



PTC Program Begins

By Andie McFarland,
PhilNews Editor

Families from across the nation gathered for the opening program at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) on Sunday, June 5.

The campfire program started at 7:15 p.m. with EMT Larry on the guitar singing "Down in the Valley" with the PTC staff. It was the first of ten opening campfires that will occur over the course of the summer. Around 3,500 participants will go through PTC programs this year as youth or adults.

PTC provides Scouters and their families with the opportunity to develop different skills. While Scouters participate in training classes during the day, youth have the opportunity, depending on their ages, to participate in everything from archery and pony rides to a full week-long Mountain Trek in the backcountry.

Chuck and Hallie Springer,

"Around 3,500 participants will go through PTC programs this year as youth or adults."

from Colorado, brought their children Cameron (18), Corbin (13), Dawn (10), Ashley (8) and Caylee (8) to experience the program. "It's our first time here. We're really excited," said Chuck. The family smiled as they spoke, and the excitement was contagious.

Highlights of the evening's PTC continued on Page 5

First Crews Arrive

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

On June 8, the first crews of the season arrived at Philmont to begin their treks through northeastern New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo mountains. They are the first of over 22,800 Scouts who will experience Philmont this summer.

Summer attendance at Philmont has fluctuated over the years since its opening in 1939. That first summer, 196 Scouts from Texas, Kansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma hiked through what was then known as the Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp.

Today, Scouts come from all across the United States and from other international destinations. Philmont routinely hosts crews from Japan.

Crews arriving this summer began the registration process nearly two years ago. A representative from each crew submitted an online registration request form, which did not guarantee the crew a place at Philmont but simply added it to a pool of other requests.

Each year, crew requests are selected randomly through a computerized lottery. Those not selected are placed on a waiting list, and some crews have been on the waiting list for several years.

Once the crews that were granted a place this season arrive, their first stop is the Welcome Center. "We're the first department and the first glimpse of Philmont that the participants get," says Floyd Broussard, manager of the Welcome Department. "We have to be the very best first impression we can be."

There, crews receive information regarding tent assignments and different departments in Base Camp, including the location and hours

of the Dining Hall ("they're all interested in the Dining Hall," laughs Broussard). Accompanied in short order by their Rangers, the staff persons who will train the crews during the first few days of the treks, they proceed through different departments and offices that serve to ensure that participants are ready to begin their journeys.

Another of the first stops for incoming crews is the Logistics Department. A crew's Ranger gives Logistics personnel a roster, and Logistics staff give crew leaders and advisers a brief overview of the programs available to them in the backcountry.

Logistics staff and crew leaders work together to understand their itineraries. "We really don't try to tell them what to do but give them suggestions,"

says Assistant Manager of Trip Planning, Cory Davison. "Hopefully we just get them really excited for their trip."

Once the itineraries are set and equipment is checked out, the crews have a shakedown to ensure



Photo by Taylor Thorne

GREETINGS SCOUTS: The first crews are greeted at the Welcome Center on Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

that nothing unnecessary is taken on the trail. They also go through a medical recheck, may opt to attend religious services and gather for the nightly opening campfire, which is planned and performed by the Activities staff.

New crews will arrive at Philmont every day from now until August. "We expect to see a lot of excitement," says Broussard. "They have finally arrived."

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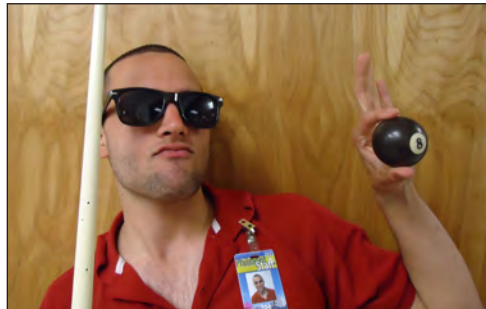
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We are continually striving to better meet your needs. If you have suggestions for future articles or ways that we might better serve you, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Activities Calendar June 9–June 22

Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15
7 p.m. *Handcraft Night @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Humans Versus Zombies (HVZ) @ Baldy & Movie Night: <i>The Illusionist</i> in the S ³ AC	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brat Day!!! @ Baldy 7:15 p.m. *Closing Program @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Dodgeball @ the Basketball Court 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Yoga w/ Jason @ the Fitness Center	6-7 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee @ the Basketball Court	4:30 p.m. *Interfaith Chapel Service @ PTC 7:15 p.m. *Opening Program @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Game Night: "Mafia" and Charades in the S ³ AC	7-9p.m. *Handicraft Night @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Sports Night: Volleyball and Basketball 8:30. - 9:30 p.m. Yoga w/ Jason @ the Fitness Center	5:30 p.m. *Buffalo BBQ @ PTC 7 p.m. *Western Dance @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Card Game Night in the S ³ AC	9:15 a.m. Day hike to Window Rock and Cathedral Rock meet at the S ³ AC 7 p.m. Yoga w/ Julia @ PTC 7 p.m. *Follow Me Boys @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Board Game Night in the S ³ AC
Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22
7-9p.m. *Handicraft Night @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Movie Night: <i>Inception</i> in the S ³ AC	7 p.m. *Cobbler, & the Wannabe Band @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Humans Verus Zombies @ Baldy Pavilion 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Yoga w/ Jason @ the Fitness Center	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cimarron Days 8:15 p.m. Soccer Night in the S ³ AC	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cimarron Days 4:30 p.m. *Interfaith Chapel Service @ PTC 7:15 p.m. *Opening Program @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Human Chess meet @ Baldy Pavilion	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brat Day!!! @ Baldy 7-9p.m. *Handicraft Night @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Game System Night in the S ³ AC	5:30 p.m. Buffalo BBQ @ PTC 7 p.m. *Western Dance @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee	7 p.m. *Follow Me Boys @ PTC 7 p.m. Yoga w/ Julia @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Kickball

* We ask that staff members wear their full uniform at PTC events and also that they be considerate of our participants during the programs (ex: to wait for participants and family members to be served cobbler first).

“Working Together is Success!”

By Mark Anderson, Director of Program

The summer is underway - the Philmont Training Center is completing their first week of conferences and crews are hiking across the Ranch enjoying the programs offered across the backcountry.

Our weeks of training and preparation are successfully behind us and our attention is now focused on the many participants who will be enjoying their experience at the Ranch.

Each of us had the opportunity to share a number of training experiences that all staff participated in. Sometimes we wonder at the importance of these training. On June 2, a radio call was heard from Unit 326 responding to a medical emergency occurring with another group of staff on training. Unit 326, Cameron and David, were

Group Leaders from the Philmont Training Center sharing a hike with new Group Leaders who were learning where the trails are and program opportunities of the Window Rock area of the Ranch.

Unit 326 had participated in radio training assisted by Logistics and Philmont First Aid training. The communication was clear and precise and the first aid assistance was accurate and helpful to the Health Lodge to make decisions and insure that the patient received the best support possible. All of us never know when we might need to help! Training prepares us to meet emergencies. Training prepares us to deliver the full experience promised in the “Brand” of Philmont.

Henry Ford said, “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working



together is success.”

As I watched each of you grow through the training I know that we have had our beginning and we have developed strong team bonds focused on the summer.

Now we have the chance to work together. Unit 326 has provided us a great example of this spirit.

We have a great summer to look forward to. I encourage each of you to practice your training each day and to look forward to working together with your primary team but also with every member of the overall 2011 Philmont Staff Team. When we do this we will know that we have captured the concept that “working together brings success.”

Have a great summer. I look forward to sharing the experience with each of you.

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Awards of \$500 for first year staff, \$1,000 for second year and \$1,500 for third year staff will be made for the Fall 2011-Spring 2012 academic year.

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Applicants must be current seasonal staff members.

Applicants must be applying to work at Philmont for the upcoming summer.

Applicants must need financial assistance for education.

Applicants must complete the application in full. The final evaluation from the applicant’s staff leader will also be added to the application.

The application deadline is **August 31, 2011**. Applications may be submitted to the box provided in the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center or mailed to:

Philmont Staff Association
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714

Application forms are available in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center, the Registration office and the Philmont Staff Association office.

Last year, the PSA received only 60 applications and awarded \$25,000 in scholarships! Apply today!

Scouting: A Profession with Purpose

By Owen McCulloch, Associate Director of Program

Pro-Scouting Interest Reception – Thursday, June 16, 6 p.m., Villa Gallery

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

In a local council there is a position called the District Executive. This is a full-time person hired by the council to support the

volunteers and programs within a geographic area of the council known as a district. They are the people that the community in that district looks towards to help support their Scouting programs through helping to organize their membership recruitment, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and training and program support.

The Boy Scouts of America is looking for individuals who may be interested in a profession with a purpose; this is the District Executive. Starting salary starts at around \$30,000 per year plus benefits, and raises are earned annually based on performance. You must have a 4-year college

degree, and either be a US Citizen, or have declared your intent to become a citizen. Within the Scouting program there are a wide variety of career paths, and employees with tenure are valued.

On Thursday, June 16, 6:00 PM, there is a reception with heavy hors d’oeuvre’s being held at the Villa Philmonte Gallery Room for individuals who are interested in learning more about Professional Scouting. Joining the reception are several Scout Executives who are the CEOs for local councils, as well as representatives from the regional and national offices of the Boy Scouts of America to answer questions about professional



Scouting.

If you are interested in attending the reception or want to learn more about professional Scouting, contact Owen McCulloch at Camping Headquarters, 575-376-1131 (office) or 575-447-2115 (mobile), or I-Camp your name and department. An invitation is not required, but please RSVP so we have an accurate count of attendees.

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Chaplain's Corner Dare to Excel

By Elder David Wilson, LDS Chaplain

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

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

BSA was founded in 1910 (more than 100 years ago), and in 2009 the Church that I belong to, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was able to celebrate our 50th anniversary of our involvement with Philmont. How times flies when you're having fun here in God's country.

Much has changed in Scouting in these last 101 years as the organization has tried to keep pace with an ever changing society

and world. Yet the fundamentals of Scouting remain strong and true. Principles that have been central to Scouting from its beginning still ring true today. Such things as stating, “On my Honor”, helping other people, doing one's duty to God and country, being physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight are still true and central to Scouting today.

Equally important is the concept on which Scouting thrives: boys grow up to be men, women grow up to be young ladies – individuals who do something no one else is willing to do – daring to bite off more than they can chew and then chewing it. Being willing to make that concept a reality is something that we as staff at Philmont understand and take up as a challenge! We do this daily, and come back for more!

Every day, we are expected to be at our best, to greet people (sometimes complete strangers) with a smile and a “Welcome to Philmont.” This is boldness beyond belief, and yet we do it day in and

day out. It's part of the magic of Philmont and of Scouting. We dare to excel in what we do.

As a Chaplain I have the wonderful blessing and opportunity to interact with almost every part of the Ranch, from the young adults working at the Training Center to the homesteaders in the back country. I see each of you rise up and be a strong example of excellence to all of the participants (our “guests”), young and old, at the Ranch. It's wonderful to behold. It is even more humbling to be able to be a small part of it.

You are a choice a generation, one that is willing to be strong and brave and true. You are building upon the Scouting foundation of helping others to feel that they have accomplished something impossible during their stay at Philmont. You are daring not only yourselves but others to excel. May I say, “Thank you and God bless you.”

“Bite off more than you can chew...”

Quitting Tobacco Use

By Paul Grasse, Camping Projects Manager

Some words on quitting tobacco use, from someone who has:

- Millions of people have quit using tobacco, and YOU CAN TOO!
- This means cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff and chewing tobacco.
- The use of tobacco products is not “chic,” or adult; IT STINKS!
- They all contain nicotine, and nicotine is highly ADDICTIVE.
- Nicotine is not only ADDICTIVE, its continued use will KILL YOU!
- Make a mature, adult decision—take the first step and QUIT.
- Breaking your addiction is not a short term thing.
- After quitting, the urge to use tobacco can last for as long as two years.
- It's not an easy thing to do, but YOU CAN do it and only YOU can do it.
- Don't try to taper off your use of tobacco, JUST QUIT.
- Dispose of all your tobacco items and devices, including ash trays and lighters.
- Tell your family and friends that you have quit. They will want to support you.
- Approach each day with, “I won't take my FIRST smoke or chew today!”
- This is probably the most significant and important decision that YOU can make.
- STICK WITH IT and QUIT TODAY. IT'S YOUR LIFE.

PTC: Opening Campfire Program

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campfire program included Emily Wilson, PTC Special Programs Director, running through the crowd of staff members singing "Home on the Range" with her fingers up like bull horns, and Mark Anderson, Director of Program, leading the crowd in "Come Little Rabbit" with the his fingers like rabbit ears. Greg Gamewell also announced that John Wright would be the PTC Shooting Sports Director, a new position this year.

Though the majority of the program was lighthearted, there were a few touching and serious moments. Toward the beginning of the campfire "I'm Proud to Be an American" played over the speakers, and the crowd sang along, without being prompted, as staff members brought five American flags to the stage. The children in the audience were silent as the group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem.



Photo by Taylor Thorne

PLAY ON: EMT Larry plays guitar and leads the singing at the first Philmont Training Center opening campfire on Sunday, June 5, 2011.

Sustainability Statement

By Sarah Burgess, Sustainability Coordinator

Philmont's sustainability efforts have always been present, maybe just not in the ways that are evident to the first time staffer, visitor or participant.

We have followed a Sustainable Forest Initiative plan in our land stewardship all across the ranch, conducting annual forest treatments and completing crew work projects led by the Conservation Department. Philmont uses solar power extensively across the back country to power radios and water systems. Used motor oil from the Philmont fleet of vehicles heats the motor pool workshop over the winter.

A big part of the sustainability program is striving to meld recycling efforts with feasible practices and options within rural New Mexico. We had much success starting recycling efforts across the

ranch last summer and the totals saved from dumpsters and landfills were impressive. In summer 2010, 40 tons of corrugated cardboard, 1.5 tons of aluminum cans and four tons of plastic #1 and #2 were taken to the Angel Fire Recycling Facility for recycling.

This season's efforts will continue the recycling of the above mentioned items as well as begin a new project for clean plastic trail meal bags. Staff members should find appropriate blue recycling bins in their areas of CHQ and PTC and Camp Directors will have information on recycling in the backcountry. For participants' use there is a recycling trailer at CHQ that currently resides in front of the registration building and may be moved in between News and Photo and the Services buildings in the near future. I am

excited to announce that we will have the capacity to collect and bale our own cardboard for sale to an Albuquerque paper company.

It is important that each and every staff member takes responsibility in their daily efforts and collective department operations within recycling. Anybody can deliver their office's recycling to the trailer or to a location discussed with me.

I will write weekly columns for the PhilNews, discussing new projects, answering questions and elaborating on behind-the-scenes sustainability efforts. Please I-camp me or stop by the Conservation office with any questions or interest in the program. I look forward to the success of summer 2011.

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Bear Aware

By Lisa Hayek, Mountain Trek Ranger



Photo by Lisa Hayek

ENCOUNTER: Cinnamon black bear spotted on the way to Rich Cabins on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Bears are active at Philmont! On May 25th, on my way back from Rich Cabins, I spotted a bear right by the road. It was just minding its own business, meandering through a meadow, when it noticed us approaching. It started to run, then scrambled up a tree, peering over at us trying to see our next move. When the bear realized that we were not going to approach it nor harm it, it backed down the tree and ran off into the distance.

This was a neat experience, but it is a good reminder that the bears are out there and we need to be careful and strict about following the Philmont Bear Procedures. In my experience, the black bears tend to run away at the sight of humans. This changes, however, when the bears find food or other smellables lying around. Once they know that they can find yummy things in one particular area, the bears continue to return to that place and become increasingly bold about their tactics. This not only creates a nuisance for campers and staff, but a risk to everyone in the backcountry as well as to the bear

itself. The bolder the bear, the more dangerous it becomes, due to its lack of fear of humans.

Here are just a few guidelines, also mentioned in the handout "Be Bear Aware" released to us by Philmont last week:

- If you encounter a bear on the trail or in camp, do not run. The best approach is to just keep eye contact with the bear and back up until you are out of sight.
- As you are backing away, you should also make lots of noise by shouting or banging on something.
- Be sure to stay upright, making your size known to the bear.
- Never hike alone, but in groups. The bear is less likely to be startled by your sudden appearance because it will often hear you coming far before you know that it is there.
- If a bear attacks, fight back by throwing rocks and sticks at it.
- After the bear is safely out of sight, let the nearest staff camp know about your sighting and the behavior of the bear.

Any bear sightings should also be reported to the Bear Researchers, Tim Coliver and Dani Tchentini. They will ask you where and when you spotted the bear as well as its size and color. The Bear Researchers are also an excellent source for any wildlife information at Philmont. They are located in the office by Conservation and Maintenance.

As fun as it is to be close up to bears, we like that they are distanced and afraid of humans. On the day that I spotted this little tree-climbing fellow, it was a lucky encounter. We did not get closer to the bear, but rather just admired it before continuing on our way. It is important for the bears to think that we do not have anything that they might want, and we do this by carefully following the Philmont Bear Procedures. Remember the second part of the Wilderness Pledge: Respect all wildlife. This is their home, not ours!

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Wilderness According to Doctors: Advanced Medical Care is More Than Two Hours Away

By Joseph Monfeli, Mountain Trek Ranger



Photo by Joseph Monfeli

MOVING FAST: Participants in the Wilderness First Aid course practice techniques on Monday, May 16, 2011.

On May 20, twenty-eight students earned their WMA Wilderness First Responder (WFR) Certification at Philmont after attending eight days of classes at the Philmont Training Center. Philmont hosts WFR at the beginning of every season, partnering with the University of New Mexico to provide the course. The certification, normally costing at least \$700, is thereby made available to staff at a steeply discounted price, allowing Philmont to field a strong contingent of wilderness medicine certified camp directors, rangers, conservation staff, medics, drivers and many other key ranch personnel.

Among the students' tasks were practicing wound cleaning and the removal of impaled objects from severed pigs' feet, designing improvised splints for long rescues, practicing litter carries and spine

stabilization and implementing a wide variety of triage and trauma assessments via various simulations. Students were confronted with a multi-victim lightning strike at the opening campfire bowl, a nighttime car crash in PTC Tent City and, finally, a hodgepodge disaster-simulation at the Cope Course below the Tooth of Time. In this final simulation, students faced a violent mountain bike crash, an alleged bear mauling, a patient with massive third-degree burns, a hand severed in a chainsaw accident, hysterical and combative patients and even further "injuries" among several "rescuers," such as an unexpected anaphylactic bee-sting reaction and a dislocated shoulder.

Although things at times seemed chaotic, students quickly learned to treat these scenes "not as their emergency, but as their job," in the words of Cy Stockoff, the

course's chief instructor. Working with Cy, a career paramedic and one-time deepwater welder, were Tom Rader, a USMC medic, and Kyle Cole, an Albuquerque paramedic and ski patroller. They were later joined by Santa Fe emergency medic April Grisetti, also a ski patroller. Between these four committed instructors, and their mutually avowed aversion to "death by powerpoint," students often received more training than they had bargained for, with lectures often delving into the core anatomy and physiology of emergency medicine, as well as advanced field techniques.

In addition to the regular course, an intensive recertification option was offered this year, a three-day refresher for those whose three-year certification was nearly up, but who did not have sufficient time, money and/or desire to retake the full eight-day

course. However, these students seemed to be far and away the more difficult option, as they only received their course materials shortly before commencing and were responsible for demonstrating the same depth and breadth of knowledge as the students with a full 64 hours of instruction. Tim Colliver noted that he "would have taken the full thing, if I could have."

In the words of Tom Rader, keeping students on alert for unexpected bullet wounds, "Skin protects against icky boo things." And as was noted many times, "If it's wet and not yours, don't touch it!" With nearly 30 new WFRs on the ranch, in addition to an already formidable number among the staff, Philmont's participants should be in good hands this summer!

Memorial Day Service

By Danielle Edwards,
PhilNews Writer

On May 5, 1968, Memorial Day was officially announced as a holiday. It was first recognized in New York City in 1873. It was declared to have a National moment of silence at 3:00 in the afternoon in 2000 to remember those who served and fought for our country.

On May 30, 2011, there was a Memorial Service held by the ranger bell in front of the camper dining hall at 5:00 p.m. The sun was shining and the wind had died down when Father Mike began the service, welcoming all who were there. He asked for anyone who was currently serving or who had served in any of the armed forces to come forward and stand before the crowd and be recognized for their service.

Elder Wilson began the service with a prayer of thanks, after which Father Mike led the staff in the United States' National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Chaplain Charles Jones shared a scripture with the staff from the book of John after the song and Chaplain Adam Carrico gave a brief history of Memorial Day and how it came to be a day of remembrance.

Father Mike said, "Thank those in front of you for their service," as he talked about the staff members standing in front of the crowd, "about the comrades they may have lost." He then explained that eight bells are rung on the last watch to signify the end of the watch. The "watch" is a nautical term for when a sailor is on duty, usually about three hours.

"Thank those in front of you for their service"

The last watch or the term "eight bells" can also be used when a sailor or military men and women have died.

The staff saluted the American flag as the ranger bell was rung eight times followed by Gordon McKinney on the bagpipes.

JanSport Co-Founder Addresses, Motivates Philmont Staff

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer



Photo by Brendan Best

REMEMBER THE FUN: Skip Yowell speaks to the staff of Philmont about the genesis of his company, JanSport, on Sunday, May 29, 2011.

On May 29, at a podium flanked by oversized JanSport bags, JanSport co-founder and author Skip Yowell addressed Philmont staffers. Yowell has a long-standing relationship with the ranch.

Yowell co-created the JanSport brand in the summer of 1965 with his cousin and cousin's girlfriend. The first years of the JanSport brand were full of innovation, and Yowell was inspired most by real life experiences in the wilderness.

For Yowell, creating the JanSport brand was a life-changing event. Not only did he become an entrepreneur, the products he designed enabled him and others to explore more of the world than ever before.

JanSport products have been tested in some of the Earth's roughest environments, from the Badlands in South Dakota to the summit of Mount Everest. Those treks were full of challenges: "You always have to work through adversity, through problems," Yowell says, "but there's always a way through it."

Yowell, an Eagle Scout himself, has always championed the philosophy of perseverance and is a major advocate for outdoor activities for youth. His relationship with Philmont began during Yowell's college years when he and some friends decided to drive from Estes Park, Colo. to Acapulco, Mexico.

On the way, they drove through Cimarron. Yowell immediately recognized the town as the home of Philmont, and although he never hiked at the ranch, he heard of it through Scouting. Yowell and his friends did not have food, and when they reached Cimarron they decided to stop at Philmont. The dining hall staff gave them frozen doughnuts and bologna sandwiches. Yowell has been involved with Philmont ever since, and for the past five years that relationship has grown into a professional partnership.

Because of Yowell's commitment to Philmont,

JanSport partnered with the ranch to create the Wilderness Pledge Guia program for youth, although staff may also participate. Participants who go through Guia training will work closely with Leave No Trace (LNT) and will have the opportunity to assist and guide crews in implementing LNT outdoor ethics. Those who earn the distinction may purchase the award, and proceeds increase Philmont's sustainability efforts.

Another benefit of the relationship between the JanSport brand and Philmont is the opportunity for research and development of new products to supplement the JanSport line. Philmont's terrain is itself challenging, providing ample grounds for testing and innovation.

Finally, the alliance of JanSport and Philmont continues to build the ranch's relationship with the outdoor industry in general. Yowell is one of the founding members of the Outdoor Industry Association, and his credibility in the field legitimizes the programs that result from the coalescence of the brand and the camp.

Yowell's address was also intended to motivate individual staffers. "He wanted to make sure people stop and smell the roses," says Director of Program Mark Anderson. Yowell ensured that the staff is "going to do great work, influencing all these youths," but reminded everyone to "remember to have fun, too." "When your energy is higher, your ability to relate is greater," Anderson echoes.

David Ayliff, Camp Director at Dan Beard, found Yowell's story "motivating to young entrepreneurs." Thomas Vance, Program Counselor at Dan Beard, agrees. "If you want something, you really have to go for it," he says. He adds that "it's good to hear about someone who started from an easy-going background and made it into a career."

Ranger Bell Rings Loud and Clear

By Andie McFarland,
PhilNews Editor



Photo by Brendan Best

STEADY: Christine Salisbury, the Ranger Chief, initiates the first ringing of the Ranger Bell ceremony by telling a story of hardship followed by the Ranger Chant.

Christine Salisbury, Chief Ranger, Mark Anderson, Director of Program, Kari Rundman, PTC Program Director, and Rick Smith, Director of Conservation all stood on the Ranger Bell and prepared themselves to trust fall into the waiting crowd on Sunday, May 29, 2011.

The ringing of the Ranger Bell is an annual event at Philmont's all-staff training. The event builds staff morale and gives them a taste of what participants will experience in the days and months ahead.

After climbing the bell, Salisbury began telling her staff a story. "So there I was in Minnesota," she said. The tale eventually led back to the Ranger Chant, "I want to go back to Philmont," and the entire crowd joined in. Once the chant was over, the four fell back into the waiting arms of the crowd.

Coffee House Displays Philmont Talent

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

Activities kicked off the season's first Coffee House under the Baldy Pavilion last Saturday, June 4. The program included a variety of musical and performative acts, including singing, rapping, hula-hooping and blues dancing.

Ted Cook, a first time staffer from Esher, Surrey, was the emcee for the event. The program started off with David Lagesse's a cappella version of "Home in the Meadow." The "Philstreet Boys," a group composed of Activities staff, followed shortly with a popular version of "I Want it That Way."

Activities staff comprised various other performing groups as well, including Will "the Beast" Selander and the Acolytes, who "rickrolled" the audience under the pretense of singing "Clocks" by Coldplay.

Lennika Wright was the only vocal performer who shunned the use of a microphone. She easily filled the space with her operatic

voice as she sang an excerpt from one of Handel's operas.

Scott Breitenstein started off his rendition of a Bob Dylan number saying that he "played this song in a dream last night" and figured he'd perform it in real life at the Coffee House.

The crowd favorite, however, was the duo of Andres and Antonio Porras, who performed mariachi songs on trumpet and guitar. "The songs talk about life, death, and ladies," said Andres. After they finished, the crowd had not yet had enough. As an encore they performed a song called "Perdón" in which they begged forgiveness through the lyrics.

Not all of the performances were vocal, however. Steve Cox and Brendan Best each performed manly poetry. Cox's was a tribute to bacon, and Best's performance was a piece of slam poetry written by Bradley Hathaway.

Afterwards, Tim Doyle



Photo by Taylor Thorne

GOTCHA: Will the Beast and the Acolytes "Rick Roll" the Coffee House audience after beginning a Coldplay song in Baldy Pavilion on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

hula hooped to the beat of "Just Dance" by Lady Gaga. The final planned performance was an energetic, improvised blues dance. The duo of Thad Swank and Elise Evans have experience dancing together and appeared to have fun

performing under the intense gaze of attendees.

The end of the swing dance signaled a free for all, of sorts, in which anyone not on the program could offer their talents. Renditions of Eminem raps and

favorite Philmont songs lasted into the night.

Look out for other Activities events such as movie nights, day hikes, sports nights and games. Another Coffee House is scheduled later in the summer.

Country Dancin' and Fun

By Danielle Edwards, PhilNews Writer



Photo by Matthew Prokosch

ROCK: Chris Sawyer provides the lead vocals in a make-shift band that consists of most of the camp leadership during the Music and Fellowship Dance on Sunday, May 29.

Music, dancing, and fun. All of this happened at Music and Fellowship on the night of May 29. Refreshments were served to keep the crowd energized throughout the night along with a live country band consisting of members from the Philmont staff.

Staff members dressed up in their country attire and hit the floor dancing the two-step, and some even mixed it up with swing dancing. People who stood off to the side, watching the dancers, couldn't help but tap a toe or move to the beat of the music.

Evelyn Laudwein, TOTT clerk, said, "I enjoyed it, but I have two left feet. I got my first lesson of the two-step. Hopefully I'll get better soon."

Around the middle of the dance and the highlight of the evening, there was a special musical group that came and played a song. The executive staff of Philmont played a rendition of the Johnny Cash song, the

Folsome Prison Blues.

John Clark, General Manager, was on the electric bass. Mark Anderson, Director of Program, was on the saw. Owen McCulloch, Associate Director of Program, was on the bagpipes. Steve Nelson, comptroller, was on the washboard tie. Greg Gamewell, PTC Associate Director of Program, was on the didgeridoo. David O'Neill, Associate Director of Program, was on the euphonium and Chris Sawyer, Associate Director of Program, was on the guitar and also sang.

It was put together on the spot and practiced only a few minutes before being performed in front of the crowd.

John Clark invites everyone to join the "Wanna Be" band over at PTC and listen to a blend of country western and rock 'n roll music. It is held on Monday nights from 7:00-10:00 in the East tent city. Cobbler and ice-cream will be served.



Photo by Matthew Prokosch

COUNTRY: Rod Taylor plays a few musical pieces during the Music and Fellowship concert on Sunday, May 29. Another musical performance consisted of most of the camp leadership playing a variety of musical instruments.

Scatter!!!

Article by Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer
Photos by Matthew Prokosch and Haylee Train



Photo by Haylee Train

SUMMER CLEANING: Program Counselor, Stephen Cox, cleans out his summer home at Miranda on Monday, June 6, 2011.

On June 5, trunks, backpacks and instrument cases, along with their owners, fill the Philmont Welcome Center at intervals in the morning and afternoon. The first crews have yet to arrive, so it can only mean one thing: Scatter has begun.

During the three-day event that lasts through June 7, the staff of backcountry camps load their belongings and necessary gear into the beds of 4x4s and are taxied to the themed camps they will call home until August.

Some staff members, like Tyler Hall and Eden Hafernick,

are headed to interpretive camps. Both will work at Rich Cabins this summer, and in addition to interpretive costumes they each must bring with them their unique fictional characters.

Hafernick will play Frida Rich, the oldest of the Rich children, who does not live at the cabin but visits frequently to help with chores. Hall plays one of two brothers who came to Rich Cabins to lend a hand.

In addition to interpretive work, Hall will also help restore the cabin. "I'm a big fan of restoration, not reproduction," he says. "This

project is my baby... The cabin is one I'd really like to see restored." In order to do the careful work required, he will bring 70 pounds of additional equipment.

Both Hall and Hafernick have worked in the backcountry before, and although Hafernick says she'll miss ice and Hall will miss some friends in Base Camp, both are excited to get away from it all and to hike on their days off. Hafernick adds that she's excited about "all the animals and milking the cow."

For Hall, living in the backcountry is a live and learn experience. "Living in the

backcountry is more independent than living in a town. It helps you deal with adversity... it's a big lesson in not having what you need," he says.

Another group of backcountry staffers, all headed to Miner's Park, holds a similar sentiment. Miner's Park is a climbing camp, so staffers will carry all of the gear they need to climb in addition to their belongings like sleeping bags and books. The group can hardly wait to load the trucks and get on the road.

"I'm excited to climb," says Gordon Algermissen. Kim

Schauer agrees, adding that she is "excited about being an awesome rock climbing instructor." While the group did not have to go through interpretive training before Scatter, they did head to Cimarroncito for three days to learn how to climb, belay and anchor. "Climbing training was a lot better than last year," says Jade Fitzgerald, and all feel prepared for their new job.

Although Fitzgerald is "going to miss having a good shower," she says that "being in the backcountry is way better than being in base camp. There's always something



Photo by Matthew Prokosch

MOVING: Nick Cerveny helps unload gear during Scatter on Sunday, June 5. Normal Scatter procedures call for stops at the Welcome Center, the Backcountry Warehouse, the Merchandise Warehouse, and finally, the camp itself. The camp director of Miners Park, Kim "Mouse" Ford, "10-8'ed" with "Here we are at Miners Park, this summer should be quite a lark."

to do, always somewhere to go, so I'm excited to be out there with my backcountry family."

Some in the group are also excited about the ways in which their experience in the backcountry will affect their lives outside of Philmont. Fitzgerald reflects that after last year's rock climbing instruction, "I was able to get a job not far from home at a COPE course, and because I had the training here I didn't have to do any training with them. They just hired me right then."

Peter Labosh, another Miner's Park staffer, also anticipates a

correlation between his work at Philmont and the outside world. He studies outdoor ministry and adventure leadership, and he believes that "this is directly applying to my major."

Regardless of their camps, backcountry staffers typically have a few days to unpack and acclimate themselves to their new environments before campers arrive for program. "I don't think we'll be bored out there by any means," says Fitzgerald. "It's going to be great."



Photo by Haylee Train

PREPARING PROGRAM: Program Counselor, Joseph Watkins, carries his rifles to the cabin at Miranda on Monday, June 6, 2011.



Photo by Haylee Train

UNPACKING: Commissary truck driver, Christopher Milan, and program counselors, Brendan Wells, Joseph Watkins and Matthew Hubbard, unload the truck at Miranda on Monday, June 6, 2011.

History Lives at Philmont

By Andie McFarland, PhilNews Editor



Photo by Rory Chapman

JAM SESSION: Backcountry interpretive staff practice for campfire during Living History Day.

Staff members from every living history camp at Philmont spent June 1 and 2 preparing themselves for a summer in periods ranging from 1830 to 1927.

Training focused on everything from Dutch oven and wood stove cooking, to caring for interpretive clothing and tools, to character development. Staff members at homesteading camps were taught gardening methods appropriate for the time period and climate.

Interpretive training is not new to Philmont. Philmont has had interpretive camps since the early 1970s, and Heritage Day, the precursor to Living History Day, started around 2000. Interpretive camps allow participants unique insight into the history of the American West, one of the main goals of Philmont. Proper training is essential for making the

experience realistic. Staff worked with Deborah Blanche, an actress and storyteller, as well as Stuart Cawood.

This year included special training on tool care thanks to the Conservation department. Mike Ritterhouse said, "We improved the care of tools piece...because we involved Seth Mangini from Cons." Staff from Crater Lake and Pueblano, interpretive logging camps, were taught how to properly care for axes and gaffs.

Clarissa Wagner, who oversees interpretive costuming at the backcountry warehouse, discussed the importance of caring for interpretive clothing with staff. She "[told] guys not to wash red shirts with white stuff" and discussed how to properly wear costumes. "The mountain men need knives and powder horns, possible bags, sashes and wide



Photo by Rory Chapman

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: Backcountry interpretive staff learn character development at Abreu.

thick belts," Wagner said. She also wore a dress and apron to demonstrate that women during these periods would not expose wrists, necks or ankles and wore sashes around the natural waist rather than the hips.

Mason Spangler of Fish Camp said that his favorite part of the event was "probably just seeing everyone and being in the backcountry." This sentiment was also expressed by David O'Neill, Associate Director of Program. He said that staff with musical instruments broke out into jam sessions throughout the day. "I thought that was the coolest part, just adding to the ambiance."



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CHILLIN': The staff of Fish Camp take a break from training at Abreu during Living History Day.

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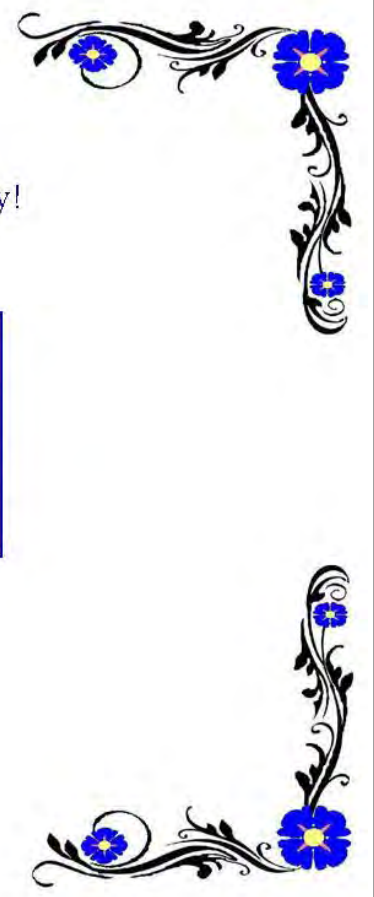
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Activities: More Than Events

By Danielle Edwards, PhilNews Writer



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GETTING READY TO GREET: Shawn McFarland addresses activities staff at their daily pre-opening meetings at the SSSAC on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

The Activities department has many roles in ranch operations. They not only hold activities like the Coffee House, the Ice Cream Social or Brat days every day ending with a zero, they are also in charge of the Welcome Center and checking in crews that arrive during the late or early hours of the morning and night.

There is the Fitness Center that can be used by all the staff, which Activities is in charge of the up keep on the facility.

They also take care of the SSSAC and the equipment inside. It is open from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. At the SSSAC you can play pool, foosball, watch Direct TV, check out DVDs or even play board games. There is no limit to what they have to offer.

The SSSAC was designed to keep the staff of Philmont busy and relaxed when they're not

working. "It feels like they're back at home" with all the technology and comforts of home right in God's country.

They are also in charge of the opening and closing campfires when the crews arrive and depart. The Activities department are the first and last people that the crews will interact with. They help check in crews, assign them tents and when the crews finish their treks they are given a WAMI, We All Made It, plaque to commemorate the experience.

The Activities department has been around for a while. Although the exact date is unknown, they are able to trace their records back to the 1980s. That doesn't mean they have been located in the current SSSAC building for the past 30 years or so. They originally had their headquarters in the current Fitness Center. The Fitness Center

used to be in the smaller building behind the current one. It was too small and could only hold a few people at a time without touching shoulders.

About three years ago the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center, SSSAC, building was built and donated by the Philmont Staff Association for the staff of Philmont. The Activities staff takes great care of the SSSAC building with 28 seasonal staff members spreading across the entire United States and also includes people from London and the Dominican Republic.

They have fun with their duties by running the events they put on, playing with nerf swords and games in the closet. "We get paid to have fun," said Derek Nuccio, "Spud", the male tent city manager.

Registration Resolute Despite Change

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

Philmont's circular gravel drive, the Camping Headquarters Registration Office is a constant hub of activity. From 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily (hours change to 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. when campers arrive), the 10 staff members -- four full-time and six seasonal -- handle everything from contracts and payroll to arranging emergency transportation and crew check-out.

The office's employees, all of whom return season after season, find enjoyment in their work. Besides registering seasonal staff members and endorsing each and every one with an immediately recognizable blue sheet, the office also works with adult advisers and crew leaders to register their groups before starting their treks. "I thoroughly enjoy meeting everyone from all over," says Myrtle Broussard, a seven-season employee from Port Neches, Tex. while sporting a sea shell necklace given to her by an adviser from Hawaii.

The staff members hold the

unanimous sentiment that the office is one of the most important at Philmont. "We're pretty vital," says Vicky Harper of Cimarron, New Mex., who is here for her third summer. "We get the people here," adds Laura Gonzales, a fourth season staffer also from Cimarron. More importantly, "we get their money," says Broussard with a hearty laugh.

The Registration Office has been a mainstay at Philmont since the camp opened in 1939. A lot has changed since that first summer, when 196 Boy Scouts arrived to explore the New Mexico wilderness.

Betty Pacheco, Camp Headquarters Registrar, has observed many changes firsthand during her nearly 40 years on the ranch. Pacheco, who hails from Cimarron, began working at Philmont parttime in 1972. In 1974 she began working full time on the ranch.

The first Registration Office, she explains, was located in the building that now serves as the Advisers' Meeting Room. The

current office was built in the 1980s.

Beyond physical changes, the office has added personnel and has adapted with changes in technology. Pacheco explains that in the 1990s, crews who wanted to hike at Philmont were assigned a number, which was put on a lottery ball and placed in a lottery bingo machine. Much like in a real lottery, numbered balls would be randomly selected from the machine. The Registration Office then moved to a phone-in lottery for seasonal trek spots, but registration is now done entirely online.

Despite the changes Pacheco has experienced throughout her tenure at Philmont, she is impressed by the number of returning staff. "I take it they like us and want to come back," she says, adding that she is continually "proud because they all mix together."

Harper agrees. "This is a great office to work in. There's lots of laughter, and lots of good food." Pacheco and the rest of

the staff "always find time" for a 10:00 a.m. chips and salsa break and, depending on the number of incoming crews they have to register, sometimes have an afternoon ice cream social.

Pacheco notes that staff members appreciate one another's

company. Even though it is still early in the season, she and her office staff have received flowers and chocolates from advisers thanking them for the work that they do. "We're appreciated," she says, "and that shows by the gifts we get."



Photo by Haylee Train

SERVICE WITH A SMILE: Office clerk, Barbara Kasch, checks in a Philmont staff member on Sunday, June 5, 2011.

Traders Grows Sales, Wisdom

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer



Photo by Haylee Train

AWARD WINNERS: Chad Hall works in the Trading Post, selling staff uniforms on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

Named after Philmont's most recognizable geographical landmark, the award-winning Tooth of Time Traders is much more than your average trading post.

The Tooth of Time Traders (TOTT) boasts 4 full-time staff members and 43 seasonal workers, the vast majority of whom are here for the first time. During the summer, both TOTT and the attached Snack Bar are open from 7:30 a.m. until 6:45 p.m. The Snack Bar re-opens at 8:00 p.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m.

Now a 3,000 square foot retail space with a 5,000 square foot warehouse full of high end gear and Philmont regalia, the TOTT was once a place for Boy Scouts to pick up odds and ends that they forgot at home before hitting the trail.

That all changed when Shelley O'Neill, now the manager of the TOTT, began working at Philmont in 1989 during summer breaks from the University of Michigan. After she graduated she proposed that the ranch shift the store's seasonal operation to year-round and hire her as a full-time store manager. O'Neill made a deal with Philmont: If there was a noted increase in sales after one year, she would be compensated with a full-time salary. The deal was met in 1996, and she's been here as a full-time employee

ever since. Many of the changes that make TOTT what is today happened under O'Neill's watch.

The transformation from trading post to TOTT began when the Traders began ordering boots for Scouts who needed a new pair while on the trail. This led them to consider carrying a line of boots, and the store now carries eight brands. After boots came backpacks, and then sleeping bags. The TOTT added gear as a way to ensure that Scouts were as prepared and comfortable on the trail as possible. Already this year, the TOTT has added a new brand of socks, Patagonia footwear and a new line of camp stoves to its merchandise.

In 2004, the store added an online component that now comprises 13 percent of total sales. In addition to advertising and selling gear, the website also has an area dedicated to education regarding the Philmont experience and gear.

In addition to providing quality gear and Philmont souvenirs, the TOTT staff also takes care of soda machines across base camp, oversees the upkeep of the Camping Headquarters laundromat, stocks the change machines and maintains the backcountry trading posts.

The TOTT is one of the departments on the ranch with the most direct interaction with

campers. "We're one of the first and last impressions that campers have with Philmont," says Chad Hall. "We get to see everybody. We're just as important in making someone's Philmont experience memorable as other places. When we give someone a tangible reminder of their experience, that's how we deliver the Philmont magic."

The store's clientele -- 14-18 year-old Scouts -- makes the TOTT unique. "99 percent of the time, we know exactly where the merchandise is going and what it is used for," says Hall, "and nine times out of 10, there is a 10-day turnaround on feedback." Scouts routinely report back to the TOTT when they get off the trail regarding the products they bought just prior to their trek.

The store's continued growth and, as Hall claims, its "excellent customer service," are reasons why the TOTT was named 2011 Retailer of the Year by SNEWS/Backpacker. The award is a huge achievement for TOTT and Philmont. Part of that customer service is having "fun interacting with our customers," Hall adds.

But TOTT staff don't reserve all of the fun for its customers. Be on the lookout for fun activities for staff, too. Contests on the front lawn are in store, along with Snack Bar theme nights.

Capturing NPS

By Danielle Edwards, PhilNews Writer



Photo by Matthew Prokosch

PERFECT SHOT: Taylor Thorne lines up a shot of the Aztec Mill while on a Philmont staff trip to Cimarron on June 2, 2011.

NPS, News and Photo Services, consists of twenty staff members this season. Eleven are first year staff, six are second year, and three are three years or more. They come from a variety of places, covering the entire United States. Six are from the Western states, eight from the Mid-West, and four from the Eastern states.

In the NPS department there are various jobs which also includes making the staff ID's that everyone has with their name and the city they live in on the card. The PhilNews is produced each week of the summer season to help keep the staff of Philmont informed of what is happening in the outside world.

However, the PhilNews also informs people in Cimarron, Raton and Taos of what is happening here at Philmont. There are also advertisements that help promote Philmont and various businesses' within the surrounding cities. Each edition of the PhilNews is found in a tangible paper format along with being found on the Philmont website.

Next there are the photographers who capture pictures of each staff department, each crew that comes through, and

the memories of Philmont through the digital world of cameras.

Then there are the marketers who have just been added to the department in 2010. They maintain and answer questions on the Philmont website, the twitter account, and the Facebook page.

Lastly there are the videographers. They are the ones who create promotional videos for Philmont along with the recorded memories during the season.

NPS has been around for many years. From looking at the archives, there are crew photos dating back to 1967 at least. There have also been recent renovations to the NPS building within the past five years.

The building for NPS used to have a restroom. However, the restrooms were removed in 2004 to accommodate a second processor in the photo lab. It was remodeled in 2007 and 2009.

"Each department has a collection of artifacts," said Rory Chapman, NPS Manager. According to Chapman there is a PhilNews Sombrero, a life jacket, and nap spots with in the office.

(The NPS department has fun by playing in the office and after work.)

North Korea Ranks Itself No. 2 Happiest Country; US Ranked Last

North Korea's Chosun Central Television recently ranked every country in the world on its Global Happiness Index. It evaluated each country out of a possible 100 points. Out of those 100, North Korea earned 98 and fell into second place behind China, who earned a perfect score. The organization ranked Cuba, Iran and Venezuela directly behind it but gave its southern neighbor South Korea the 152nd spot. Where did the United States fall on the Index? Dead last, with a total of two of a possible 100 points.

Top Al Qaeda Official Killed in Pakistan: The "Military Brain"

Top al Qaeda leader Ilyas Kashmiri was killed in a CIA drone attack last Saturday. Kashmiri was one of the five most wanted men in Pakistan. He was killed in an apple orchard along with several others. His death could be yet another setback for the terrorist group.

Japan's Recovery Not Quite Quick Enough

In the wake of the March 11 earthquake in Sendai, Japan, recovery is happening, albeit slowly. Despite Prime Minister Naoto Kan's less-than-optimal handling of the disaster, industrial output increased 1 percent last month and Tokyo stocks grew 2 percent. However, Moody's Corporation, which does financial research around the globe, warns that Japan's economic growth will not outweigh the adverse effects of the nation's existing debt and a slow global economy.

The dire state of the Japan's nuclear reactors have only added to this slowed recovery. The nation's Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters recently announced that the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant experienced three complete reactor meltdowns as a result of the quake. The announcement has not altered the stabilization plans for the plant, despite concerns of the damage already reeked by the initial meltdowns and releases of radioactive materials.

Nintendo Hacked

Nintendo's servers were hacked several weeks ago by a group called Lulzsec. The same group hacked into Sony Corporation's Sony Pictures Entertainment servers last week and also claims to have hacked PBS television and Fox.com. No consumer information was stolen in the Nintendo attack.

16-year Old Boy Killed by Security Guard in Costa Rica

16-year-old Justin Johnston was killed in La Fortuna, Costa Rica while on a school trip with his Spanish Club. He left his hotel room with three others after curfew, and when the four boys returned to the hotel they walked through a wooded area. A security guard mistook them for robbers and fired his weapon, shooting Johnston in the chest. The guard did not have a permit to carry the weapon as per Costa Rican law and was charged with simple homicide (similar to manslaughter in the United States).

New Malware Attacks Macs

Attention Mac users: You're not so safe from malware anymore. A new "phishing" program aimed at Macs is appearing increasingly often, taking the form of a nonexistent Internet security program called MacDefender, MacProtector or MacSecurity. The program prompts its victim to input credit card information, and enough people are falling for the gimmick that it's paying off for the program's creators.

Deepest Living Land Animal Discovered

A new species of underground worm was discovered in three South African mines by an international team of researchers led by Princeton University. The worm, named *Halicephalobus mephisto*, was found living at depths ranging from 0.6 to 2.2 miles under the Earth's surface. Just 0.5 mm in length, it feeds on bacteria.

New E. Coli Strain in Europe Spreads Through Veggies

The World Health Organization recently reported 19 deaths and over 2,000 confirmed infections of enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* in 12 European nations. The European Food Safety Alert Network believes the outbreak originated on an organic cucumber farm in Spain. The cucumbers were packaged in Germany and shipped to various European destinations. U.S. imports of tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce from Germany and Spain will be tested before being sold. The strain is not expected to spread in the United States.

Chilean Volcano Eruption Grounds Argentinian Flights


Following the eruption of the Cordon Caulle volcano in Chile, windblown ash has grounded all international and domestic flights within Argentina. The volcanic ash covered the surrounding towns and spread smoke well into the nation's capitol, Santiago. Aerolineas, the state-owned Argentinean airline announced Tuesday they are slowly beginning to allow flights to the north and east while aviation regulators and geologists continue to study weather patterns and expected continued eruptions from the volcano over the next few weeks.

20 Killed in Syria

The state-run Syrian Arab News Agency reported 120 security forces killed in and around the Syrian city of Jisr Al-Shugur on Monday. In the attacks by armed gangs, government buildings were set on fire. The gangs also stole five tons of dynamite from a storage facility. Monday was the third consecutive day of violence in the area.

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Space Shuttle Endeavor Lands at Kennedy Center for Final Time

On Wednesday, June 1, NASA's Endeavour landed at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida after completing its 25th and final mission, a 16-day excursion to the International Space station to install a ray detector. The shuttle, first used in 1993, has spent a total of 299 days in space and traveled over 122.9 million miles. The landing marked the second-to-last of NASA's space program—the last being space shuttle Atlantis, which embarks on the final mission on July 8.

Update on AL Tornado Recovery

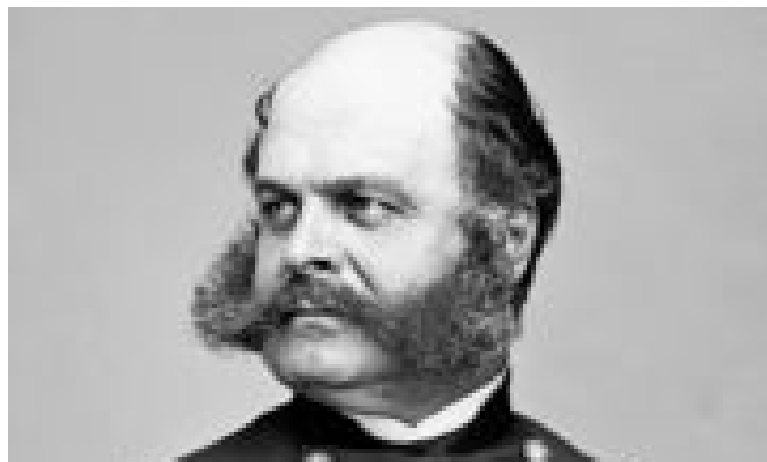
FEMA has announced that there are now 20 FEMA Disaster Recovery centers open across Alabama to help recovery from the recent tornadoes, serving more than 400 victims. Meanwhile, Alabama Power continues to restore power to civilians, with around 24,000 still without as opposed to the the more than 412,000 during the peak of the storms. More than 36 counties in Alabama have also been approved for aid, having been placed on the federal list of declared disaster areas.

Levee Breach in Missouri

The Army Corp of Engineers announced that they expect a full breach of the Missouri River levee in northwest Missouri, which protects farmland and small towns between Omaha, Nebraska and Kansas City. The breach would affect several Iowa towns, particularly Hamburg. The engineers have already ordered the evacuation of over 1,100 residents and dropped 22 half-ton sand bags to stabilize the weakened section, which has already experienced two breaches. The engineers are also currently building an extension to the already existing wall along with a secondary levee to minimize destruction.

Mitt Romney Enters Presidential Race

Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney officially announced his intention to run for president in the 2012 election. In his announcement speech, given in New Hampshire, Romney made attacks on incumbent President Barack Obama, blaming him for high federal spending and continued unemployment, as well as attacking his foreign policy, in order to show he would be the Republican party's best chance at winning the White House. Obstacles Romney faces include the other party members seeking nomination, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul and Tim Pawlenty, and the strong statements and stances he took on key issues while Governor and during his run for the Republican nomination leading up to the 2008 election.



Ambrose Burnside leads the polls for best Civil War facial hair.

5 U.S. Servicemen Killed in Iraq

Five U.S. soldiers were killed in a rocket attack on a U.S.-Iraqi base in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad, marking the most fatalities in a single day since May 11, 2009. Along with the five soldiers, 11 Iraqis were killed in political violence. The attacks were a result of growing attacks on U.S. forces in the area by Shiite militias in response to rumored extensions of U.S. military presence in Iraq. Despite the significant decrease in attacks since the peak in 2006 and 2007, 4459 servicemen have died since the start of the war in 2003 and animosity toward US presence in the area continues to grow.

Fires on AZ/NM Border Largely Uncontained

Arizona's Wallow fire, which started on May 29, continues to grow and expand despite the more than 2300 firefighters currently battling the flames. The wildfire has already devastated 301 square miles and its smoke can be seen in bordering New Mexico and Colorado. As the fire expands toward the state's eastern border, several cities, including Greer, Alpine, Nutrioso, Bonita and Dog Patch have been ordered to evacuate. The Wallow fire is already the third largest in the state's history and is costing the state an estimated \$3 million in fighting costs alone.

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Smithsonian Civil War Facial Hair

The Smithsonian Museum is currently conducting polls to determine which Civil War officer had the best facial hair in honor of the war's 150 year anniversary. Currently in the lead are Ambrose Burnside with over 17,000 votes, followed by J.E.B. Stuart with nearly 7,250 votes and Alpheus Williams with 7,043 votes.

MLB Scores as of June 7, 2011

American League					
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
NY Yankees	33	24	.579	--	Won 2
Boston Red Sox	33	26	.559	1.0	Won 3
Tampa Bay Rays	31	29	.517	3.5	Won 1
Toronto Blue Jays	30	20	.500	4.5	Lost 1
Baltimore Orioles	27	31	.466	6.5	Won 1
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Cleveland Indians	33	25	.569	--	Lost 5
Detroit Tigers	32	27	.542	1.5	Won 3
Chicago White Sox	29	33	.468	6.0	Won 1
Kansas City Royals	26	34	.433	8.0	Won 1
Minnesota Twins	22	37	.373	11.5	Won 5
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Texas Rangers	34	27	.557	--	Lost 1
Seattle Mariners	31	29	.517	2.5	Lost 1
LA Angels	30	32	.484	4.5	Lost 3
Oakland Athletics	27	34	.443	7.0	Lost 7

National League					
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Philadelphia Phillies	36	24	.600	--	Won 2
Florida Marlins	31	27	.534	4.0	Lost 5
Atlanta Braves	32	28	.533	4.0	Lost 2
New York Mets	28	31	.475	7.5	Won 2
Washington Nationals	26	34	.433	10.0	Won 1
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
St. Louis Cardinals	36	25	.590	--	Won 3
Milwaukee Brewers	34	26	.567	1.5	Won 4
Cincinnati Reds	31	30	.508	5.0	Won 1
Pittsburgh Pirates	28	30	.483	6.5	Lost 1
Chicago Cubs	23	35	.397	11.5	Lost 7
Pittsburgh Pirates	23	37	.383	12.5	Lost 3
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
San Francisco Giants	34	26	.567	--	Won 2
Arizona Diamondbacks	33	27	.550	1.0	Lost 1
Colorado Rockies	28	31	.475	5.5	Won 1
LA Dodgers	28	33	.459	6.5	Lost 1
San Diego Padres	27	34	.443	7.5	Lost 1

Blatter Re-elected as FIFA President

Sepp Blatter won his fourth four-year term as the President of FIFA, the international football governing agency responsible for awarding the right to host the sport's quadrennial competition. His only opponent, Mohamed Bin Hammam, exited the race after allegations of bribery arose tied to Qatar's successful 2022 World Cup bid. Blatter received 186 of 208 possible votes.

Nadal and Na Take French Open Titles

Rafael Nadal defeated Roger Federer in a 7-5, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 6-1 match for his sixth French Open title. Nadal is now equal with Bjorn Borg's record of wins. Li Na became China's first Grand Slam champion after beating out Francesca Schiavone in a 6-4, 7-6 (0) match.

Vancouver Lost Rome for the Remainder of the Stanley Cup

The Vancouver Canucks' defenseman, Aaron Rome, was suspended by the National Hockey League for four games after giving Boston's Nathan Horton a severe concussion during a late hit in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals. The decision was made on the basis that Rome was beyond what is acceptable in late hits and that it caused such a significant injury.

London Olympic Ticket Sales Underway

Ticket sales for the 2012 London Olympic Games are underway, and have been since March. The process of allotting tickets will last until June 10. 1.8 million people submitted applications for about 20 million tickets, and ticket allotments are made using randomized computer selection.

Even if applicants are successful, they will not know what events those tickets are for until June 24.

Rain Cancels Sri Lanka-England Cricket Match

Rain in London postponed the second test of the cricket match between Sri Lanka and England. England had been leading the series 1-0 after an innings and a 14-run win in the second test. Upon resuming play, England took two Sri Lanka wickets. The teams are scheduled to play three tests, a twenty20 match, and five one day internationals.



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Events in Cimarron

Cimarron Days: June 18-19, 2011 9:00am-5:00pm, Cimarron Village Park

There will be food, craft vendors, historical/interpretive displays, tours, speakers, and wagon rides. At 4:00-8:00pm on Saturday there will be a free street dance and feature LEVEL 5. Come and join the fun!

• June 18: Cimarron Days Sitzburger Estate 2:00-3:00pm

The building was a national hotel, behind the James. First time open to the public for tours.

Contact: Valerie Kootz

• June 13: Classic Car Club

• June 16: Pro-Scouting Interest Reception, Villa Gallery

• June 17: Halden Wafford & the High Beams 7:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: Colfax Tavern & Diner
Description: Dance

• July 16: Kevin Deal Band 7:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: Colfax Tavern & Diner
Description: Kings of Texas music

• July 17 : Santa Fe Trail Association 10:00am - 10:30am

Where: Points of Rock, Faye Gaine's Ranch-Springer (map)
Description: Springer "Round up on the Trail"

Speakers: Gilbert Quintana-History on the Jicarilli Apaches, Terry Phillips-Stories about Black Jack Ketchun

Events: Henry Ostrander-musket rifle shooting, Tom Perry-Music Tour: Faye Gaines-History of "The Historical Site of Points of Rockies & special program on "The Taos Pack Trail."

Lunch: Hot dogs & Hamburgers provided, bring a side dish

• July 23: Open Studio and Gallery Tour 8:00am - 8:30am

Where: Village of Cimarron
Description: Maps available at the Visitor's Center

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Seniors (60+) \$5 (3D \$6)
Children 12 and under \$4 (3D \$5)

Movies and start dates:
5/26 Kung Fu Panda 2
6/10 Pirates of the Caribbean 4: Stranger Tides
6/17 X-Men: First Class
6/24 Cars 2
7/15 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows II
7/29 Cowboys and Aliens
8/12 Captain America: The First Avenger

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Movies showing as of June 9, 2011:
First showings around 12:00pm. Last showings start at 9:45

X-Men: First Class (PG-13)
The Hangover Part 2 (R)
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG)
Pirates of the Caribbean 4: Stranger Tides (PG-13)
Bridesmaids (R) 9:45 only
Atlas Shrugged: Part 1 (PG-13)

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