years. He has served as an associate pastor, chaplain and director of Campus Ministry in several high schools as a pastor and is currently the Director of Ongoing Formation & Continuing Education of Priests. He holds two Masters Degrees and a Doctorate, certifications in Pastoral Counseling & Psychotherapy, Thanatology, Pastoral Addictions Counseling and is a Master Police Chaplain serving a variety of law enforcement agencies from municipal to federal levels. He is a Fellow of the American Psychotherapy Association.

Father Don is a "lifer" in Scouting with nearly 53 years in the organization this November. He serves on the Northeast Region Executive Board, several council boards and national BSA committees. He has received numerous recognitions including Silver Saint George (Catholic), Shofar (Jewish), Distinguished Scoutmaster and Commissioner, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor (OA), Woodbadge (4 Beads), Distinguished Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo.

He is also very involved with community service in his home county of Union. Father Don also plays a large role in hereditary societies, serving as State Chaplain for the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Society of Colonial Wars in New Jersey (SCWNJ).

Father Don enjoys music, theater, sports, art, laughter and good memories and treasured friends.

To Father Don, Philmont is *family* and coming here for the last 19 years is coming home.

### THE SKIRL OF PIPES, ECHO OF THORNS AND ROSES

Have you heard the pipes- the BAGPIPES- at Philmont? They're hard to ignore! And their music is often in the air here in "God's Country".

How do you feel about Bagpipes anyway? Most people either love them or hate them, few are neutral...

It can't be denied they ARE distinctive, but have you ever considered how they reflect the reality of life?

Do they make you sad? Do they move you to a deeper spiritual place within?

Consider: the drones reflect the darker side of life - the challenges, the hurts, the disappointments that we all face. The chanter plays the melody - the brighter side - the loves, the joys, the energy, the confidence, perhaps even a sense that we are in harmony with the universe and its Creator.

But the piper has to play; has to breathe the air into the bag and push it through, both to create sound - and to make the pipes come alive. He has to move fingers - opening and closing - to change notes and build a tune.

Do you hear it? Not merely with ears but with your heart? Do you understand? We can play our tune everyday. But we have to try... open ears and souls.... perhaps the echo of THORNS AND ROSES ?

The Roses, the Chanter ... The Thorns, the Drones ... Our crew, staff and life are "working" the Thorns & Roses... the Piper is breathing life into both chanter & drone creating the tune .... and if you listen and live here in "God's Country" you take the good with the bad, the joyful with the sad, the successes with the failures, the sins with the salvation and you feel the RUAH, the breath of God, the soft wind of the Creator's Presence, the still, small voice that speaks to your very core and says " you are my beloved, my child, my own ... you are precious to Me ... and even if all others abandon you... I will never leave you ... I love you unconditionally... not because you are perfect or always right but simply because you are... live in My love, let the warmth of My life, My breath coursing through you give peace and serenity in all ways and for always.

May you hear the Voice, feel the Presence, know your God ... and sing your particular song for all to hear!

**PAX ET BONUM,**  
**FATHER DON HUMMEL**  
Catholic Chaplain

**ADVICE FOR WRITERS FROM THE AUTHOR  
OF  
ERNEST THOMPSON SETON: THE LIFE AND LEGEND OF AN ARTIST  
AND CONSERVATIONIST**

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

David L. Witt wrote for the Philmont staff newsletter in 1973 and 1974, and now has a writing career with projects of his own. On July 26, 2010, he shared some of his talent at a book signing hosted by the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library. As he signed books, he talked about Earnest Thompson Seton, the man he knows so thoroughly, and gave some advice to aspiring writers.

He says that neither waiting for inspiration or desperation is a sound means of becoming a writer. "A good writer takes advantage of any situation." He adds, "If you want to write, write."

If that isn't sound advice for a writer, what is?

David's book is available for sale in the Philmont Museum gift shop between the Museum and the Seton Memorial Library.



Photo by Ernest Thompson Seton  
Woodland 1910s, male and female

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## US NEWS



### BP OIL NOT ENTERING ATLANTIC

Oil from the B.P. oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is not expected to reach the east coast of the United States, according to projections of tides and storm systems by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. N.O.A.A. says there is no sign that any oil has, or will, reach the Loop Current that would take the oil around Florida and into the Atlantic.

### FLORIDA CHURCH PLANS "QURAN BURNING"

The *Dove World Outreach Center*, of Gainesville FL, is planning the first annual "International Burn a Quran Day," on 9/11/2010 to protest what they call the "religion of the devil." The non-denominational church is planning the event in memory of 9/11 victims and to "take a stand against Islam." Muslims, Christians, and Evangelicals are banding together calling for the event to be cancelled and some groups are planning several "Share the Quran" dinners to educate the public during the month of Ramadan.

### FIRES RAGE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The "Crown Fire" in Los Angeles County has consumed 14,000 acres in the mostly rural community. As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1,370 firefighters and 250 fire engines were on the scene, and officials claimed the fire was 62% contained. State and local officials agreed that evacuations would not be necessary but low humidity and hot conditions make fighting the fire dangerous and unpredictable.

### APPLE ANNOUNCES UPDATED IMAC

July 27<sup>th</sup>, Apple announced the release of an updated iMac for 2010, calling it an all-in-one machine. The new Macs are built around the new i3, i5, and i7 processors and are available in only a 21.5 or a 27 inch size. The new machines also feature a redesigned graphics card and up to 16 GB of RAM, and a built-in SD card reader. Decidedly absent among the new features are a Blu-Ray player and lower MSRP. The new iMac starts at \$1199 (21.5-inch) or \$1699 (27-inch) Among the new products from Apple is a multi-touch track pad, much like the one on most laptops, for any Mac desktop computer. The device is wireless and in similar dimension to the wireless keyboards that ship with every new iMac.

### RECORD NUMBER OF FLU VACCINES TO BE SHIPPED

The US Centers for Disease Control is forecasting a record amount of Flu vaccine will be shipped this upcoming Flu season. In the 2009-2010 Flu season 162 million doses of the H1N1 vaccine were shipped but only 90 million were used. The US Centers for Disease Control forecasts that at least 170 million vaccines will ship from at least 3 manufacturers, for the largest production run in history.

### LOUISIANA RIVER CAUSES 6 TEEN DEATHS

In Shreveport, LA, six teenagers from at least two families were found dead in a river chasm about 20 feet deep. A 14 year-old survivor was rescued, the victims of the river were 13 and 18 years of age, says Shreveport Assistant Fire Chief Fred Sanders. The children were hanging out near the river with some adults, but neither the children nor the adults could not swim.

**US NEWS****FATHER'S PUBLIC PRAYER  
LEADS TO CHARGES**

A Chicago man was praying on a public sidewalk outside a clinic when it was determined that Chicago's new "Bubble Zone" ordinance had been broken. The man now faces charges of Disorderly Conduct. The prayers were said outside a Planned Parenthood clinic near the North center of Chicago. Two protestors joined the man, one holding a sign peaceably and the other a woman who stood to the side of the man praying. No physical obstruction to the entrance was made, but it has yet to be determined if the peaceful demonstration will be considered an obstruction of any sort.

**ECONOMIC GROWTH FALLS  
NARROWLY SHORT OF  
EXPECTATIONS**

The US government announced last week that economic growth for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter slowed to 2.4%. This is down from economists' projection for 2.7% growth. These numbers stand in stark contrast to the negative 6.8% growth of 2008's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and marks the fourth consecutive quarter of economic growth. The GDP's slowed growth is thought to stem from slow consumer spending which accounts for 70% of activity.

**GM ANNOUNCES PRICE FOR  
NEW HYBRID VEHICLE**

General Motors announced a \$41,000 price tag for the new Chevy Volt. The Volt is a new generation of plug-in hybrid vehicle. The Volt will travel up to 40 miles on a single charge. The average daily commute for Americans driving to work is 33 miles according to US News and World Report, after the charge is used up, a four-cylinder gasoline powered engine takes over and has a range of 300 additional miles. An available option on the Volt will be a photovoltaic roof that will charge the car's battery when parked in the sun. Tax breaks and rebates will be available in some regions that could lower the price of the Volt to \$31,000 for the base model.

**"SHERIFF JOE"  
WANTED DEAD,  
NOT ALIVE**

Sheriff Joe Arpaio is known in the county of Maricopa, Arizona and around the United States for having a strong stance on how to handle illegal immigration. With the belief of "if they choose to come, they choose to face our laws" Sheriff Joe has not made a friend south of the US/Mexico border. Now it is alleged that the Mexican drug cartel has put a price on his head. A source, wishing to remain anonymous, says that a million dollars is offered for Sheriff Joe, and a thousand dollars to anyone who wishes to join the Mexican drug cartel.

**MOSQUE AT GROUND  
ZERO**

The plans for the building of a mosque near where the World Trade Center used to stand has become a contentious matter for many Americans, and especially many New Yorkers. Opponents to the plan say that building a mosque where the fallen World Trade Center used to stand would be an insult to the memory of those who died in the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001.

The New York Landmarks Preservation Commission is holding a meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 to determine if the mosque is something they want to see as a landmark. This decision not only involves constructing a controversial building, but also tearing down a historic 152 year-old structure to build the mosque in its place. Some argue that the current building is not in good enough condition to preserve, but opponents of the proposed mosque argue about the symbolism surrounding the construction of such a building as a mosque on the site of a national memorial.

## WORLD NEWS



### MAN FROM UK WALKS LENGTH OF AMAZON RIVER

Ed Stafford of the UK is walking the entire length of the Amazon River, from its headwaters in Peru to the Atlantic Ocean, in order to raise awareness of the problems in the region. Joined by Gadiel Sanchez Rivera, Mr. Stafford started his walk on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008 and expects to reach the Atlantic on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. Stafford updates his blog every 4 days with his laptop and a satellite link.

### I.E.D. STASH FOUND IN AFGHANISTAN

July 30<sup>th</sup>, UK Troops working along side Afghan Security Forces discovered a large bomb factory in Southern Afghanistan. The troops were working to remove insurgents from around the town of Sahibabad when they stumbled upon the large cache of Improvised Explosive Device (I.E.D.) components. The explosives found were detonated on-site, say the Ministry of Defense.

### POLICE STATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND SUFFERS EXPLOSION

In front of a police station in Londonderry, of Northern Ireland, a car bomb exploded without injury to anyone around, the station reports. The lack of casualties is due to the quick response of the police who evacuated the area. The bombers were two men, one that had a gun, and hi-jacked a taxi which exploded in front of the station at 3:20 AM (10:20 PM EST).



### CHINA'S MANUFACTURING ON LOW

Responding to tighter restrictions in government lending, China's manufacturing sector has posted a seventeen-month low in growth for the month of July. This represents the first actual contraction in growth since China's economic recovery began.

While some worry that this downward trend may bode ill for the world-economy at large, others, such as HSBC Holdings economist Qu Hongbin, assert that this "slowdown is not a meltdown", and urges others not to panic. As other nations continue their efforts to emerge from the economic crisis, they continue to watch China's economy, which has been the single consistent engine of growth in recent years.

## WORLD NEWS



### WAR IN IRAQ DRAWING TO A CLOSE?

President Obama states in connection with the Iraqi War that, “It’s important that the American people know that we are making progress, and that we are focused on goals that are clear and achievable.” he said.

President Obama gave a one-month deadline from August 2, 2010 to mark the end of combat efforts in Iraq and hopes this will give hope on the operations concurrently happening in Afghanistan.

### MONSOON RAINS CLAIM LIVES IN PAKISTAN

Floods which started almost a week ago in Pakistan continue to claim lives. The death toll stands at more than 1400 and the situation is likely to worsen, as more rains are expected. Water-borne diseases such as cholera threaten to add to the already dire situation facing almost 1.8 million affected Pakistani.

The Peshawar region in Northern Pakistan was hardest hit when the flooding, caused by monsoon rains, struck the region destroying crops, homes, schools and businesses. The floods have destroyed many of the roads, bridges and railways in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, hindering relief efforts and making rescues nearly impossible.

This catastrophe, and the inadequate response to it, adds to the perception of the Pakistani government as ineffective and plagued by corruption. Civilian authorities are hampered by insufficient resources and rising food prices resulting from agricultural devastation.

The US embassy has pledged \$10 million US Dollars in humanitarian aid, with more help on the way from both the EU and China.

### LEBANESE AND ISRAELI TROOPS CONFLICT

Lebanese and Israeli troops clashed on Tuesday in a skirmish that killed a senior Israeli officer and four Lebanese. The cause of the incident remains unclear, as both sides present differing accounts of the events leading up to the confrontation.

While the Lebanese army claims that an Israeli patrol had violated the border line despite U. N. Peacekeepers urging them to halt, Israel asserts that the altercation was the result of “a planned ambush by a sniper squad that fired at officers standing next to a position inside our territory.”

While this is the most serious violence along the Lebanon – Israeli border since 2006, Israel’s Major-General Eisenkot does not foresee escalation.



### 25 DEAD AFTER CAR BOMB IN IRAQ

Insurgents which appear to be tied to Al Qaeda attacked a checkpoint in western Baghdad . The attack occurred on the morning of Tuesday August 3, 2010. The insurgents killed 5 officers.

Meanwhile, in the eastern city of Kut, a car bomb detonated, killing at least 20 and wounding 50 more. The bomb was placed in a car outside a busy outdoor supermarket, according to the Interior Ministry. Health Ministry officials are saying, however, that only 3 died and 62

## SPORTS

### FAVRE RETIRING – AGAIN

Brett Favre is reported to be retiring – again. For the fifth year (the first was in 2002) a media explosion has accompanied the rumored departure of one of professional football’s greatest quarterbacks. Multiple sources have reported that Favre will not return for a second season with the Minnesota Vikings. Favre and his agent, Bus Cook, have not returned messages from the Associated Press as of August 3.

Favre hurt his left ankle in the Viking’s loss to the New Orleans Saints during the 2009 NFC Championship Game. He had arthroscopic surgery in May.

The 2009 season was one of Favre’s best, during which he threw 33 touchdown passes and garnered 4,202 passing yards on the way to leading the Vikings to a NFC North title. He also recorded career bests in completion percentage (68.4), quarterback rating (107.2) and fewest interceptions (7).

Viking teammates and coach Brad Childress have refused to comment, saying they will not trust rumors but will wait to hear from Favre himself. Childress said that whether Favre stays or not is the quarterback’s decision and that the Vikings will be ready to play with or without him.

Favre has played 19 NFL seasons, setting a variety of records during the time. He currently holds most major records for a quarterback, including 497 career touchdowns, 69,329 passing yards, 181 wins and 18 seasons with at least 3,000 yards passing. Favre is also a 3-time League MVP and an 18-time Pro Bowler (more than any other quarterback). He also won Super Bowl XXXI with the Green Bay Packers.

### JUNIOR PGA GOLFER SETS COURSE RECORD

On Monday, August 2, the young golfer Justin Thomas, a 17-year old native of Goshen, Kentucky, set a course record. Thomas leads the 35<sup>th</sup> Junior PGA Championship by one stroke with a 7-under-par 65. His performance Monday included one eagle, seven birdies and two bogeys. Thomas leads fellow 17-year-old Oliver Schniederjans of Powder Springs, Georgia, by one stroke, while a group of four trails by five strokes. Thomas’s record was set on a course in Fort Wayne, Indiana, designed by Jack Nicklaus.

### USADA OFFERS CYCLISTS “SWEETHEART DEAL”

The United States Anti-Doping Association (USADA) is offering cyclists a “sweetheart deal” for giving testimony or providing evidence against other riders (specifically Lance Armstrong) who may have taken performance enhancing drugs, according to Armstrong’s attorney, Tom Herman. If the riders who come forward are caught or have been caught doping, the USADA offers to reduce penalties and/or other bans.

While the USADA has a history of reducing penalties for cyclists in the past, some (riders and attorneys alike) are questioning whether the newest efforts to garner information amount to a bribe. Herman intends to raise the issue of bribery with federal investigators. The names of those riders who have been offered the deal have not been disclosed.

### NASCAR’S ‘SAFEST CAR EVER BUILT’ SAVES DRIVER’S LIFE AT POCONO

In the Sprint Cup meet at Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania, on Sunday, August 1, Elliot Sadler survived a terrifying crash that ended with his car violently buried headfirst in a barrier. Sadler is the second driver this year (Kasey Kahne crashed at Pocono in June) to walk away from a bad crash at Pocono, but it isn’t because of track safety.

The car Sadler and Kahne were driving (formerly known as “The Car of Tomorrow”) is designed to absorb impact by implementing crush panels that are designed as shock absorbers and easily break apart. Other safety features include a head and neck support (HANS) harness that prevents a driver’s head from snapping forward in a collision. After the race, several drivers spoke out in a call for Pocono officials to make safety improvements, specifically by replacing the infield grass with pavement.

**MLB STANDINGS AS OF AUGUST 3**

<b>American League</b>					
<b>East</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
New York Yankees	66	39	.629	--	Lost 2
Tampa Bay Rays	66	39	.629	--	Won 2
Boston Red Sox	60	46	.566	6.5	Lost 1
Toronto Blue Jays	55	51	.519	11.5	Won 1
Baltimore Orioles	32	73	.305	34	Lost 3
<b>Central</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Chicago White Sox	60	45	.571	--	Won 2
Minnesota Twins	59	47	.557	1.5	Lost 1
Detroit Tigers	52	53	.495	8	Lost 3
Cleveland Indians	45	61	.425	15.5	Won 3
Kansas City Royals	45	61	.425	15.5	Lost 1
<b>West</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Texas Rangers	61	44	.581	--	Lost 1
Oakland Athletics	53	52	.505	8	Won 1
Los Angeles Angels	54	53	.505	8	Won 1
Seattle Mariners	39	67	.368	22.5	Lost 7
<b>National League</b>					
<b>East</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Atlanta Braves	60	45	.571	--	Won 1
Philadelphia Phillies	57	48	.543	3	Won 1
Florida Marlins	43	52	.505	7	Lost 1
New York Mets	43	53	.500	7.5	Lost 2
Washington Nationals	47	59	.443	13.5	Won 1
<b>Central</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
Cincinnati Reds	60	47	.561	--	Won 3
St. Louis Cardinals	59	47	.557	0.5	Lost 1
Milwaukee Brewers	49	58	.458	11	Won 1
Houston Astros	46	59	.438	13	Won 6
Chicago Cubs	46	60	.434	13.5	Lost 6
Pittsburgh Pirates	36	69	.343	23	Lost 5
<b>West</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Streak</b>
San Diego Padres	64	42	.596	--	Won 2
San Francisco Giants	61	45	.575	2	Won 3
Colorado Rockies	55	50	.524	7.5	Won 4
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# Blast from the Past

1975's third issue featured a letter where you could fill in the blank (Mad Lib style). Although mainly designed for a male audience, this letter is still a lot of fun. Enjoy!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nothing is harder to get done at Philmont than write all those letters—you know the type—the ones to Mom and Dad, Sis and, of course, your girl friend(s). The PRS staff, who are always concerned with this type of problem, have come up with a solution. So..the News takes great pleasure in presenting a special form letter for you to use when writing to your girl (s). You may have to make some changes if you write to Mom.

Dearest \_\_\_\_\_,

How are you? The weather here at Philmont is \_\_\_\_\_. Philmont is okay, but I would rather be with you. You send me and that's all there is to it. It is your smile, your cool personality and your beautiful (long, short) \_\_\_\_\_ hair.

I had to write. I miss you so much that I got up in the middle of the night to write this letter. You know how much I enjoy your company when I am with you. When we are apart, I go crazy, my dearest \_\_\_\_\_. If only I could tell you how much you mean to me!

I want to see you (as soon as possible, after I get situated at school in the fall, when I get a day off). You know how your dark \_\_\_\_\_ eyes makes my blood run hot. Remember the last time we were together and you said, \_\_\_\_\_ and then I said \_\_\_\_\_ and then we did \_\_\_\_\_.

How is your (little, big) (brother, sister)? That is the sweetest person on this earth, next to you of course. Tell all your family and my friends hi. I would write them a note, but you are the only one I write.

Mr. Foster and Mr. Hawkins both send their regards and said, "Stay out of trouble." I wish I could write a longer letter, but (I have to stay up with a sick camper, it's Saturday night and I have to get up early for church, I have to raise the flag at 5:30).

Write me at Philmont. My address is \_\_\_\_\_. I tremble each time I think of you, my dearest \_\_\_\_\_. A letter from you may make my heart stop, but I'm willing to chance it just to hear from you. Please write or I will stay awake nights worrying about you. Goodnight, my love.

Fond of you as ever,

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT : JENNIE COWAN

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer



JENNIE COWAN IN HER UNIFORM FROM BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND

Jennie Cowan came to Philmont from Bournemouth, England. A graduate in the field of Human Sciences, she studied in London, England until 2008. Jennie has also taught English as a foreign language in Italy as well as in England, to those not native to the country or its language.

In 2007 she attended the World Scout Jamboree and was introduced to the Philmont Scout Ranch. She had wanted to come to the United States and looked into whether or not employment at Philmont might be the proper avenue. Jennie was pleased to talk with Barbara Garcia (from Registration) and to learn about the International Camp Staff program. (Details available at [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org).) When asked what she thought about the International Camp Staff program, Jennie candidly responded that it was “a great opportunity.” She went on to say, “That’s why I’ve done it for three years now.”

Since she has been in the US, Jennie has visited 38 out of the 50 states, and is pleasantly satisfied with all that she has seen.



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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VILLA TOUR GUIDE

Submission by Rebekah Isack



STEVE WEIS

Wake up in the morning feeling like Waite Phillips. Grab my name tag, I'm out the tent, I'm going to tour this Villa...

The morning begins with an arrival time between 7:35 A.M. and 7:44 A.M., followed by the completion of a daily chore. A typical chore would be uncovering the Model N and Model T, opening up the Gallery, or my personal favorite... De-Pooping. "De-Pooping" is the technical term for spraying down the patios and courtyards with water from the hoses, especially the areas directly underneath the nests of our numerous Barn Swallow families, and sweeping away the massive amounts of bird poop. It isn't exactly the most glorious part of the job, but someone has to do it. Plus, taking pride in the appearance and upkeep of the Villa is important.

I give about five to six tours four days a week, spending one day as the "GP" or Gallery Person (that amazingly friendly person in the Gallery who smiles incessantly and convinces crews to buy that one last snickers bar before hitting the trail- it is the last real chocolate they will see for some time, you know), and two days off resting my voice and spending too much

money on ice cream at the Cimarron Art Gallery or gallivanting on the Tooth of Time. Some of my tours include the tours for PTC kid's groups, complete with dragon-slaying tales and wearing our shoes on our hands to enforce the "no touching" rule. I love seeing the smiles on kids' faces when they see our "Pirate Ship" in the living room (a.k.a. the model of a Spanish Galleon) or when they discover another hidden "UU bar" ranch brand symbol.

Something many people touring the Villa may not realize is that, as a tour guide, sometimes I learn just as much as the tourists. Believe it or not, giving the same tour over and over and over again can get quite boring. So, when an electrician comes through and points out the fact that the service phone next to Genevieve's bed in the Master Bedroom is made by *Graybar* and that company still exists, well, it just blows my mind to think about how many times I've walked past that phone and never actually noticed the brand name.

A note to any crew advisors or Rangers that may be reading this: Please bring your crew through the Villa prior to going out on trail (we do take our shoes-



ANDREW BREGGIO

-off to go inside the home and some parts, such as the upstairs portion, are a tiny bit more confined than comfortable with smelly scouts). You will be saving us from holding our breath as we walk through the group to point something out and also from having to shamelessly spray Febreze everywhere you walk.

On another side note, one of the quirks of being a tour guide is that one starts to notice all the little mistakes around Philmont having to do with Waite Phillips and the history, etc. For example, when I purchased a very cute necklace with a hiking boot charm (complete with the Philmont brand) from the Tooth of Time Trading Post, I noticed that underneath the Waite Phillips quote on the card, his name was misspelled, reading "Waite Phillips." I don't mean to nitpick, but it does kind of go with the territory.

I feel legitimately proud to be working out here at Philmont, especially during the 100-year anniversary summer while everyone seems to have an extra bounce to their step. I thoroughly enjoy enlightening the minds of both Scouts and visitors alike, sharing with them the incredible story of the Waite and Genevieve Phillip's generosity. Not to go over the top with my oozing of Philmont-ocity, but I really do love my job.

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## GOOD TURN CREW

Article by Timothy Bardin, staff writer

Every day there are crews who live out the Boy Scout Motto by doing a “Good Turn Daily” in the backcountry of Philmont Scout Ranch. Many of them go unrecognized, but not Crew 709-L3. I was fortunate enough to meet these incredible people at the Cree-Mee in Cimarron during dinner one night. It was there I learned the story of the “Good Turns” they performed while on the trail.

Crew 709-L3 arrived at Philmont on July 9th. The crew members were drawn from Venture Crew 720 of Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. Crew 709-L3 participated in Itinerary 27. They started at Ponil Turnaround and hiked into Base over the Tooth of Time after summiting Baldy Mountain and trekking 80 miles.

On Day 6 of their Trek, Crew 709-L3 prepared to side hike Baldy. Before they set out, they met a crew whose advisor could not make the hike. The other crew was devastated because, without their advisor, they could not climb Philmont’s highest peak.

When they learned of the problem, Crew 709-L3 extended an invitation to the crew to hike with them. Together the two crews climbed Baldy, with Crew 709-L3 telling jokes, leading songs, which

provided entertainment all the way up.

During the hike, Crew 709-L3 learned that the crew they were accompanying was experiencing difficulty getting along. They decided to counsel the crew in conflict resolution and used techniques taught to them by their Ranger, Natosha “Tosha” Lucas.

By the end of the hike, the other crew had come together as a unit. When they all returned to Baldy Town, the crew leader approached Crew 709-L3 with tears in his eyes and individually thanked each of them.

Crew 709-L3’s second “Good Turn” occurred during their hike from Head of Dean to Harlan on Day 9. They encountered a crew in distress at the fork of Turkey Creek Canyon and the trail to Harlan. One of the crew’s advisors was severely dehydrated and stressing out badly. Crew 709-L3 gave him water and stayed with him until staff members from Harlan arrived. He was escorted to Harlan and re-hydrated.

Crews hike into and out of the wilderness everyday. Most include unsung heroes who have helped others, whether it be setting a broken leg or offering something as simple as water. Everyday another person gets the opportunity to share the spirit of Philmont, and the spirit of the Boy Scouts of America.

# SCOUTING STAMP CEREMONY

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer



ZAC BOECH

TWO SCOUTS DRESSED IN VINTAGE SCOUTING ATTIRE AND TWO POSTMASTERS AFTER UNVEILING THE OVERSIZED STAMP FOR VIEWERS.

The Villa Philmonte had a throng of guests on the front lawn on Tuesday, July 27, 2010. From Philmont Staff Association (PSA) members that were in attendance at the Philmont Training Center for the PSA reunion, to the United States Postal Service representatives and even representatives from the offices of Senators Udall and Bingaman. The ruckus was a friendly one, as conversations built from philatelic excitement. From the curious staff member to the avowed philatelist, the unveiling about to take place was great for conversation.

Margaret Romero, Marketing Manager for the United States Postal Service, spoke a few words of celebration at this commemoration of the Centennial Boy Scouts of America stamp. Ms. Romero had the opportunity to speak about what the BSA has meant to her both professionally and personally.

As the sentiment was shared among the audience about what the BSA has done for youth around the nation and around the world, the unveiling began. Four people were invited up to an easel, with the words “United States Postal Service” draped over it.

The presenters, two dressed in vintage Scout attire and two New Mexico Postmasters, lifted the blue fabric and cameras flashed. They brought it halfway down to reveal the top of the stamp and cameras flashed again. The cloth was dropped as Ms. Romero introduced the Commemorative Stamp for the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the BSA, and the crowd cheered as

the cameras flashed once more.

For 44-cents, a historic stamp could be purchased. The artwork, said Ms. Romero, was created by stamp artist Craig Frazier of Mill Valley, CA under the supervision of art director Derry Noyes of Washington, DC. The lower figure is a depiction of “a Boy Scout on top of the Tooth of Time”, says Ms. Romero, which may be one of the reasons why such a commemorative ceremony was held at only two locations in the world. Only the Jamboree and Philmont have had such festivities, with the Philmont event placing the Tooth of Time appropriately behind the large stamp as it was unveiled.

With refreshments and conversations aplenty, the ceremony was closed with John Clark’s remark: “Enjoy your day in God’s country.”

**The Scouting Commemoration Stamp and cachet envelope are available for purchase in the Philmont Mail Room and Seton Memorial Library (respectively).**



CRAIG FRAZIER, MILL VALLEY, CA

## “ I WAS LISTENING AND I FORGOT HOW TO BREATHE...”

Article by Tara Raftovich, staff photographer



TARA RAFTOVICH



TARA RAFTOVICH

These are a few lyrics of Ry Taylor’s song, *Tall Trees*. This past Wednesday night, as I was finishing my last bites of spaghetti, doused in disgusting amounts of hot sauce, I was simultaneously missing Ry Taylor play outside the snack bar. I ran over as quick as I could and there he was, standing tall at the microphone with a thin blue electric acoustic hugged to his hip. Singing songs from his newest album, *Long Distance Misses*, Ry serenaded us with his smooth and scratchy vocals, which seemed to resemble a mixture of folk singers Paolo Nutini and Jose Gonzalez. An audience member also made a comparison to Jack Johnson.

Drawing his inspiration from all he experiences, Ry claims that this particular album is heavily influenced by relationships and has many “lady references”. Ry’s free spirit can be heard through each of his songs, as they are groovy and relaxing tunes. He showcased his talent so coolly that staff member Collen Ramuthivheli remarked that it sounded as if we were listening to studio recorded music. With fewer than ten years of singing, writing and playing, this is quite an accomplishment.

Ry spent most of his early life here at Philmont’s Cattle Headquarters. Inspired by his father’s musical influence, he left Cimarron after high school to study music at Texas College. Shortly after, he joined forces with a few friends to create a band, with which he took a three month long “all-American city street” tour from Minneapolis to Arkansas, in his Mercury minivan. He then hung around in Colorado with the band Elephant Revival for a while before coming back home to pursue his solo career.

Working a couple years in the backcountry, Ry found inspiration in the mountains, in the campfires, and in all of the faces that come through each summer. He enjoys well-deserved relaxation after a hard day’s work, spontaneity, and tongue twisters.

The audience enjoyed his original work as much as the variety of covers he played. He performed an awesome rendition of *Summertime*, originally by Sam Cooke, *Sittin’ on the Dock of the Bay* by Otis Redding, and a quirky rap remix made of songs such as *Ice Ice Baby* and the *Fresh Prince of Bel Air*. Although he did not appease a Scout’s request to play *Free Bird* by Lynard Skynard, the audience made up of staff and Scouts cheered and applauded in thanks for a great show.

This performance was meant to be a mini-cd release party, but don’t be bummed if you missed him this time. He plays every Saturday night at the St. James Hotel from 7 to 10 PM and in Angel Fire at the Sunset Grille on Thursday and Friday evenings. His CDs will be available for sale at these venues and also here at the Trading Post. His goal is Red Rocks... let’s get him there. :)

## **PSA SEASONAL STAFF SCHOLARSHIP**

The PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarship program has steadily grown over the past five years. More money for college expenses has been awarded each year, and more Philstaff have submitted applications for these funds. 2009 continued both of these trends. Fifty-six summer staff applied for the PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarships in 2009. Thanks to our members' generosity, and the donations of rocking chairs for the SSSAC porch the PSA awarded a total of \$15,000 to fourteen recipients last year.

The PSA is working hard to make 2010 an even bigger year for the Seasonal Staff Scholarship program. There will be more funds available for you to use for school expenses. However, you need to apply. Forms are in the Philnews, Silver Sage Staff Activity Center, and the PSA office. Scholarship awards of \$500 1<sup>st</sup> year, \$1,000 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and \$1,500 3<sup>rd</sup> year will be made for the Fall of 2010 – Spring of 2011 academic year. Payment of the scholarship will be distributed directly to the school. Applications are due August 31, 2010.

Here is the roll of the 2009 scholarship recipients. As you will see, there is a variety of staff represented. First-year staff to seasoned veterans, Wranglers to PTC staff to Rangers, freshmen to graduate school students, the Philmont staff is covered by the selection committee. All college and post-secondary education students are encouraged to apply this year.

### Kirsten Anderson

Attending New Mexico Highlands University  
Masters Degree in Social Work (Clinical); graduate in May 2011  
Associate Chief Ranger in 2009

### Elizabeth Bleeker

Attending New Mexico Tech & University of New Mexico  
Psychology & Biology, with a minor in History; graduate in December 2010  
Logistics Staff in 2009

### Jacob Chavez

Attending Austin Community College  
General Studies; will transfer to St. Edwards University in Fall 2010  
NAYLE Staff & Program Counselor/Ponil in 2009

### Katy Cox

Attending Pellissippi State Community College  
Accounting; graduate in Fall 2012  
PTC receptionist/Seasonal Registrar in 2009

### Jason Cwian

Attending Northern Illinois University  
Mechanical Engineering; graduate in Spring 2011  
Horseman in 2009

### Karl Honegger

Attending University of Northern Colorado  
Finance/Accounting; graduate in 2013  
Ranger in 2009

### Heidi Johnson

Attending Santa Clara University  
Biology; graduate in 2012

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Matthew Manupella

Attending Ohio State University  
Environmental Policy & Management; graduate in June 2010  
Camp Director/Clear Creek in 2009

Sean McKnight

Attending University of California – Santa Barbara  
Masters Degree in Environmental Science & Management; graduate in 2011  
Conservation – Valle Vidal Specialist in 2009

Ross Robinson

Attending Fullerton Community College & Cal. State University – Long Beach  
Construction & Engineering Management; graduate in May 2010  
Backcountry Manager in 2009

Christopher Schaller

Attending University of Idaho  
Masters Degree in Science; graduate in 2011  
Conservation - Environmental Educator in 2009

Sarah Wendel

Attending The Monterrey Institute of International Studies  
Masters Degree in International Environmental Policy; graduate in May 2010  
Logistics Staff in 2009

Aric Whittaker

Attending Texas State University  
Recreation Administration; graduate in 2010  
Wrangler in 2009

Mary Josephine Winters

Attending University of Pittsburgh  
Exercise Science; graduate in May 2011  
Ranger in 2009

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## PORCH TALK

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

Zeke Palmick, the late Rabbi for the Jewish Chaplaincy here at Philmont, would have been pleased with the Porch Talk that took place on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. It was promised to the Rabbi that each summer a “Porch Talk” would be held. Elder Wilson (Head Chaplain at Philmont) introduced the topic for the evening discussion as “The ideals of Inclusion, Interfaith and Interracial Cooperation”.

Three current Philmont chaplains sat on one bench and began to share their thoughts on these matters. As they did, others were welcomed to join in on the discussion- and they did.

Randy Saunders of the Philmont Staff Association shared his thoughts that were common among those present: “Philmont is God’s country, which offers a natural feeling of inclusiveness,” he said. Father Don Hummel added to the sentiment with his comment that “Every day at Philmont is a Sunday.” Everyone seemed to agree, as heads nodded in response that Philmont puts everything on a higher plane, bringing

everyone’s thoughts closer to God.

Each chaplain offered some of his thoughts on these topics of cooperation:

“Be the best person you can. Your family name and even your faith will be judged on who *you* are,” said Elder Wilson on interfaith.

“The open chapels,” Father Don added, “are symbolic of our inclusive nature here at Philmont. We can be more than inclusive, we can be welcoming.”

On the general faith present at Philmont, Chaplain Steve Hickle said, “I have been amazed at the depth of questions from the young people, staff or participants. It has just been amazing.”

As discussion came to an end, Elder Wilson closed on behalf of the Philmont Chaplaincy by saying, “The Lord gave us two ears, two eyes, and one mouth- may we listen and watch, more than we talk.” The crowd gave their hearty “Amen” before all dispersed in various directions at the end of the night.



CONNAN MCENROE

## BASECAMP STAFF

## RANGERS



DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF STAFF MEMBERS IN THE RANGER DEPARTMENT, THE NAMES ARE DISPLAYED ON THE PAGE TO THE RIGHT AND ARE NOT IN ORDER OF THE PHOTO.



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**RANGERS:** TAYLOR PATTERSON, BRENNIA IRRER, VALERIE CHRISTIANSON, ZACHARY BARBARA, JASON CONTINO, ANDREW GARNER, CHARITIE NOALL, SEBASTIAN DE PASCUALE, ISABEL BECKSTEAD, BRADLEY DAVIS, MATTHEW PENNINGTON, KIT WALKER, JOSEPH DRUZAK, JACQUELINE OSTOVICH, MATTHEW WILK, SEAN BARTLEY, NICHOLAS DEACON, CHRISTOPHER WELLER, MATTHEW MCCRAVY, BLAYNE WOODS, ALEXANDER KNILL, ARTHUR REILLY, DAVID DELLAPENNA, R. JACKSON BEWLEY, JONATHAN FOSTER, CHARLES WHITAKER, BENJAMIN BILLS, ANDREW BLEVENS, KATHERINE BOSSALLER, COLIN BOWSER, THOMAS DAGES, R. BLAINE CARPER, ALAN PRECUP, GARRET MCDANIEL, SAM MCGINLEY, MICHAEL MCMILLAN, MATTHEW MOSER, ERIC NICKERSON, DANIEL WELCH, GREGORY TAYLOR, KATHARINA STOLL, JESSICA DUHAIME, JOHN STELLER, KEVIN STAGER, KURT IMHOFF, CALEB BURNS, THOMAS DOUGHERTY, BENJAMIN WALLEN, AARON DAIL, MICHAEL WARD, KYLE BUCK, JOHN ANDERSON, STEPHEN BAKER, JONATHAN BERRY, CMAERON OLIVER BISHOP, MATTHEW BOHN, MADELINE CHMIELINSKI, DAVID BIERSCHENK, JACOTTRELL, CLAYTON WAYANT, DAVID DAGGETT, RYAN PROTHRO, TREVOR GRIFFIN, BANKS ISHMAEL, WINSTON JONES, ALLISON KNEISLER, NATOSHA LUCAS, ANDREA MARCIN, ALDEN MCCRAY, ALEX MILLER, LENDAL MILLER, NICHOLAS MORRISON, AUSTIN PALRANG, ALEXANDER ACEITUNO, JACOB CRAWFORD, KATRINA HEISS, DAVID DANKER, CALLIE RICE, GATLIN MONCLA, ETHAN KINDERKNECHT, TRAVIS KERNS, PATRICK KELLY, ANDREW KELLING, AARON JOHNSTON, MICHAEL JACH, PETER HUNT, JONATHAN HEROLD, ZACHARY WEEMS, ALEX CASOLARI, AMANDA SCHREIER, MATTHEW HAUSER, HOLLY HART, SCOT HAMILTON, DOUGLAS GRAY, RICHARD GIBBS, ERIC GENTRY, HELEN GENT, MICHAEL BEACHEM, ALISON SOUTHARD, BRANDON SKAGGS, ALAN CHESSELOW, HANNAH SMITH, JARROD RHOADES, S. TRAVIS SCHERSCHEL, RICHARD ALDERSLEY, ROBERT BAKER, JOHN DAVID WAHRLICH, LISA HAYEK, NATHAN BUSH, CATHERINE MUNNS, BRIAN NOCK, ALEX NUSSBAUM, TAYLOR BREY, JACOB OBLANDER, TIMOTHY KUHN, HANNAH WHITEHURST, WILLIAM KOHL, CHRISTOPHER LO, EVAN LINEK, JANE SCHAEFER, JOSE RODRIGUEZ, SHAYLA ROACH, CHRISTOPHER RAPCHICK, JASON PROFFITT, NATHAN PLAG, ALEXANDER PETTI, ALEXANDER NOHE, KRISTAL GONZALEZ, MATTHEW VANDERLAAN, ANDREW SCHUMACHER, JOEL ANDERSON, AMY MARION.

## THE BACK AND FORTH OF THE BACK COUNTRY : **HUNTING LODGE**



COREY RANDALL, VICTOR FINNEY, MATT GARCIA, JOSEPH WATKINS (NOT PICTURED), KATHARINE BACH, JEB WATKINS (NOT IN ORDER)

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**"HE WHO HUNTS TWO HARES FROM ONE BUSH,  
IS NOT LIKELY TO CATCH EITHER."  
~ CHINESE PROVERB**

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN



CHARLIE NUTTER—CAMP  
DIRECTOR

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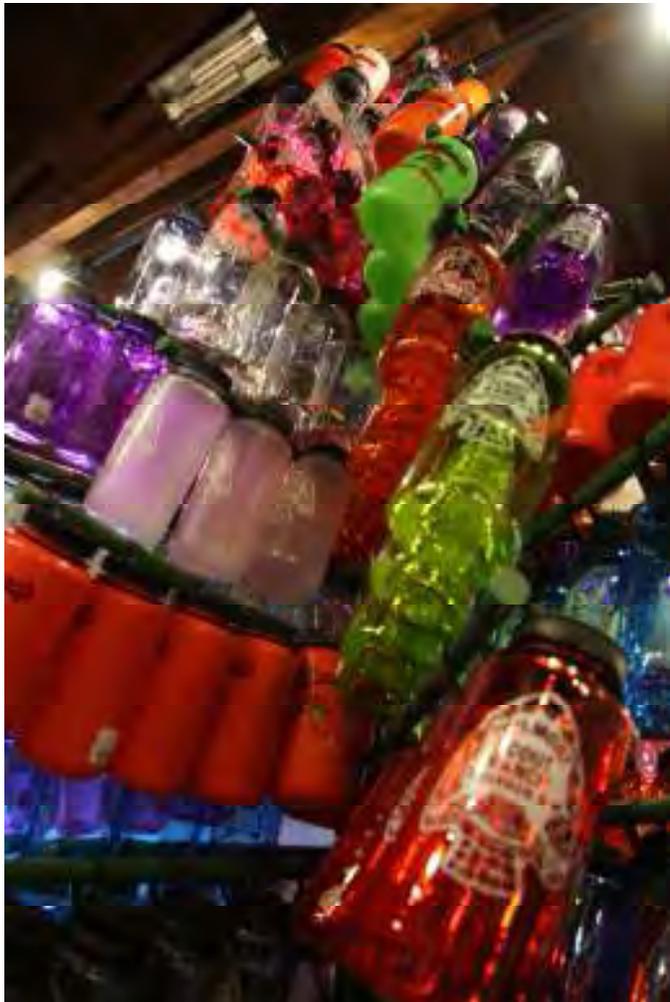


EXCELLENCE IS AN ART WON BY TRAINING AND HABITUATION. WE DO NOT ACT RIGHTLY BECAUSE WE HAVE VIRTUE OR EXCELLENCE, BUT WE RATHER HAVE THOSE BECAUSE WE HAVE ACTED RIGHTLY. WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO. EXCELLENCE, THEN, IS NOT AN ACT BUT A HABIT.  
~ ARISTOTLE

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF TRADING POST

Article by Timothy Bardin, staff writer

ZAC BOESCH



The Nalgene Tree at the Tooth of Time Traders

All about, the hustle and bustle of a busy store greets the eyes and ears of visitors to the Tooth of Time Traders. Scouts and Scouters, families and children, Philmont summer staff and visitors, all venture in and out of the Trading Post on a daily basis. Some just to browse, others to buy, and some to replace or acquire the gear they are missing.

With a staff of almost 40 people and the main supplier of gear, personal necessities, and souvenirs for most participants, visitors and some Philmont staff, the Trading Post is an important department at Philmont Scout Ranch.

A large management staff oversees the complex operation that is the Trading Post. Director Shelly O' Neill is responsible for the entire department, while six managers oversee their individual sections. One of the assistant managers, Byron Dickard, when talking about

Director Shelly described her thus, "To command the outdoor industry with such refinement and grace is an art, and if there is anything simple about Shelly O'Neill, it's that she is simply an artist."

Jean Sitzberger and William "Bill" Dick are in charge of the warehouse, Thomas Vance handles the accounting and "countdown" (the balancing of the registers and computer) and Greg McDaniel is the store manager. Debbie Fernandez handles the mailing and online orders, while Nick Vrbancic, as webmaster, cares for the Trading Post website and conducts the e-commerce.

Five assistant managers are directly responsible for the day-to-day operation of the store. They also oversee the 30 or so clerks (who staff the Trading Post and Snack Bar) and warehouse staff.

The department is composed of three divisions, each performing its own role. A warehouse located at the back of the store holds the extra inventory, while the store floor itself displays the goods. The Snack Bar offers food, snacks (such as chips, ice cream and candy, among other items) and drinks for consumption.

The Trading Post carries many essential items and offers useful services. They carry camping and hiking gear (everything from Nalgenes, hundreds of which are hung around a huge 'Nalgene Tree', to rain jackets and boots to backpacks) and numerous souvenirs ranging from books to CDs and coffee mugs to sweat shirts.

They also offer personal hygiene items like shampoo, razors and laundry detergent (for cleaning oneself and/or one's clothing after getting off the trail or while in Base). Another of the clerks' responsibilities is to assist customers in the selection of the right size hiking boot, pack or hip belt.

In addition to the gear and gifts, the Trading Post also sells New Mexico fishing licenses and Trading Post gift certificates. At the back of the store is a "patch counter" which carries Philmont patches, patches of the Philmont staff camps and the Duty to God and Wilderness Pledge Program patches. It also displays belt buckles for the popular leather Philmont belt.

The Trading post periodically conducts a "sidewalk sale". These sales offer items at a reduction of the original price. Tracey Titkemeier is largely responsible for the sidewalk sales. "We've had a lot more sidewalk sales than usual this year," shared Patrick "Pat" Byers, one of the Trading Post clerks. Previous sidewalk sales have displayed shirts, boots, Nalgenes and other items.

The Trading Post is manned in two shifts. Caleb Sperry, one of the assistant managers, stated that, “The morning shift arrives around 7:00 AM and stays until 3:45 PM, while the afternoon shift comes in at noon and is responsible for closing the store at 6:45 PM.” The second shift stays until approximately 8:30 PM every night to close the store.

The morning shift (“A Shift”) is responsible for opening the store. This involves checking the “floor” (insuring the merchandise is stocked), logging into the register’s computers, cleaning the building and turning on the lights and fans. “We try to open the doors by 7:15 AM,” said Rebecca “Becca” Rush, another assistant manager.

The afternoon shift (also known as “B Shift”) runs the store throughout the afternoon and evening until they close. After close, the staff restocks the shelves and does heavy duty cleaning. They tidy everything up, turn off the lights and fans, and log off the computers.

Caleb explained the overlap between shifts. “When the staff comes in at noon for the overlap, the morning shift goes to lunch. They leave at 12:15 PM, but have to be back by 1:00 PM.” During that time, the afternoon shift restocks the shelves and runs the registers.

When on shift, Trading Post clerks are assigned to “zones”. Six of these zones spaced throughout the store and a clerk (usually one, but sometimes more) is responsible for one zone. The clerks patrol their areas, checking that the shelves are adequately stocked, answer questions and assist customers locate merchandise or with other needs they may have.

Kyle Netzel, another Trading Post clerk, stated that, “Working at the Trading Post is like a NASCAR race, just with fewer sponsorships and left turns.”

The Trading Post staff is responsible for cleaning their immediate area (taking out the trash,

sweeping the walkways, etc.) and caring for the flowers and grass around their building. They also clean the Laundromat.

“Everyday at 2:00 PM,” Becca said, “Some of our clerks go to the washeteria and clean.”

At the Laundromat, the clerks who worked the morning register shift sweep and mop the floors, collect loose items for “Lost and Found” and generally tidy up the place. They also check the washer and drier machines to ensure they work properly, marking those “Out of Order” which do not.

Behind the store is the huge warehouse. Four long aisles contain two-story racks that hold the entire extra inventory. The warehouse boasts its own staff and they are responsible for handling shipments, looking up items and prices in the computers, and moving or retrieving merchandise with a forklift. They also check their stock and place orders if anything needs to be replenished.

Another division of the Trading Post is the Snack Bar. The Snack Bar runs on the same hours as the Trading Post, except they have an additional shift (the “C Shift”) from 8:00 PM-10:00 PM. Two clerks run the Snack Bar, one in the back working the popcorn and ice cream machine and the other running the register. An assistant manager is always on hand to oversee the clerks and assist if needed.

During rush, there are more clerks available to run the operation. The Snack Bar is very popular with participants (especially the ice cream) because they are ‘dying’ for “real food” after 11 days on the trail.

It is also a favorite ‘watering hole’. Philmont staffers go to the Snack Bar almost every night to “gulp”. When they “gulp”, individuals fill their PhilCups (also known as “Gulps”) with their favorite drink(s) and sit out at the tables ‘shooting the breeze’.

The Trading Post is open year-round. While most of the staff works during the summer season, some of them stay on for the fall. The PTC remains open during the autumn season and participants sometimes pay a visit to the Trading Post. But when the autumn season is over, all the operations shut down and the staff leaves for the off-season. Only a skeleton staff composed of Thomas Vance and Chad Hall, remain to run the store, which isn’t hard since few people come by, mostly random tourists who drive by and want to see what Philmont is.

The Trading Post is a wonderful department, with an energetic and well-trained crew. Clerk Kenneth Burns described the Trading Post best when he said, “There are certain things which transcend art, beauty and scientific explanation. Some of those things are the vastness of the universe, the mystery of life and creation, and the Tooth of Time Traders.”



CALEB SPERRY (LEFT) AND WILL CALLIGAN (RIGHT) DISCUSSING DISPLAY OF PRODUCTS ON SHELVES.

ZAC BOESCH

# SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

## RECYCLING HEATS UP PHILMONT

Article by Sarah Burgess

Philmont Scout Ranch maintains an automobile fleet of nearly 100 company vehicles. These suburbans, trucks and other means of transportation receive routine maintenance from the Philmont Motor Pool Staff. Each vehicle is given an oil change every 3,000 miles, using six quarts of oil each time. At around two oil changes a day throughout the summer season, over 400 gallons of used oil are removed from our vehicles and put into a storage tank. About 1,000 gallons of used oil is collected in one year from not only Philmont’s vehicles, but also the residents of Cimarron, the New Mexico Highway Department and the Philmont Fire Department.

The recycling of the oil after it comes out of the vehicles is simple and effective. A 750 gallon capacity tank at the motor pool stores the used oil until it is piped into an electric heater. The temperature is controlled by a thermostat in the shop and is adjusted according to how much heat is desired in the shop . The amount of oil saved in the storage tanks inside and outside the shop is usually enough to suffice for a winter season. However, last winter the storage tank ran dry before the end of the cold months and the Motor Pool staff had to rely on alternative heat sources.

This heating process and efficient reuse of material has been going on for 20 years now at the Motor Pool shop. It serves as one more excellent example of Philmont’s sustainability behind the scenes.

**Philmont Scout Ranch has recycled:**

- **700 lbs. of white paper**
- **15 tons of corrugated cardboard**
- **2 tons of plastic #1/#2**
- **1 ton of aluminum cans**

*As of Sunday, August 1, 2010.*

## Spotlighted Department of the Week:



**Philmont Rangers** are applauded for all their efforts in work days this season. From working Brat Day Bring-Your-Own-Dish events to tackling the Connex of cardboard I thank them for all their help.

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

# STAFF WILDERNESS PLEDGE *GUIA* (GUIDE) PROGRAM

Article by Mark Anderson

The new Staff Wilderness Pledge *Guía* (Guide) Program was released in the July 30, 2010 Philnews. The Wilderness Pledge *Guía* Program has been made possible through the support of JanSport.

The program allows all Staff to earn the Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award. We should all pledge to earn the award before the end of the summer.

To obtain the award please complete the application form and submit it to the Tooth of Time Traders. You will then be eligible to purchase the award for \$3.00. The profit from the sale of the patches will be used to improve the recycling and sustainable efforts of the Ranch.

There are four requirements to earning the award:

## Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Each staff member can earn the Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award. This award will include four requirements. After completion of the four requirements you are able to submit this form at the Tooth of Time Traders and purchase the award. *(All proceeds from the purchase help to benefit the continuation of Philmont's sustainable and recycling efforts.)*

## Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award Requirements

1. Take part in a discussion with a crew, backcountry user or staff member about the Wilderness Pledge and Leave No Trace Principles.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (crew expedition number or signature of backcountry user or staff member)
2. Practice all Philmont Wildlife and Bear Procedures throughout your time at Philmont. Assist a camp in campsite checks and explain to crews the importance of these procedures or visit with a crew's Wilderness Pledge *Guía* and discuss the importance of Philmont Wildlife and Bear Procedures.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Camp Director or camp staff signature or crew number)
3. Explain to a supervisor, LNT Master Educator/Trainer, or Ranger Leadership the importance of the camping practices that are conducted at Philmont.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Supervisor, LNT Master Educator/ Trainer, Ranger Leadership signature)
4. Take part in a discussion(s) with fellow staff members, backcountry users, or crews that includes each of the seven principles of Leave No Trace. Incorporate specific examples of the principles found at Philmont in the discussion.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (crew expedition number or signature of backcountry user or staff member)

If you need assistance with the Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award, you are encouraged to talk with some of the many Leave No Trace Master Educators working this summer at Philmont. The following is a list of known **Master Educators**:

Carrie Anderson – Conservation  
Allison Vinson – Conservation  
Cashe Crossland – Conservation  
Katharine Kallal – Backcountry  
Michael Rekola – Ranger  
Andy Sheets – Conservation  
Brian Jordan – Backcountry  
Kaitlin Clardy – Backcountry  
Alex Klausung – Ranger  
Chris Milam – Backcountry

Josh Standard – Backcountry  
Trip Corder – Conservation  
Tim Riedl – Conservation  
Clayton Freed – Ranger  
Kevin Buller – Backcountry  
Aaron Tarter – Logistics  
Dave D'Bate – Ranger  
Christine Salisbury – Ranger  
Elizabeth Hassell – Conservation  
Ben Herman – Ranger

Ray Cook – Health Lodge  
James Grisetti - Logistics  
David Wilson - Chaplain  
Tim Culver - Conservation  
Dave Kopsa – Associate Director  
Sarah Burgess - Conservation  
Chris White – Health Lodge  
Matt Murray - Backcountry  
Samuel Marking - Ranger  
Allison King - Conservation

## HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT, PHILMONT BUS DRIVERS

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

A “Leader of the Pack”, Peggy O’Neal (“Crazy Peggy” as she likes to be called) talks about what she knows of the history of the Philmont Bus Drivers. A quiet department, these bus drivers work at all hours of the day and night.

Before a bus can be driven, these drivers have to ‘pre-trip’ them, which means checking to make sure they are safe to be driven. These ‘pre-trips’ are routinely made before the 8:00 AM bus can even be seen by crews. These dedicated drivers even do the pre-tripping for the occasional early drive, which can be as early as 5:30 AM.

Not to be forgotten in this pre-tripping and maintenance process is Philmont bus mechanic, Red Holt. Pre-tripping assists Red in narrowing down what inspections still need to be done and where to start on any necessary mends.

Once the bus and driver are cleared to leave the bus barn, schedules are kept, pickups are made, and roads are ‘hit’ with loads of crews and NAYLE groups. Special runs to Cimarron, along with trips to airports and train depots are part of the bus drivers’ job.

Along with being on the road all day, part of their job is to know the best and worst parts of the road. A standard day, says Peggy, is fighting muddy roads, and “it’s just hectic!” Of course that isn’t to say the job isn’t enjoyable. Peggy says, and other drivers agree, the Rangers are “the ones that make it such a fun job.”

Servicing the Philmont Training Center as well as the needs of Camping Headquarters keeps these drivers busy enough, but when you consider the ‘extra mile’ they go in other ways it makes you appreciate the selfless nature of these drivers. Peggy gives the example of when Doug Smith picked up a crew in Springer after their transit bus broke down.

With as much as these folks do, it is clear that the effort of these Philmont bus drivers is gracefully hidden in plain sight.

*The longest employed bus drivers at Philmont, are Gladys and Dennis Schneider, who have driven here for about 35 years. Renie Carter, Effie Montoya, and Peggy O’Neal have been here the second longest. The other essential members of this team are: Joe Montoya, Doug & Cindy Smith, Warren Fresquez, Victor Archuleta, Linda Payton, Billy Martinez, Vince Fontana, Nick Cardinas, Marilyn Wüthers, Sharon Ortega, Darla Schuppan, Kathy Atwater, and Liz DiCristino (Manager).*



JEREMY BLAINE

# The Southern Sun

Submission by Matt Hubbard, Miners Park

As the Southern Sun burns down on Urraca Mesa, Miners Park staff reside on their porch. They've been in the shade for the past half hour, shielded under a canopy of pine trees and an unnamed ridge to their east.

A cabin surrounded by climbing mythos and history, as well as a name that implies a more active role in the mining history of Colfax County. You can see today what beauty brought the Miners of Contention to this region to celebrate their religion in Miners Park meadow. Now mule deer and camping tents line the meadow every Sunday and every other day of the week.

The staff of 11 at Miners are some of the finest on the ranch. Each of the staff members contributes different skills to the collective programs rich stew that is Miners Park. The program of rock climbing is expertly delivered by a group of well-trained individuals, who go about the rocks with a spring in their step and smiles on their faces.

The program is lead by Harvey Burchett. A 26-year old climber from Tulsa, Oklahoma and the 'Head Rock' [Associate Camp Director] at Miners Park. Harvey's devilish charm and delightful witticisms makes him one of the most huggable individuals on the ranch, save of course John Nagib, Urraca and lots o' huggin' bear.

The Camp Director at Miners is the opposite of the John Denver-wanna-be Harvey. Rosy Gallego's dry humor and an accelerated pace make him both a humorous companion and a horrible hiking partner.

The rest of this skillfully assembled staff is a delectable porridge of different states and countries, including: New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Egypt and Arizona.

From Arizona, Miners boasts Mister Adam Gault, a scholar and a gentleman who specializes in climbing, guitar, and philosophy.

Hailing from New Mexico is Rosy and from Texas is Tyler. Tyler is an elongated Jackalope type figure with legs that go all the way up to his hip and a dome of hair not unlike an Amazon rainforest.

From Okalhoma comes Elizabeth Armstrong, a child of the sun who is sweeter than Splenda and cuter than a fox and Bassett Hound becoming the best of friends. Also from Oklahoma is Kelly Tobin, an eagle of an individual and a fine young American. The only thing larger than Kelly's love for freedom is her kind heart. She's also quite the snappy dresser!

From Minnesota, a land of ice, snow and shopping malls comes the distinctive visage of Brandon Tio, a middle-aged individual (20s) of gregarious charm and chiseled features. Tio, the chef at Miners, has been pleasing passing guests and fortunate health lodge patients to some of the most intricately prepared and sumptuous dishes at Philmont.

The most eastern member of the staff, and perhaps its most nasally endowed, is Simon Bernnard. A complicated and mysterious individual, Simon prefers to spend his days



Climbing at Miners

ANDREW BREGLIO

jumping off rocks and unsuccessfully trying to sprain his ankles competing in the great sport of parkour.

From Egypt comes Abdallah El-Halafwy, a giant of a man who is never fully dressed without his smile and a positive attitude.

Finally rounding out Miners Park is Matt Hubbard, a comical vagrant from Madison, Wisconsin. This gorilla-esque individual with the strength of two tiny malnourished men or a goldfish in a Radioflyer pushed down a hill. His only measurable skill revolves around an affinity for flannel, trucker hats and facial hair.

So please come visit these exuberant and intoxicatingly friendly individuals, vagabonds and general miscreants at Miners Park. They would love to host you and treat you to tea, climbing and 80's power ballads.

## Love and Peace, Miners Park staff

# Flying High Over Philmont

Submission by Julia McCulloch—PSA Office Manager

Photos by Steve Henzelman, Philmont Security

There are many ways to see Philmont. Hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking or driving through the backcountry are popular ways to experience Philmont. An excellent way to truly see the high country and get a perspective on how big Philmont really is, is to fly over God’s Country.



**Steve Matthews, Julia McCulloch and Steve Henzelman**

On Wednesday, July 21st, I had the opportunity to fly in a small six seater Piper Saratoga plane over Philmont. I knew that this was a chance of a lifetime, so I put my fear of small spaces aside to try it. And what an awesome experience it was!



**Steve Henzelman**

Along with my husband, Owen, Steve Henzelman (Security) and his son Josh, we boarded a cozy private plane. Our pilot was former Philmont staffer, Steve Matthews, (Logistics, 2009). Steve, who’s wife Kris is a nurse at the Health Lodge, flew out with their two boys, Josh and Zack from Boliar, Ohio. After flying 1100 miles from Ohio, Steve and the boys enjoyed a fun week at PTC.



**Philmont Basecamp**

The morning of our flight was perfect as we flew out of the Raton airport. We flew over Dawson and could see the cemetery and remains of buildings. As we flew over Cimarron, we were all amazed at how green the area looked after a huge rain storm the night before. Flying over base camp and our home behind Administration, was fun and really made me appreciate this place we all call home.



**Apache Springs**

To see Rayado, the Tooth of Time and Urraca Mesa from the air is breathtaking! Fish Camp looked huge from the air. I really enjoyed seeing Apache Springs, whose two white tepees made it easy to locate. I was surprised to see many huge green valleys throughout Philmont and how close

the back side of Angle Fire Ski resort.

Our journey took us over Mt. Baldy. It was fun to still see patches of snow and we waved to an excited crew at the top. I noticed that I was becoming a bit lightheaded and dizzy. I assumed it was because we were flying at 12,700 feet over Baldy at a fast pace of 175 mph. Crazy but fun!



**Above Baldy at 12,700 feet**

Our journey took us over Pueblano, Ponil and Indian Writings. We searched for Rich Cabins in the Valle Vidal but could not find it. We flew over the remains of Colfax and Cold Beer and returned to the Raton airport.

If you ever have the opportunity to fly over Philmont, please don’t hesitate and go for it! It was a wonderful time, gave me a new perspective of Philmont and truly was a highlight of my summer!

**IMPORTANT THINGS WITH STEVE:  
OFF-RANCH HIKES**

Article by Steve Weis, photographer

After a few years of working on the ranch you're probably ready to explore the surrounding area. There are plenty of hikes to experience in the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Having a personal vehicle is imperative to getting to these locations and starting earlier in the day is a must.

Little Costilla is one of the off-ranch peaks close to Philmont property. You can see it looming in the distance as you hike towards Old Camp. Its many false peaks and serpentine silhouette makes for a challenging hike. Costilla opens towards the beginning of July, because of the elk mating season. There is no defined trail. Getting to the top is as easy as parking at the base of the corrals in the Valle Vidal and following the fence line on the opposite side of the road to the top.

Mt. Wheeler is another popular hike. The top can be reached in one of two ways. There is a gradual rise to the top from Red River or you can attempt the scramble up the scree from the Taos Ski Valley. Approaching the peak from Red River is much easier, but it will take the majority of the day. The Taos Ski Valley trail takes you by Williams Lake which provides fantastic scenery before you reach the peak.

The Great Sand Dunes in Colorado are a bit further away but well worth the trip. You can find the turnoff for the dunes as you take the highway towards Colorado Springs. The adjacent campsite provides a nice place to stay if you have a few days off. Mt. Blanca is in the same area and also makes for a fantastic hike. It is the fourth highest peak in Colorado and seventh highest in

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# The Land of the Red Willows : Taos Pueblo

By Tara Raftovich, staff photographer



TARA RAFTOVICH

Walk softly, and listen for the beat of an ancient drum in the distance.  
You can hear the wind sing like a melodious flute, if you know how to hear it.  
Sit beside Red Willow Creek and imagine thanking it for its generosity everyday before you lean in to drink from it.  
Feel your muscles contract as you ascend a ladder to reach the entryway of your home and greet your family.  
Gather your necessities and head into the magnificent mountain ranges that watch guard over your village.  
While you hunt for the days nourishment, feel the Earth beneath your feet supporting you, feel its dirt between your toes.  
As you run through the trees, thankful for the air you breathe, recognize the drum beat again, but this time in your chest.

Run ahead hundreds of years and return to your village, see how its changed.  
See that there are others that have joined the people of your land.  
Notice that they live differently than the way you know.  
Watch as the two worlds attempt to communicate with one another; rejoice when they do and stand strong when they can not.  
Weep at the first sight of the smoke that kills your brother and return to the woods that you've always known,  
those that protect you and never change.

Return to the beating drum when you're ready, just in time to see that your village has transformed.  
This time walk beside your children as they trade your world with the other.  
Smile at the sight of their laughter and kindness.  
Listen as they speak one another's language.  
See that the creek still flows crystal clear through the village.

The homes have not changed, and neither have the traditions, despite all of the hardships they've encountered. Return to the eternal woods once again in understanding and praise of the Earth and all of its gifts.

Experience the Taos Pueblo for yourself and discover the thousands of years of history that dwells within these mountain ranges. Listen to the stories graciously told by the natives that are a continuation of this life, know that through our compassion and appreciation we too can carry on these memories. Thank every face you greet, every hand you shake, for they are brave and generous enough to share themselves with every one of us. It's up to us to meet them where they stand, with respect and admiration.

**Listen closely for the beating of the drum, it lives within us all.**



TARA RAFTOVICH

THIS CEMETERY IS WHERE THE ORIGINAL SAN GERONIMO CHURCH ONCE STOOD. BUILT AROUND 1619 BY THE SPANISH PRIESTS WITH INDIAN LABOR, THE PEOPLE OF TAOS PUEBLO WERE FORCED INTO CATHOLICISM AND SLAVERY IN ORDER TO BECOME "CIVILIZED". THIS IS WHAT EVENTUALLY LED TO THE PUEBLO REVOLT OF 1680. TAOS PUEBLO WAS PROMINENT AS THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE REVOLT, WHICH WAS LED BY THE RELIGIOUS LEADER KNOWN AS "POPE". IN SUCCESS OF THE REVOLT, THE PUEBLO PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO LIVED FREELY UNTIL THE RE-CONQUEST BY THE SPANISH IN THE 1700S. IT WAS IN 1706 THAT THE CHURCH WAS RECONSTRUCTED. SOURCE: TAOS PUEBLO TOURISM

**"We have lived upon this land from days beyond history's records, far past  
any living memory, deep into the time of legend.  
The story of my people and the story of this place are one single story.  
No man can think of us without thinking of this place.  
We are always joined together."**

Tribal Manifesto

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TARA RAFTOVICH

Submission by Chris Mileski, Catholic Seminary Chaplain

**“We do our best and most constructive thinking when alone for it’s only in silence that God speaks to us.”**  
 ~ Waite Phillips

Out here at Philmont, we look around and can see the beauty of this place and we are bold enough to call this pile of rocks “God’s Country.” This is truly a magnificent place, where many people find a unique and enduring connection to the divine. As a chaplain I find myself asking why that is. And the answer: Philmont is wilderness.

There is something about the wilderness that draws us close to God. This link between being in the wilderness and finding God is widespread through many religions and beliefs. Adam was created outside (in the wilderness) and then commanded to care for and cultivate the garden. Mankind first finds itself *in the wilderness*.

Abraham is called from Ur into and across the wilderness to become the father of nations and is led into the wilderness to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, when the angel stops him from doing so. Jacob wrestles with an angel and becomes Israel, while out in the wilderness. Moses encounters God, not in Egypt, but in the burning bush on a mountain while tending his father-in-law’s flock... *in the wilderness*. Elijah encounters the presence of the Lord on a mountain, in the quiet whisper after the wind, earthquake, and fire. The prophet Samuel does not find Israel’s king among Jesse’s sons who are at home, but the great king David is in the wilderness tending sheep. Jesus repeatedly goes into the wilderness to speak to God, and whether in Matthew or Luke, the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus gives his teachings to his disciples *in the wilderness*.

The prophet Muhammad was in a cave (in the wilderness) reflecting on creation when the angel Gabriel appeared to him and gave him the Qur’an. The prophet Joseph Smith was out in the woods when he had his first vision at age 14. He first encountered the divine *in the wilderness*. The Buddha was a privileged prince, but it is when he left his palace and encountered suffering *outside* that he began to question and started his path to enlightenment.

The wilderness is clearly a place where we are able to connect to God. A place that is holy in and of itself. A place where it is easy to hear and see God. In the beauty of Philmont, God speaks to us and if we are attentive we can hear him. I am reminded of the Wilderness Pledge and the Wilderness Guía, of Cons and ROCS and of the Ranger department. What do these good Scouts and Scouters do but help to preserve the beauty of Philmont, to preserve the wilderness, to preserve our ability to connect with God in the wilderness?

Hopefully, after last week’s issue of the PhilNews everyone made a commitment to earn the Wilderness Pledge Award. I encourage you to take this a step further. As we work in, preserve, and play out here in God’s wilderness let us take some time to connect with God. Here it is easy, so long as we are open. Out here, in our actions, we can live the twelfth point of the Scout Law by caring for Philmont. For in caring for the wilderness and preserving it, we care for God and our connection to the divine.

May your next adventure into the backcountry be a memorable experience with God.

**YOURS IN SCOUTING,**

Chaplain Chris

## FUN FOR THE WEEK

### JOKE

The clerk checked out the customer and the customer was taken back that a Nalgene could cost as much as a pair of boots! Sure enough, boots was what the water bottle rang up as. The clerk turned to the customer and apologized for the mistake but fixed it quickly, adding "No wonder why my feet hurt and my water tastes funny." (True story.)

A first grade class stood to give the Pledge of Allegiance and not quite getting it, a little first grader said, "I led the pigeons to the flag."

### BACKCOUNTRY COOKBOOK RECIPE

Girl Scout Stew, Jim Foster (A Real Quickie)  
 3/4 lbs. ground beef, browned  
 2 cans Campbell's vegetable alphabet soup  
 Hamburger buns (toasted if possible)

**Brown** the beef.

**Mix** the soup with the meat and heat in skillet. Serve over toasted hamburger buns.

Can be doubled or tripled. Keep the ingredients on hand and this will make a quick supper or lunch. You can brown hamburger meat on delivery day and put it in the freezer until you need it. *This is really quick.*

**From the PSA Backcountry Cookbook**

### QUOTE

I have friends in overalls whose friendship I would not swap for the favor of the kings of the world.

**Thomas A. Edison**

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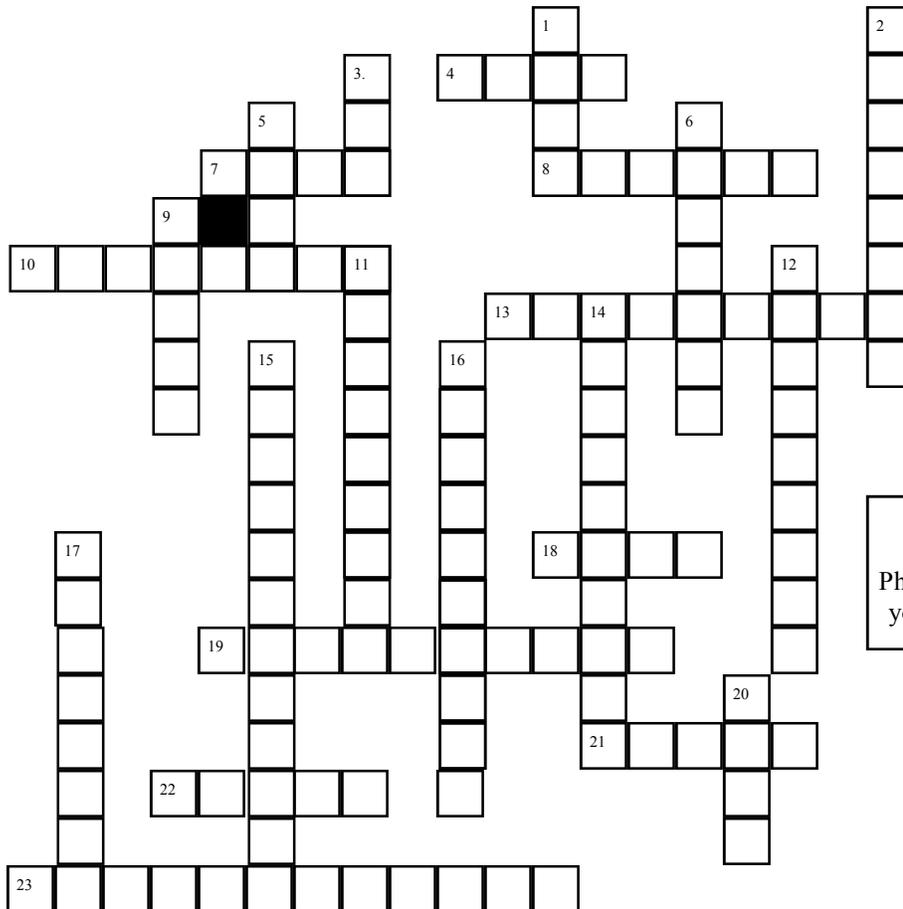
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**GAMES**

**VILLA PHILMONTE CROSSWORD**



\*Hint\*  
 Taking the Villa  
 Philmonte tour will help  
 you get these answers.

**ACROSS**

- 4 The Tooth of...
- 7 The nickname of the trophy room bison
- 8 Other name for the Kit Carson Museum
- 10 one of the backcountry camps the Phillips family created
- 13 The Land of Enchantment
- 18 Last name of the builder of the Villa Philmonte
- 19 The Boy Scout motto
- 21 The number of shower heads in the pink bathroom
- 22 What sort of player piano is mentioned in the living room?
- 23 Where visitors make their Villa tour reservations

**DOWN**

- 1 The name of the famous Philmont camel
- 2 Lucien Maxwell is considered the father of this town
- 3 Name of Waite Phillip's favorite horse
- 5 Homestate of Waite Phillips
- 6 The original name of the Philmont Ranch
- 9 The nickname of Elliot Phillips
- 11 The name of the office building in Tulsa, OK
- 12 One of the Phillips' guests, a one-eyed aviator
- 14 One of the Phillips' guests, the Ropin' Fool
- 15 The image on the three-paned stairwell window
- 16 Frank and L.E. Phillips oil company
- 17 The play fort built for Helen Jane and Chope Phillips.
- 20 The last name of the architect of the Villa

**ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S PHILNEWS!!**

## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S GAMES

### EASY

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

### MEDIUM

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

### HARD

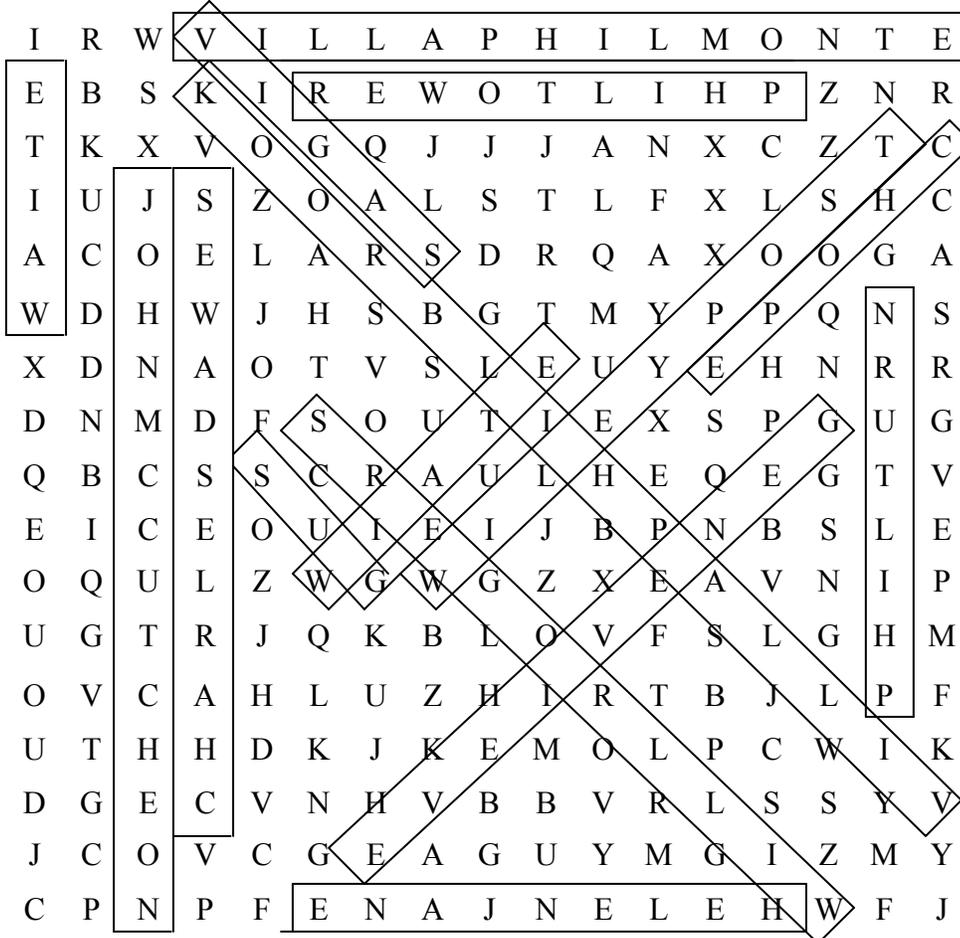
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7	8	3	6	5	9	1	4	2
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4	3	2	9	1	5	8	7	6
6	9	5	4	7	9	2	1	3
1	7	8	2	6	3	4	9	5

### HELP ME!!!

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

## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S GAMES, CONTINUED

### Philmont Word Search: Provided by the Villa Philmonte Staff



### Find:

- Charles Dawes**
- Chope**
- Genevieve**
- Gus**
- Helen Jane**
- John McCutcheon**
- Philtower**
- Philturn**
- Vigas**
- Villa Philbrook**
- VillaPhilmonte**
- Waite**
- Wiata**
- Wiley Post**
- Will Rogers**



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## **PTC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

### **WEEK 10**

AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>: MEMBERSHIP GROWTH FOR DISTRICTS AND COUNCILS; BECOMING A STRONGER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER; HEALTH AND SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT; DISTRICT COMMITTEES HELP STRENGTHEN UNITS; COUNCIL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; PLANNING AND CONDUCTING A UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING; RECONNECTING SCOUTING'S ALUMNI; MANY CULTURES- ONE MISSION.

## **CONTINUED TRAINING SCHEDULE**

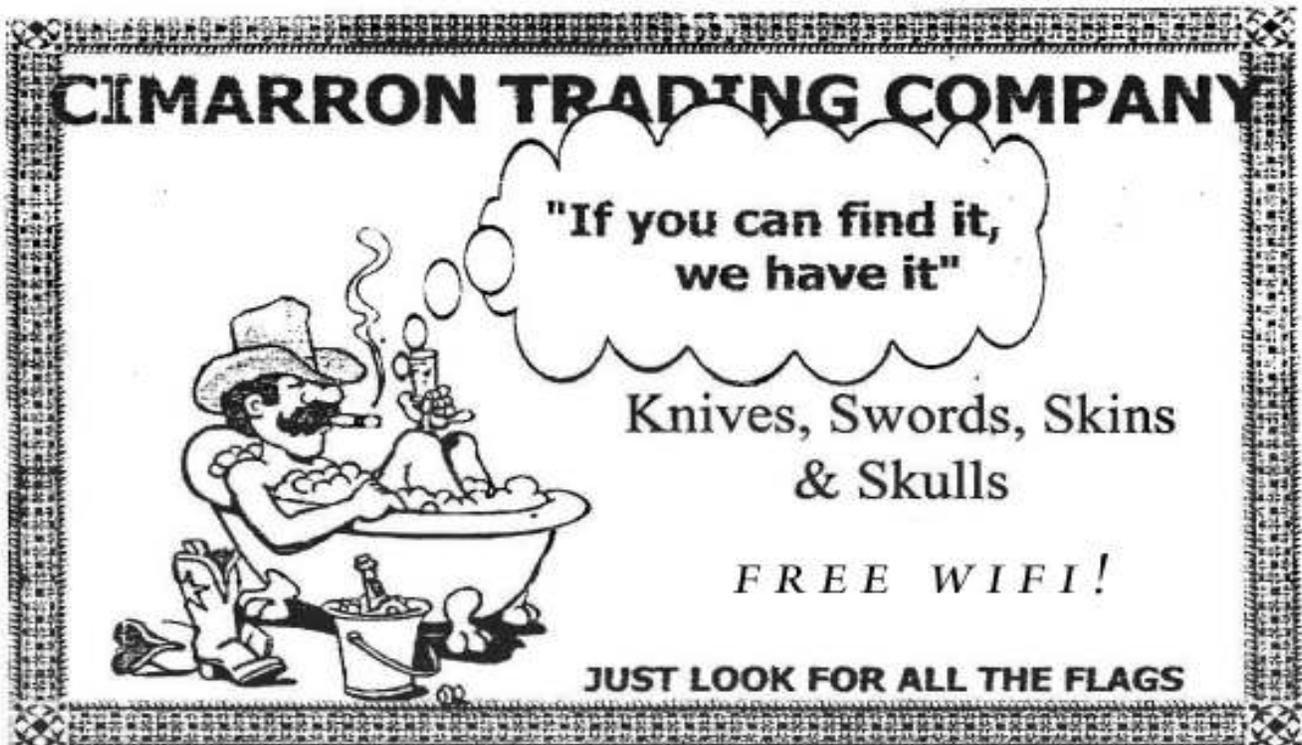
806 AND 808—BACKCOUNTRY COOKING

807 AND 809—HISTORY OF BACKPACKING

810 AND 812—CAR CARE

811 AND 813—OUTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHY

814 AND 815—OFF-RANCH ADVENTURES



EVENTS  
**AUGUST 6 — AUGUST 19**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b> <b><u>Phil-Carnival</u></b> <b><u>Baldy Pavilion</u></b> <b><u>@3:00-8:00PM</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b> <b><u>Banana Splits</u></b> <b><u>S<sup>3</sup>AC</u></b> <b><u>@8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b> <b><u>Soccer</u></b> <b><u>CHQ Fields</u></b> <b><u>@6:00PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Wannabe</u></b> <b><u>Band @ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Trivia Night</u></b> <b><u>@ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Handicraft @</u></b> <b><u>7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @</u></b> <b><u>8:00</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Villa Tour</u></b> <b><u>6:30 PM, 7:00 PM,</u></b> <b><u>7:30 PM</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b> <b><u>Nerf War S<sup>3</sup>AC</u></b> <b><u>@ 8:00PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Buffalo</u></b> <b><u>BBQ @ 5:30</u></b> <b><u>PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Country</u></b> <b><u>Dance @ 7:00</u></b> <b><u>PM</u></b>  <b><u>Last Bratwurst</u></b> <b><u>Day @ S<sup>3</sup>AC,</u></b> <b><u>11:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b> <b><u>Capture the</u></b> <b><u>Flag</u></b> <b><u>CHQ Fields</u></b> <b><u>@ 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ PTC</u></b> <b><u>Small Fry, 7:00</u></b> <b><u>PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Movie</u></b> <b><u>Night @ 7:00</u></b> <b><u>PM</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b> <b><u>PSA Campfire</u></b> <b><u>S<sup>3</sup>AC</u></b> <b><u>@ 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Bingo @</u></b> <b><u>7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Branding</u></b> <b><u>@ 7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Handicraft @</u></b> <b><u>7:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Cobbler @</u></b> <b><u>Tent Cities, 8:00</u></b> <b><u>PM</u></b>  <b><u>PTC Villa Tour</u></b> <b><u>6:30 PM, 7:00</u></b> <b><u>PM, 7:30 PM</u></b>
<b><u>Ranger CT:</u></b> <b><u>Backcountry</u></b> <b><u>Cooking</u></b>	<b><u>Ranger CT:</u></b> <b><u>History of</u></b> <b><u>Backpacking</u></b>	<b><u>Ranger CT:</u></b> <b><u>Backcountry</u></b> <b><u>Cooking</u></b>	<b><u>Ranger CT:</u></b> <b><u>History of</u></b> <b><u>Backpacking</u></b>	<b><u>Ranger CT:</u></b> <b><u>Car Care</u></b>	<b><u>Ranger CT:</u></b> <b><u>Outside</u></b> <b><u>Photography</u></b>	<b><u>Ranger CT:</u></b> <b><u>Car Care</u></b>
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<b><u>Basketball @</u></b> <b><u>CHQ Fields,</u></b> <b><u>6:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @</u></b> <b><u>Fitness Center,</u></b> <b><u>8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>Mocktails &amp;</u></b> <b><u>Movie Night</u></b> <b><u>“Muppet</u></b> <b><u>Treasure</u></b> <b><u>Island”</u></b> <b><u>@ Baldy</u></b> <b><u>Pavilion,</u></b> <b><u>8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Final Opening</u></b> <b><u>Campfire</u></b> <b><u>Welcome Cntr</u></b> <b><u>@ 8:00PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @</u></b> <b><u>Fitness Center,</u></b> <b><u>8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>Smoothies</u></b> <b><u>S<sup>3</sup>AC,</u></b> <b><u>@ 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ Fitness</u></b> <b><u>Center, 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>Nerf War, CHQ</u></b> <b><u>Fields @ 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ Fitness</u></b> <b><u>Center, 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>Ice Cream @</u></b> <b><u>S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ Fitness</u></b> <b><u>Center, 8:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>Hackey Sack @</u></b> <b><u>S<sup>3</sup>AC, 8:00 PM</u></b>  <b><u>Yoga @ PTC</u></b> <b><u>Small Fry, 7:00</u></b> <b><u>PM</u></b>	<b><u>Coffee House,</u></b> <b><u>Baldy Pavilion</u></b> <b><u>@ 8:00 PM</u></b>
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