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Philmont's Restoration Team Ranch Retains

By Garrett Franklyn
Staff Writer

The click-clack of an axe hewing away at a felled tree lumbers through the valley of Rich Cabins as several cabin restoration staff pare a log down in a dance of rising and falling axes.

Three of the staff, dressed in the flannel shirts and cotton pants of 19th-century lumberjacks, hover over a tree lying in the mud. Their axes flash briefly before clacking against the bark again, a thin sliver of rough shaving curling away and revealing the smooth heartwood beneath.

"It's a lost art," said 21-year-old Katharina Stoll, the foreman. "We're doing it in interps [sic] and how they would have during the time. It has the same feel and character."

Her axe resting comfortably on her shoulder, Stoll appeared every bit a lumberjack of the 1800s, minus the beard. For her, being a cabin restorationist meant combining school, she studies architecture at the University of Texas, with a summer at Philmont.

"I wanted to come back to Philmont," she said. "It [Cabin Restoration] seemed like a cool job that integrated architecture."

Stoll's background in architecture has given her an understanding of construction



Katharina Stoll and David Bryne hew a log for cabin restoration on Friday, July 6 at Rich Cabins. Stoll and Bryne have been restoring the cabin since the beginning of the summer. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

that has eased her into being a cabin restorationist.

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Philmont Precepts

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

When Waite Phillips was negotiating the gift to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), "he made it clear that he wanted it to be maintained as a working cattle ranch," said Ranch Superintendent Bob Ricklefs.

Phillips kept about 200,000 acres of the best ranching land for himself, on which he had herds of up to 20,000 sheep and 1,000 head of cattle. Prior to giving the BSA the gift, Phillips had branded his ranch with a WP and the UU Bar Ranch, which had the two u's with a bar over the top.

The land was first owned by the McDaniels family, now

Philmont's neighbors to the South and East, who still use the UU Bar brand today. It is now owned by Bob Funk

When the Boy Scouts took the gift, they developed their own /S brand as well as a PS with a bar over the top. The /S brand is used on the left shoulder of horses and burros while the PS bar brand is used on the left hip of the cattle.

Due to the rugged terrain of Philmont, the carrying capacity is 750 head of livestock. In order to maintain that some of the animals are sold or butchered for meat.

The cattle cow/calf herd is the

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Wranglers and ranch hands prepare the horses for the day on Wednesday July 11. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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In Issue Six of PhilNews, in the article titled "Strike it Rich at French Henry", it was stated "In 1996, someone found a gold nugget that was worth \$30,000." PhilNews was informed that this information is false and in actuality when it was found in 1996, it was worth \$296. It was estimated that today the nugget would be worth \$3,500.

If any readers have any suggestions or corrections to submit please feel free to I-camp or email (philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org) the department.

Choose the Trail of Courage

The Trail of Courage is a path along which 457 Philmont crews and more than 4,400 participants have chosen to use thus far in 2012. It is still available to the seasonal and permanent staff of Philmont. Choosing to follow the seven major milestones outlined in the Trail of Courage brochure is an individual choice and the person who benefits from making the choice is you.

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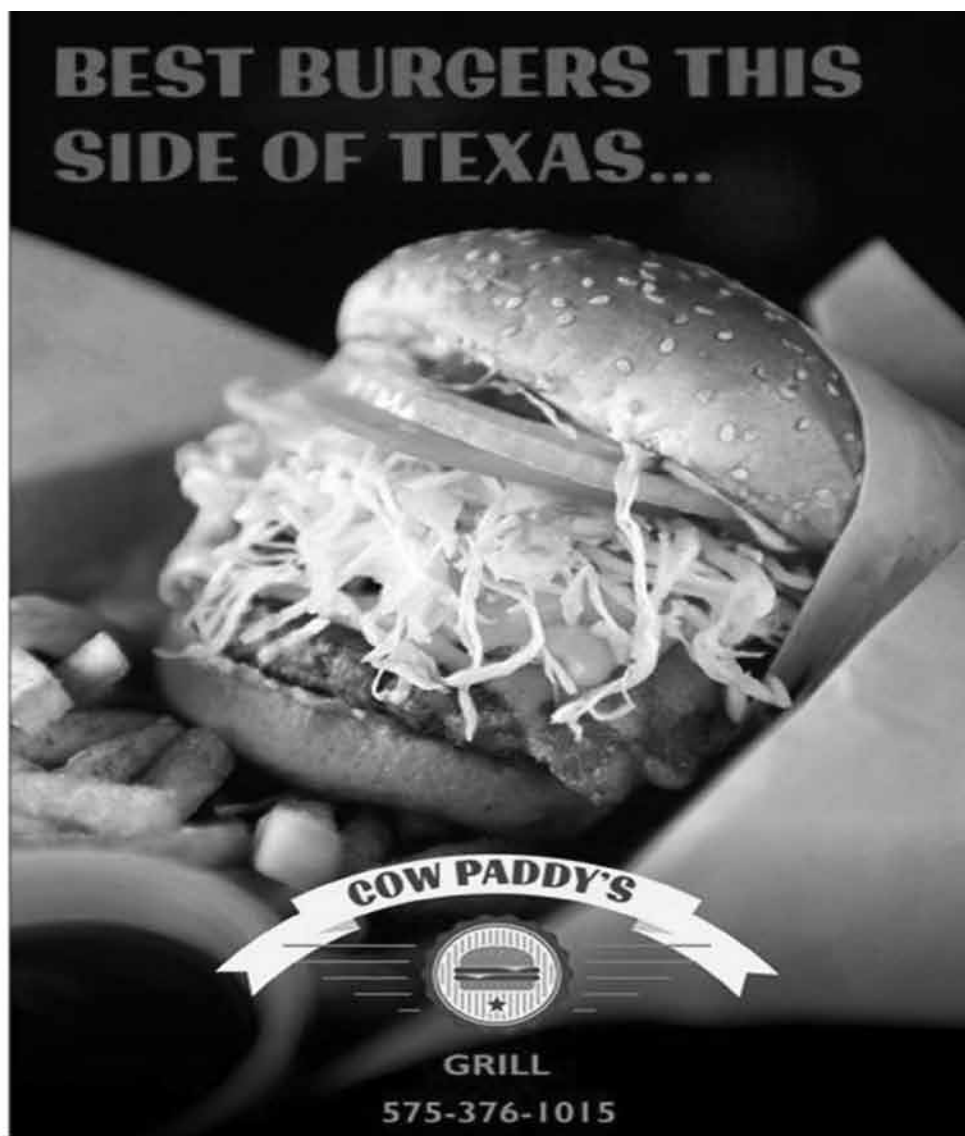
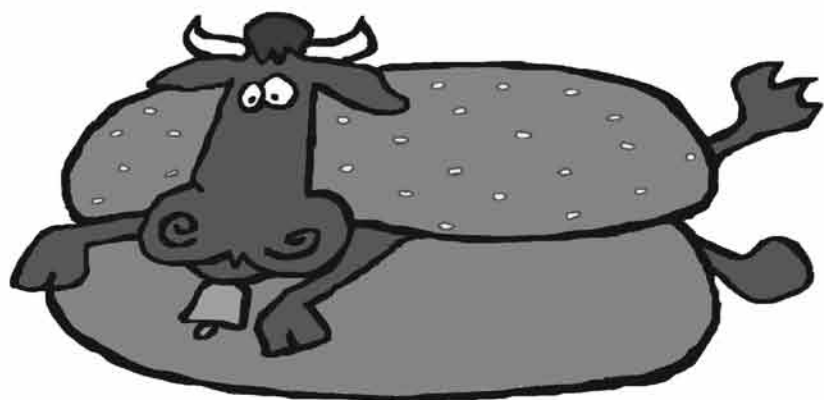
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- Live the Scout Oath and Law every day.

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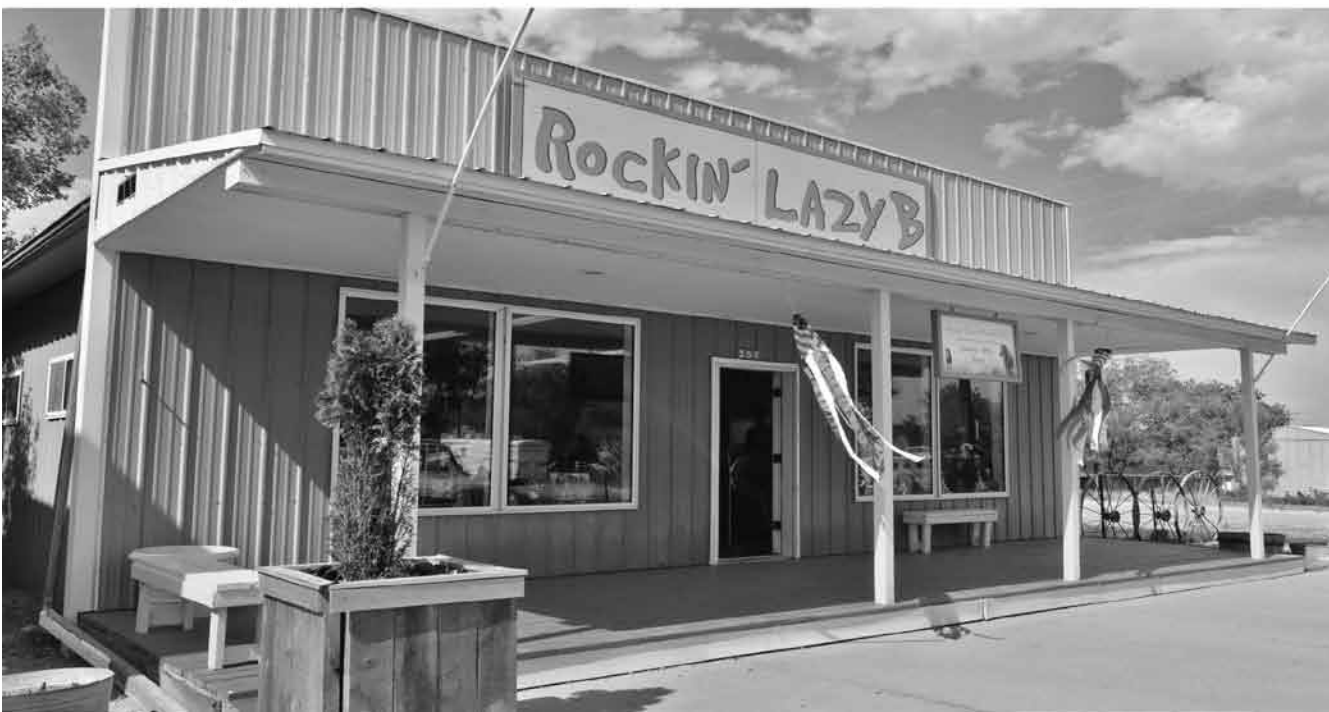
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By Mark Anderson
Director of Program



Mark Anderson, Director of Program. SAMANTHA WAIDLER/
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2012 marks the 100th anniversary of statehood for the State of New Mexico. We are a young state but a country of rich diversity and ancient history. I hope you are enjoying your time as a resident of New Mexico this summer.

The Zia Sun symbol is featured on the New Mexico flag. The Zia Indians regard the sun as a sacred symbol and the number four a sacred number. Its symbolism on the flag refers to:

- The four points of the compass.
- The four seasons of the year.
- The four periods of each day: morning, noon, evening and night.
- The four seasons of life: childhood, youth, middle years and old age.
- The four sacred obligations one must develop: strong body, clear mind, pure spirit and a devotion to the welfare of others.

This summer we are encouraging every participant and staff member to join

the Trail of Courage – Right Decisions/Right Now – Be Tobacco Free Program. The program is about adopting a healthy lifestyle. Pledging to become personally fit, eat a nutritious diet, exercise, be tobacco free, live free of drug and alcohol habits, learn the seven cancer danger signs and live the Scout Oath and Law.

On July 15th we have had more than 4,400 backcountry participants make the pledge. Rangers begin the conversation with their crews and the Crew Leader continues the discussions until the members of the crew make their pledge on the last night of the trek.

Encouraging people to commit to a healthy lifestyle is a great extension of the Philmont experience. Listening to crew leaders and advisors share their experiences about getting ready for the trek, losing weight and becoming physically fit is very exciting. Continuing to do this once they are home will

be the test. If they continue, I know that they will find ways to return to their “mountains” for additional adventures.

Two weeks ago we distributed the information announcing a process for each staff member to follow to participate in the Trail of Courage – Right Decisions/Right Now – Be Tobacco Free Program. I hope you will take time to join me in this effort.

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“It gives a good understanding of how buildings work,” she continued. Stoll’s understanding is steeped more in theory than in practice, however. Thankfully, her two other staff members have a more hand-on understanding, allowing the trio to balance one other’s specialties.

Cory Ciepiela, one of the other restorationists, leans against his axe. A pile of wood chippings sits near his feet, his brow spotty with the dirt and grime of a long day’s work.

“Where else do you get to go to cut down trees,” the 21-year old said. “Not only are we cutting them down, but we’re building something. No one else on the Ranch is doing this.”

Previously, cabin restoration at Philmont entailed going from one camp to the next and making slight modifications to cabins. Now, they are focused on a more intensive program that has them staying at one camp through the summers.

A small extension just off the main cabin at Rich Cabins is the latest focus.

During the last several years, the add-on was dug out of the side of the hill where it had been partially covered in dirt. This summer, the staff are working

on the floorboards, which have grown rotten.

“It [restoration] gets the cabin back in shape,” said David Byrne, a 28-yearold restoration staff member.

But it is not simply a matter of restoring the cabin back to its previous condition. The staff have to do it using equipment and methods specific to the early 19th century. It’s a rare luxury for participants to be able to witness firsthand how loggers in the American West built and fixed cabins, according to Stoll.

Especially how they did so without machines and tractors.

“It gives Scouts a new experience,” she said.

As for Ciepiela, being part of the cabin restoration staff is measured in what is left after the toil of his hands has finished.

“Everything you see out here, we’ve done,” he said. “My entire job is a legacy project. That corner in the cabin will still be there. You build something that will last.”

He takes back up the axe, returning to the fallen tree as Stoll and Byrne restore the click-clack tempo with their swings.

And so their dance continues.

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foundation of the beef chain. Philmont has about 220 mother cows and 50 heifers in order to replace non-breeding cows. There are also 15 bulls on the Ranch, which are kept separately when breeding season is over. Birthing season is in January, February, and sometimes March. One load of calves has already been sold for October delivery; 30-40 are sold to the market.

There are approximately 300 horses on the property. Ricklefs explained that they need at least 280 to do programming, which contributes to the educational aspect that Phillips desired for the Ranch. The Ranch Department has most every breed of horse and they have to be trained in many different ways.

The Wranglers horses must be able to learn and follow all wrangler commands and there are 23 wranglers and eight horsemen. The cavalcade horses have to be good on a trail as well as adaptable to roping and turning barrels. The rest of the horses have to be able to walk in a dude line on the trails at camps like Beubien, Ponil, and Clark’s Fork.

There are also bison, of which the Ranch has 100. Every year 35 to 40 are born and thus 35 to 40 are also used for meat in order to keep the herd size

regulated.

Another favorite at Philmont are the burros. There are around 110 and part of that is the jenny (female burro) herd of about 20, which foal all year long in order to breed the replacement for older burros. There is also the herd that runs between Ponil and Miranda, which makes up about 70 of the total.

Not only does the Ranch Department provide programs with horses and maintain the cattle ranch, they also maintain the fences and roads and keep the gates to private property closed.

During the off-season there is a small staff that keeps the cattle ranch operational. Ben Vargas is the horse foreman and Chuck Enloe and Rod Taylor are titled as cowboys; they work with the livestock on the Ranch. There is also a farm crew composed of Tom Mondragon, farm foreman, and heavy equipment operator and farm laborer, Rick Archuleta.

The livestock and cowboys help to maintain the image of Philmont year-round. “We are the largest camping operation in the world, but we’re also unique in that it is a working ranch. I don’t know if there’s any other quite like it in the world,” said Ricklefs.



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Inside the Infirmary

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer



Health Lodge staff looking through participant's medical records on Thursday, July 12 in the Radio Room. The Radio Room aids backcountry camps with solutions for health incidents. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The Philmont Health Lodge is one of three certified infirmaries in the state of New Mexico. The only others are at the state penitentiary and military academy.

The Health Lodge has its own pharmacy in order to supply patients with four or five days of medication in order to get them through. The pharmacy cannot fill prescriptions for patients. "If a doctor writes a prescription we'll send it to town to get it filled and make arrangements to pick it up and get it to them," said Ray Cook, seasonal Health Lodge Manager.

Blood work and simple labs can be done at the infirmary, but things like radiology and more complex labs have to be sent out to Miner's Colfax Medical Center in Raton. For more serious problems patients are sent to Holy Cross Hospital in Taos.

Several staff stay through the entire season, some rotate out after a few weeks, and a few

remain full time. It is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the back door is always open in case of emergency.

Nate Lay is also a full time staff member with the title Chief of Support.

If you have ever been to Health Lodge for any reason, the first person you will see is the secretary working. Often there are two secretaries at the desk per day, but there are only three total this year and they rotate.

The second person you will see is one of the nurses such as Suzanne and Bea. All nurses work from May to August and come from a variety of nursing backgrounds.

The third person will be one of the medical students. Cook explained that fourth year medical students come to Philmont as medics for four weeks at a time as a pediatric sub-internship. They generally see and assess the patient, come up with a treatment plan and

then run it through the doctor for approval, who is then the fourth person to see.

The doctors at health lodge also rotate out. They stay for one to two weeks on average. There are 36 of them this year, all volunteering their time. Cook said the medical students are usually "right on the money every time they [diagnose]."

There are 11 drivers who work the radio, transport patients to and from the trail and hospital, and make field assessments.

Aside from those staff, there are those working in Health Lodge Tent City. There are 40 beds in Youth Tent City and a few at Adult Tent City in compliance with Youth Protection. Ronnie Fye is the manager of Health Lodge Tent City.

Everything done at the Philmont Health Lodge is free of charge for both staff and participants. All procedures done outside of Philmont falls under the insurance of the patient.

Information Capital

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

When in need of information at Philmont, there is one place that knows it all: Logistics.

Logistics serves three main functions on the Ranch. The first is trip planning with arriving crews. Logistics processes about 38 crews per day. A member of Logistics will sit down with an adult advisor and crew leader of each crew and review the itinerary they have chosen.

They will help them figure out routes, what programs they are doing and help them ration water and let them know which camps are dry. Logistics has a giant board in the office of the water conditions of each camp and the location of each crew.

"It's a lot of fun for me seeing kids come off the trail, because normally I hear about the ones that have problems," Assistant Manager Cory Davison said. "It's a lot of fun to see the other 90 percent that went out that I forgot about that are out there that had a great time."

Logistics is also in charge of transportation. The team schedules all of the yellow buses to and from the backcountry, buses that go to and from Raton train station to pick up crews.

"Last year, we had over

19,000 passengers [of crews and staff] on Amtrak," Logistics Manager Sid Covington said.

They also track the Philmont vehicles are located at all times. In the radio room, there is a person there listening to the radio, and whenever a vehicle 10-8's (leaves from one camp to another) or 10-7's (arrives at camp); they log it on the tag board so they know where all the Philmont vehicles are.

The team keeps track of 75 to 100 vehicles at all times. The newest car that Philmont purchased logged over 50,000 miles last summer, so there is a lot of driving at Philmont.

The third function of Logistics is the radio room. The radio room has someone stationed there 24 hours a day. They operate the phones during non-business hours. As part of their communication functions, they manage all of the incidents that occur on the Ranch. Anything from forest fires to missing persons, Logistics will find out about it and respond with the PhilSar process, utilizing their resources, to manage the incident.

Weather is also tracked in

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Marshall Nuccio helps plan treks for Crews on Thursday, July 12 at Logistics. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

A Wanderer's Guide

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

Ask Rangers what the best part about being a Ranger is, and one will receive many different answers.

"The community, I feel like there are so many of us but everyone is really fantastic," Ranger Trainer Helen Gent said.

"You get to see all the different parts of the Ranch," Ranger Stevie Strong said.

"You get to see a lot of the backcountry, but also get to impact crews and influence their experience," Ranger Jason Cantino said.

"Teaching the kids what they need to know so they can complete their trek," Ranger Rachel DeVliieger said.

But one thing is consistent: A Ranger has a proactive job.

Rangers start out the summer with a lot of training. They train a few days at Base Camp, about six days on the trail, and an additional one or two days doing field training.

The primary duties of a Ranger are to welcome crews to Philmont and to train each crew to understand backcountry procedures and hiking techniques. The Ranger has to make sure they have the skills and knowledge to continue their trek after the Ranger leaves them.

The Ranger stays with a crew for three days and leaves them in the backcountry to finish their trek on their fourth day.

The first day, Rangers are with crews in Base Camp. The Rangers will go through all Base Camp procedures, food logistics and teach them the necessary knowledge they will need to survive in the backcountry.

The second and third days are spent in the backcountry hiking with crews. On the fourth day, the Ranger departs from the crew and will let the crew finish the trek themselves.

"I love taking out crews," Gent said. "You get to work with the kids, the actual work of being a Ranger is really fun. You get to take those kids and bond with



Ranger Trainer Justin Fletcher discusses necessary trail supplies with Crew 7111 during shakedown in trailbound tent city on Wednesday, July 11. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

them individually."

While the job may be fun, it is certainly not easy.

"Every crew is going to be different and you don't know the dynamics of the crew nor the skill level of the crew," Chief Ranger Christine Salisbury said. "You take whatever experience they have and make it be the best."

Every Ranger enjoys going into the backcountry and hopefully gets to take crews to some of their favorite spots.

"I really like Inspiration Point, if the crew is willing to wake up, I always take them for sunrise," Gent said.

"Wilson Mesa-it is just gorgeous, you get there and

you can see Colorado, almost everywhere," Strong said.

"I really like Window Rock, it has a really awesome view, you can see for like 100 miles," DeVliieger said.

And at the end of the summer, every Ranger will have an experience they will never forget.

"It's pretty awesome, you get paid to go in the backcountry and do what you love to do and then teach other people to do what you love to do," DeVliieger said.

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the radio room, and Logistics has a program that tracks where lightning strikes occur, so they can ask staff or participants to check the area to make sure a fire wasn't started.

There haven't been any major incidents yet, but Logistics is always prepared. While it can be quiet for Logistics one moment, the next could be extremely busy.

"It's fun, it's difficult, there are all sorts of moving parts going on all the time," Covington said. "The thing that makes it not difficult is I have a good set of assistant managers and everybody is really good at doing their job. It's never dull."

Work and Fun at Rich Cabins

By Garrett Franklyn
Staff Writer

Deep in a valley north of Philmont, a farm still teems with the life of a 19th-century family.

Rich Cabins, complete with homesteading and an evening show, gives participants an opportunity to relive the life of Austrian immigrants.

The history of the cabin begins with Joe Risch, eventually changed to Rich, who emigrated from Austria and changed his name to Rich before building the cabin in the 1880s. In keeping with the technology of that time, the staff members eschew modern amenities.

“We’re a really strange and funny camp,” said Justin Kernes, 23, who plays David Rich, the youngest of the Rich family. “We live and operate on a full farm and get the kids to help.”

“We want to teach them what it was like to before you could turn on a faucet, when you have to feed everything else before yourself,” he continued.



A Scout from Crew 627D1 participates in the poo-flinging program on Friday, July 6 at Rich Cabins. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Scattered behind the cabin are chickens, donkeys, and a cow with her calf. On any given day a participant will chase after one of the chickens to the bemusement of his or her fellow campers. They can even try their hand at helping the Rich family with chopping firewood.

“We’re interpreting the people as they were,” said 25-year-old Trey DuBard, who plays Joe Rich.

The staff also gives a show to the campers for them to unwind, especially after what may end up being a hard day’s work of hiking
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In the Valle, One Ring to Rule Them all

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

The mansion at Ring Place was built in 1893 to house Civil War veteran Timothy Ring and his family. Ring bought the land through the Maxwell Land Grant. The land was sold to the Pennzoil Company in 1906 after Ring died leaving behind his widow and seven daughters. In the 70’s the Pennzoil Company donated the land to the Carson National Forest. Not long after, Philmont was granted permission to house a staff camp at Ring Place.

Ring Place’s primary program is centered around astronomy. Since the astronomy program is limited to nighttime, Ring Place also offers a program that teaches Scouts to read weather patterns.



Scouts hike past the Ring Place Mansion on Tuesday, July 10 at Ring Place Staff Camp. Built in 1893, it was the home of Civil War veteran Timothy Ring, his wife and his seven daughters. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

can make safe judgments on the trail,” said Program Counselor (PC) Carly Casper.

Once the sun sets and the stars come out, Ring Place comes
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Biking at the Vega

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer



Scouts play a game of ring toss with old mountain bike tires on Tuesday, July 10 at Whiteman Vega. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

At Whiteman Vega, Scouts participate in a four mile trail ride through the Valle Vidal. Philmont provides 50 program bikes for participants to ride.

For many Scouts, the Whiteman Vega trail ride is the first mountain biking experience they’ve had. It doesn’t take long for them to realize that riding on a trail is more difficult than riding on a paved road.

“Whiteman Vega offers one of the more difficult programs so it’s rewarding to see [Scouts] overcome the challenge of the trail,” said Program Counselor (PC) Cristoffer ‘Toffer’ Mohr.

When Scouts come off the trail, it’s not uncommon for them to ask questions about the logistics of mountain biking. The staff of Whiteman Vega provides educational information about the sport for participants who fall in love with biking and want

to continue riding as a hobby.

“I like sharing my passion of mountain biking with the participants,” said PC Paul Jackson.

Fortunately, in the recent weeks, rain has been plentiful so the Valle remains open for the time being. Unfortunately, the heavy rainfall has caused Whiteman to limit their mountain biking program.

Wet trails are hazardous to navigate, especially for first time mountain bikers. So, when trails are too wet to ride, the staff transition to the trials course where riders use slow riding skills to navigate the wooden trial bridge.

“The trials biking course is more balance oriented,” said PC Colin Downs.

Downs demonstrated his own skills as he rode the length of the bridge, balancing
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Safe at Seally

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

Seally Canyon is the “older sibling” camp of Carson Meadows. Like Carson, Seally’s program revolves around both search and rescue (SAR) and wilderness first aid. The skills learned through SAR will not only help to find people, but increase a person’s odds of being found.

“It’s good to know what to expect when a search and rescue team is trying to find you,” said Program Counselor (PC) Katie Heinemann.

The staff at Seally Canyon draws on their own personal experiences with SAR at Philmont. For example, one year a Scout was lost on the Tooth of Time. He was trained in SAR and knew that once he found a road he could make it back to Base Camp. He was found hiking along the road to Base and was ultimately reunited with his crew.

The camps in the Valle Vidal, like Seally Canyon, stress leave no trace procedures. To avoid making trails and following the procedures of leave no trace, crews must hike in a zigzag pattern. If each member is hiking in a different pattern than the others, the impact of hiking over time in the area is decreased.

“In the Valle, people never hike the same way twice,” said PC Whitney Zerr.

However, this makes SAR in the Valle Vidal especially difficult since there are no trails in the area.

To begin SAR training, the Seally staff introduces clues to the participants; things that they can look for when searching for a lost person. They test their clue seeking skills in the clue course. When participants find a clue, they shout “Zoinks!” or other Scooby Doo related sounds as a signal.

To help train Scouts, the Seally staff created a SAR dummy named Waldo. Waldo is dressed in a Philmont staff uniform and made out of a fire hose and duct tape. Seally staff members hide Waldo in the area surrounding their camp and participants are challenged to find him.

Sometimes the staff members are hidden in the wilderness of the Valle Vidal. They are given mock injuries complete with fake blood so the participants must perform first aid. This is the ultimate test of the skills participants learn at Seally Canyon.

“They have to do a head to toe assessment,” said CD Matt Hubbard.

Once the participants have performed first aid, they move the “injured” SAR victim back to camp.



The staff at Seally Canyon gives a knot-tying demonstration as part of their search and rescue program on Wednesday, July 10. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The skills learned at Seally Canyon could mean the difference between a successful trek and one riddled with chaos.

It’s important for crews to learn SAR and wilderness first aid both for the safety of themselves and the safety of others.

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Program counselor Ellyn Washburne plays the accordion on Friday, July 6 at Rich Cabins. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

followed by homesteading for the Rich family.

“Even though we have a lot of work and rough times in our lives, we still have fun,” said Program Counselor Ellyn Washburne. “We always have lots of fun with Scouts. It’s where we can show the Scouts about the immigrants and the West.”

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precariouly the entire way on both his bike and then his unicycle.

In the evenings the staff enjoys playing a round of tire toss with participants. The staff invented the game, themselves. Inspired by horseshoes, the aim is to throw a retired bike tire around a stump. If participants occupy the tire toss area, the staff likes to sit back on the porch of their yurt and watch the roaming herds of zebra cross the beautiful valley of the Valle Vidal.

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alive with avid discussions on astronomy. Staff members use a green laser pointer to trace constellations and identify other noteworthy features of the night sky. The staff also uses their 12-inch telescope to view different objects in space.

“We use the telescope to see anything they wouldn’t be able to see with the naked eye, like Saturn’s rings,” said Casper.

Unfortunately, nights in the recent weeks have been overcast making it impossible to view the stars. On nights like these, Scouts venture inside the Ring Place staff cabin to participate in indoor astronomy lectures. Painted on the ceiling of the staff dining room is a mural accurately depicting star clusters.

“We’re all very knowledgeable about astronomy so we can answer the questions crew members pose us,” said Casper.

Instead of lecturing for hours like college professors, the staff opens the floor for discussion and questions from the participants. Discussion topics range from the information covered in the program to the theoretical.

“I enjoy getting into discussions with participants about space,” said PC Chris Handel.

Tying the day and night programs together, is a discussion of weather patterns on different planets.

“We try to have everyone leave with a better sense of our place in the universe,” said Camp Director Chris Waters.

Bacon Cheddar Deviled Eggs

Ingredients

- 12 eggs
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 4 slices bacon
- 2 tablespoons finely shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon mustard

Directions

1. Place eggs in a saucepan, and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Cover, and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, and cool. To cool more quickly, rinse eggs under cold running water.
2. Meanwhile, place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Crumble and set aside.
3. Peel the hard-cooked eggs, and cut in half lengthwise. Remove yolks to a small bowl.
4. Mash egg yolks with mayonnaise, crumbled bacon and cheese. Stir in mustard.
5. Fill egg white halves with the yolk mixture and refrigerate until serving.

*allrecipes.com



Reviews for Bacon Cheddar Deviled Eggs

"A little thick, but that can be seen as a good thing depending on the eater." -Will Selander

"So good I could eat them for breakfast, lunch and dinner! I feel I just received some kind of super power that was bestowed to me!" -Aaron Murray

"This was the finest culinary treat to delight my taste buds since the bacon jalepeno popperz." -Tim Collver

"The mustard was a bit too strong." -Rachel Taylor

"Best deviled eggs I can remember- bacon adds awesome." Mark Jorgensen

Pork Chops with Onions and Apples

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 pork chops (1 inch thick)
- 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 2 medium tart apples, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Directions

1. In a small bowl, combine the pepper, salt and garlic powder. Rub all over pork chops.
2. Cook chops in skillet, covered, over medium heat for 7-9 minutes on each side or until a meat thermometer reads 145 degrees F (63 degrees C) and juices run clear. Remove from skillet.
3. Sauté onions and apples in butter until tender. Add brown sugar; cook until thickened and bubbly.
4. Add pork chops to reheat and coat them with sauce.

*Serve over egg noodles

**allrecipes.com

Asparagus Chicken Fajitas

Ingredients

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 3/4 cup Italian-style dressing
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2 inch pieces
- 2 medium bell peppers
- 1 can of corn
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 12 (6 inch) flour tortillas, warmed

Directions

1. Place chicken in a large reseal able plastic bag and add salad dressing - seal bag and turn to coat.
2. Refrigerate for 4 hours, turning several times.
3. Drain and discard marinade.
4. In a large nonstick skillet, sauté chicken in oil for 3 minutes. Add the asparagus, peppers, corn and onion.
5. Cook and stir for 7 minutes or until the chicken juices run clear and vegetables are crispender.
6. Stir in the lemon juice, garlic salt and pepper.

*Serve with tortillas

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Small Fry Adventures

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

Mothers and fathers usher their children through the doors as Amanda Maher, Small Fry Director, and volunteer staff members greet them. The Small Fry generally has eight to 12 children, all ages infant through four, to watch at a time and has had as few as two. But during LDS week at PTC, the numbers were between 40 and 50.

“Weeks like this are really chaotic, but it is so rewarding to see them having fun and playing with each other,” said Maher. A standard schedule includes a group photo, indoor and outdoor playtime, handicraft, circle song time, snacks, a movie and nap, and even pony rides.

In the past, Maher babysat her two younger cousins frequently and really enjoyed it. She is a psychology major and is interested in interacting with the kids she watches in order to find



Gabriel plays with other children on Monday, July 9, in Small Fry at PTC. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

what works for them.

Some of the children do just fine when their parent leaves, but others start crying immediately. For Maher, it breaks her heart, but it also leads to the most job satisfaction when those children begin to enjoy themselves. She says that often, by the end of the week those children do not want to go home.

Michelle Barrentine works in the Camping Headquarters main office as a payroll clerk and gave up one of her days off to go work with the children.

“She wears many hats,” said co-worker Vicky Harper, CHQ Transportation Coordinator.

It appears that is true both at work and on her off days as Barrentine rocked babies and read stories to calm the children who missed their parents.

Ordinarily, the Small Fry works on a rotation. Maher is always there and group leaders who work with the older kids at PTC rotate in to help with the younger group. During the first two weeks of July however, it is overcrowded and more help is needed. Aside from Barrentine, staff members from the Ranger Office, Services, News & Photo Services, as well as many others have stepped forward to lend a hand.

Parents usually leave a full diaper bag of backpack for their children so that the staff can make the child feel more at home. In case of emergencies, the Small Fry center is fully stocked with diapers, wipes, snacks, water bottles, cups, cribs, rocking chairs, and more than enough toys to go around.

Andrea Watson, Associate Director of Program at PTC, and Maher are excited for new playground equipment, which is expected to arrive this week.



A little girl plays with foam blocks on Monday, July 9, in Small Fry at PTC. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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94 minutes

Ray Romano, Denis Leary and John Leguizamo
7:10

The Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13)

136 minutes

Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Rhys Ifans
2:25

The Amazing Spider-Man 3-D (PG-13)

136 minutes

Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Rhys Ifans
6:55

Katy Perry: Part of Me 3-D (PG)

93 minutes

Katy Perry
2:20, 4:50, 7:25

Savages (R)

131 minutes

Blake Lively, Taylor Kitsch and Aaron Johnson
2:10, 4:45, 7:20

Ted (R)

106 minutes

Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis and Seth MacFarlane
2:30, 4:55, 7:30

Magic Mike (R)

110 minutes

Channing Tatum and Matthew McConaughey
2:00, 4:30, 7:00

Brave (PG)

100 minutes

Kelly MacDonald, Billy Connolly and Emma Thompson
2:15, 4:40, 7:15

50 year anniversary of the Rolling Stones

Associated Press

The Rolling Stones is marking its half-century with no letup in its productivity or rock 'n' roll style. The Stones have sold more than 200 million records, with hits including "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," "Street Fighting Man" and "You Can't Always Get What You Want. But in recent years much of their income has come from touring. Their last global tour, "A Bigger Bang," earned more than half a billion dollars between 2005 and 2007. And as they enter their sixth decade, more live shows are on the way.

Bonnie and Clyde Guns to be Auctioned

MSN.com

FBI files say Bonnie and Clyde met in Texas in 1930 and were believed to have committed 13 murders and several robberies and burglaries by the time they died. Law enforcement officials were among their victims. The duo became infamous as they traveled across America's Midwest and South, holding up banks and stores with other gang members. Nearly 80 years later, the guns and other items connected to the infamous gangsters, Bonnie and Clyde, will be going up for auction in New Hampshire on Sept. 30. Bonnie kept a Colt .38-caliber revolver close, while Clyde preferred a .45-caliber pistol from the same maker. An auction official estimated Thursday that each Bonnie and Clyde weapon could bring between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Viacom vs Direct TV

CNN.com

As the dispute between Viacom and DirecTV continues, the conglomerate yanked access to some of its more popular programming that was (previously) available free on company websites. This is sure to further anger the 20 million DirecTV subscribers who continue to find a dark screen when they change the channel to Viacom-owned nets like Nick, MTV, Comedy Central and VH1.

Sylvester Stallone's son Found Dead at 36

WENN

Sylvester Stallone's son Sage, has been found dead in his Hollywood apartment. The cause of death is still unknown. Sage made his acting debut alongside his father in 1990's Rocky V but turned down the chance to reprise his role as the movie boxer's son, Robert Balboa, in 2006 movie Rocky Balboa. He also starred opposite his father in 1996's movie "Daylight."

Charlie Sheen Quits Twitter

Kathleen Perricone, Yahoo.com

Charlie Sheen has decided to pull the plug on his Twitter account and nearly eight million followers. He doesn't feel he's "getting anything out of" the social network. "Trust me when I say please 'follow' me to my next endeavor," he said. "It's gonna be epic."

Team USA, Made in China

Steve Del, Fox Sports

The US Olympic Committee officially unveiled the threads Team USA will be wearing during the Opening and Closing Ceremony Parade at the London Olympics this summer. While they were designed in America by the famous Ralph Lauren himself, the US athletes will be covered in head to toe with garments and accessories that are labeled "Made in China." Many are shocked that the uniform manufacturing was outsourced. "Why shouldn't we have pride not only in the American athletes, but in the American manufacturers and laborers who are the backbone of our country?" asked US Fashion Designer Nanette Lepore.

Michael Clarke Duncan Suffers Heart Attack

Associated Press

"The Green Mile" star Michael Clarke Duncan has been hospitalized in Los Angeles after suffering a heart attack. The 54-year-old actor "suffered a myocardial infarction" and he's expected to make a full recovery. Besides "The Green Mile," Duncan appeared in the films "The Scorpion King," "Armageddon," "Breakfast of Champions," "The Whole Nine Yards" and "Sin City."

American Idol Needs New Judges

Associated Press

Mariah Carey, Celine Dion and Mary J. Blige are among the heady names being tossed around as potential judges for "American Idol" after Steven Tyler and Jennifer Lopez skipped out on next season. Lopez announced her departure on Friday, a day after Tyler said he was leaving "American Idol" to concentrate on his role as Aerosmith's front man. Both appeared for two seasons.

Movies Coming out July 20

The Well-Digger's Daughter (NR)

The Queen of Versailles (PG)

The Dark Knight (PG-13)

Grassroots (R)

*may not be shown in Storyteller Cinema 7

Local and Regional

Albuquerque Isotope

The Isotopes only played two games this week, a 7-0 victory and a 1-2 loss against Nashville. Three out of four games against Nashville were postponed to be played at a later date. The Pacific Coast League defeated the International League 3-0 in Buffalo, New York on July 11.

Baseball

By Associated Press

The National League rode a 5-run first inning to an 8-0 victory over the American League. Giants Melky Cabrera scored a run in the first, and homered in the fourth inning to earn MVP honors. Braves Chipper Jones singled in his final All-Star at-bat. The NL pitching staff combined to allow six AL hits, as they earned the league home field advantage in the World Series.

Mixed Martial Arts

By UFC.com

UFC 149; July 21; Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Fight Card: Main Event- Interim Bantamweight Championship: Urijah Faber vs. Renan Barao; Cheick Kongo vs. Shawn Jordan; Hector Lombard vs. Tim Boetsch; Chris Clements vs. Matt Riddle; Brian Ebersole vs. James Head; Mitch Clarke vs. Anton Kuivanen.

Colorado Rockies

Carlos Gonzalez was the only Rockies player in the All-Star game. He was the designated hitter and went 0 for 2 at the plate, before being replaced by Matt Holiday in the fourth. The Rockies lost their first series after the All-Star break, winning 1 of 3 against the Phillies. The Rockies have a three game series against the Padres starting today and then a three game series against the Diamondbacks.

Mixed Martial Arts

By UFC.com

The first flyweight title in UFC history will be decided on Sept. 22, when Demetrious “Mighty Mouse” Johnson will take on Joseph Benavidez. Benavidez is 16-2, with both of his losses coming against bantamweight champion Dominick Cruz. Johnson is 15-2, and had to defeat Ian McCall to earn his place in the title fight.

Golf

By ESPN.com

The best golfers in the world are competing for the golf’s oldest championship, The British Open. This year taking place at Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club in St. Annes, England, the players will have to face one of the toughest tests in golf, dealing with harsh winds and deep bunkers to earn the Claret Jug. The tournament continues today, tomorrow and Sunday.

NASCAR

By ESPN.com

KaseyKahnegothissecondSprint Cup Series Victory at Loudon due to a miscommunication between Denny Hamlin and his crew chief. Kahne took the lead during the 240th lap, while Hamlin got four of his tires changed instead of the two he asked for.

National Sports

Baseball Standings

American League				
AL East	W	L	GB	
Yankees	54	34	-	
Orioles	46	42	8	
Rays	46	43	8.5	
Red Sox	45	44	9.5	
Blue Jays	45	44	9.5	
AL Central				
White Sox	49	39	-	
Indians	46	43	3.5	
Tigers	45	43	4	
Royals	38	49	10.5	
Twins	36	52	13	
AL West				
Rangers	54	35	-	
Angels	49	40	5	
A's	46	43	8	
Mariners	37	53	17.5	

National League

NL East	W	L	GB	
Nationals	51	35	-	
Braves	49	39	3	
Mets	46	43	4.5	
Marlins	42	46	10	
Phillies	39	51	14	
NL Central				
Reds	50	38	-	
Pirates	49	39	1	
Cardinals	46	43	4.5	
Brewers	42	46	8	
Cubs	36	52	14	
Astros	33	56	17.5	
NL West				
Giants	49	40	-	
Dodgers	48	42	1.5	
Diamondbacks	42	46	6.5	
Padres	36	54	13.5	
Rockies	34	54	14.5	

ESPYS

By ESPN.com

Lebron James finally has an NBA title, and that led to four awards at this year’s ESPYs. James won Male Athlete of the Year, Championship Performance of the Year, NBA player of the year and was honored with his teammates as the Miami Heat won Best Team of the Year. The Arthur Ashe Courage award went to Pat Summitt, who revealed her diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer’s last August. She retired in April after coaching University of Tennessee women’s basketball for 38 years.

Basketball

By Associated Press

Team USA basketball crushed the Dominican Republic 113-59 on July 12. Thunder’s Kevin Durant scored a team high 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Blake Griffin injured his knee and is not out of the Olympics. His replacement, Hornet’s Rookie Anthony Davis, scored nine points in ten minutes off the bench. The team faced Brazil on July 16 and will head to Europe for three games before the Olympics.

Football

By Associated Press

Drew Brees became a rich man on July 13 when he reportedly signed a new five-year, \$100 million contract with the New Orleans Saints. It is reported the he will receive \$60 million guaranteed, which would be an NFL record for guaranteed money. He will receive \$40 million in the first year of his contract. The contract will keep Brees in New Orleans until he is 38 years old. He set the single-season record for passing yards in a season last year.

World

NBC, Facebook Organize Olympics Deal

By The Huffington Post

NBC says it will collaborate with Facebook for new features designed to promote the upcoming Olympics in London with social media users.

The companies said Wednesday that an NBC Olympics page on Facebook will feature exclusive content and images. A Facebook timeline app by NBC Olympics will allow Facebook users to share material from the contests with their friends.

Afghanistan Civil War Unlikely, Officials Claim

By The Huffington Post

Moderate Taliban figures have expressed interest in the fragile peace process, the outgoing U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan said Thursday, referring to a deal that appears even more elusive with this summer's rash of suicide attacks and bombings.

Ryan Crocker, who is retiring a year earlier than expected, also said he thinks it's unlikely that the departure of most foreign troops by 2014 will plunge the country into another civil war or prompt a precipitous economic slide.

"I tend to consider those unlikely scenarios," Crocker told The Associated Press in an interview at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

Red Cross Declares Syrian Conflict to be Civil War

By Associated Press

Syria's 16-month bloodbath crossed an important symbolic threshold Sunday as the international Red Cross formally declared the conflict a civil war, a status with implications for potential war crimes prosecutions.

Swedish Billionaire's Son Arrested After U.S.-born Wife Found Dead

By CNN News

The son of one of the world's wealthiest men is under arrest in London after the body of his American-born wife was found in their home this week, her death unexplained. Police stumbled into the mystery Monday, when they arrested Hans Kristian Rausing on drug charges.

A search of his home in one of London's most expensive neighborhoods turned up the body of his wife, Eva, spurring police to arrest him again in connection with the death.

Two More Found Dead in Mont Blanc Avalanche

By The Huffington Post

Two more climbers have died on Mont Blanc following the deaths of nine people last week in a massive avalanche, rescue crews in Italy and France said Sunday.

An Italian Alpine rescue team military official said the bodies of a Polish woman and Spanish man were found 4,400 meters (14,436 feet) up on the Dome du Gouter peak on the Italian-French border Saturday night after spending more than 24 hours in a snow hole. Rescue services said the man and woman had been climbing a massive avalanche on one of Mont Blanc's most popular routes, Mont Maudit, killed nine climbers and injured 14 others on Thursday.

Mont Blanc is western Europe's highest peak at 15,782 feet (4,810 meters).

Florida To Use Database To Challenge Voter Legitimacy

By CNN News

Florida election officials will have access to a federal law enforcement database to challenge the eligibility of a person to vote as part of its effort to purge non-citizens from its voting rolls, state officials said.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will allow state officials access to the SAVE -- Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements -- database in an agreement that was announced Saturday by Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner and the Florida Department of State.

Obama Says "No Apology" to Romney Over Bain Attacks

By Associated Press

Mitt Romney's campaign said Sunday that President Barack Obama is willing to say anything to win a second term and should say he's sorry for attacks on the Republican's successful career at a private equity firm. "No, we will not apologize," the president responded, adding that if Romney wants credit for his business leadership, he also needs to take responsibility.

Space Workers Struggle a Year After Last Shuttle

By Associated Press

A year after NASA ended the three-decade-long U.S. space shuttle program, thousands of formerly well-paid engineers and other workers around the Kennedy Space Center are still struggling to find jobs to replace the careers that flourished when shuttles blasted off from the Florida "Space Coast." Some found lower-paying jobs beneath their technical skills that allowed them to stay are still looking for work and cutting back on things like driving and utilities.

National

Governors put off Health Care Questions for now

By Associated Press

Millions of uninsured people may have to wait until after Election Day to find out if and how they can get coverage through President Barack Obama's health care law.

More than two weeks after the Supreme Court gave the green light to Obama's signature legislative achievement, many governors from both parties said they haven't decided how their states will proceed on two parts under their control: an expansion of Medicaid, expected to extend coverage to roughly 15 million low-income people, and new insurance exchanges, projected to help an additional 15 million or so purchase private insurance.

NY Suit vs. Strauss-Kahn Revisits Dismissed Case

By Associated Press

A year after the criminal case accusing Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexually assaulting a hotel maid started to crumble, it's getting renewed scrutiny in her lawsuit over the encounter. Legally, the ongoing lawsuit and the now-dismissed criminal charges are separate realms. But both sides have recently invoked the criminal case as they seek to strengthen their stances in the civil case.

'Gentleman's Agreement' actress Celeste Holm Dies

By CNN.com

Oscar-winning actress Celeste Holm died at her home in New York on Sunday at the age of 95, her niece, Amy Phillips, confirmed.

Holm, a star of the Broadway stage and movies, was admitted to New York's Roosevelt Hospital a week ago, but her husband took her home to her Manhattan home on Friday, Phillips said. She died peacefully in her sleep.

Holm won the best supporting actress Academy Award for "Gentleman's Agreement" in 1947. She was nominated for the same honor in 1949 for "Come to the Stable" and 1950 for "All about Eve," according to the Academy database.

Man Uncovers Car 42 Years After Theft

By Associated Press

A Texas man whose prized sports car was stolen 42 years ago recovered the vehicle in California after spotting it on eBay, authorities said Sunday.

Robert Russell told the Los Angeles County sheriff's officials that he had never given up searching for the 1967 Austin Healy after it was stolen from his Philadelphia home in 1970.

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Chaplain's Corner: Picturing Heaven

By Fr. Mark Carr, S.J.
Chaplain

Psalm 23 is a favorite spiritual reading of many people: "The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside restful waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my foes. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

We each have our own image of Heaven. Philmont—which we sing of as "God's country"—might be one. Psalm 23 gives us four images of Heaven, of God's kingdom. What's important in these images of God's Kingdom aren't the physical descriptions, but how they speak to our hearts.

Verdant pastures surface feelings of being alive, fresh and free. Restful waters are images of peacefulness, calmness and relaxation. A house protects us, and keeps us warm, safe and secure.

These feelings are what the Kingdom of God is about. They come about from, and are the result of, being in right relationship with God.

How do we get there? Getting into the right relationship with God isn't something that happens magically; we have to work at it. Psalm 23 tells us God guides us but we have to follow.

Some good news for us is that we don't have to look far for God. We just need to look deep inside ourselves, deep down in our hearts. That's easier than it sounds because most of our hearts aren't as healthy as they could be. They're packed with jealousy, envy, grudges, anger, selfishness, greed and apathy.



Father Mark Carr. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

This isn't what God desires for us.

Before heading into the mountains, every Philmont camper goes through a shake-down. A Ranger goes through everyone's personal gear and usually advises leaving several items behind. Travel lightly; don't burden yourselves. In addition to the material things we carry around in our lives, it's important to do a shake-down of the intangibles we carry, of our attitudes and ways of thinking. Shake down the negative reputations we pin on others. Leave behind your anger, envy and apathy. These things weigh down our hearts and prevent us from being in a right relationship

with God and others.

Our challenge is to get rid—to let go—of those attitudes that harden our hearts.

We do this through the uncomfortable process of forgiving and allowing others to mature and grow, to not be confined to our opinions of them, by forgiving ourselves for our mistakes and allowing God's love to seep into our lives by allowing ourselves to change (it's never too late!).

Only then, will we find the freedom, rest, joy, peace, security and liveliness of God's Kingdom that he desires for each one of us.



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The Wild Within

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

Odocoileus hemionus

They run through Base Camp and across trails. They can leap a fence in a single bound. What are they? Mule deer also called *Odocoileus hemionus* in the scientific community.

They are known as mule deer due to their large, mule like ears. They are tan with a white rump and tail with a black tip.

Well adapted to living in the desert regions of the West, these deer forage on a wide variety of plants. According to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, they eat mesquite leaves and beans, fairy duster, jojoba, cat claw, buck bush and other shrubs and grasses.

They generally stand at about 3 to 4 feet at the shoulder and weigh between 150 to 250 pounds.

Philmont has many mule deer. During the summer they appear abundant, but during the off season they are fair game.

Philmont allows for the hunting of deer, bear, turkey, elk, antelope and cougar. In order to regulate populations to maintain the carrying capacity of the land, there are restrictions as to how much hunting can occur. The state sets some limits while Philmont itself sets others.

As for mule deer, Philmont only takes 20 deer hunters, and thus only 20 deer are killed a year in the off-season. The state allows

120 to be killed. It is a four day guided hunt and the meat that is taken is kept by the hunters.

Philmont full time employees get training to become hunting guides, and on some occasions are able to take part in the hunt.

In order to secure a hunt, the local BSA council gives a list of select hunters recommended to Philmont. Philmont then extends an invitation to those hunters, thus ensuring a quality hunt.

Another animal that is in the same family as the mule deer, family Cervidae, are the elk also called wapiti or *Cervus canadensis*. These may be found all over Philmont property.

To hunt bull elk, one must receive an invitation. All hunters pay the fees to hunt on Philmont property, which helps with the bottom line. They only take 36 hunters for bull elk, however, one of the benefits given to full time employees is that each family may take one cow elk per season.

While it seems contradictory, hunting is a vital part of keeping species alive and thriving. If an area is over-populated then there is more competition and thus less food for the population as a whole. In order to maintain the wildlife at Philmont, hunting is essential.



RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

“We live in a wild world, yet act as captives. I instead hope to hold the world captive by exposing the wild within it.”

Beverly Ponterio

If you have a cool wildlife encounter whilst hiking in the backcountry or around Base Camp, please come by the News and Photo office and ask for Beverly. We'd love to share it in our next issue if possible.



RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Owen's Corner: Pro-Scouting Interest Reception and Informational Interviews

By Owen McCulloch,
Associate Director of Program



Owen McCulloch. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
MANAGER

Pro-Scouting Interest Reception and Informational Interviews are next week – Thursday, July 26, 6 PM, Villa Philmonte 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 person 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 Wednesday, July 25 and Thursday, July 26, staff interested in learning more about professional Scouting can schedule a one-hour time to meet with Joaquin Blanco, Employment Specialist from the BSA National Office. Mr. Blanco will spend approximately one hour with each interested individual, offering them insights into professional Scouting careers. To schedule a time with Joaquin Blanco, contact Jo Duran, 575-376-1142, who will reserve a time for you.

On Thursday, July 26, 6:00 PM, there is a reception 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 CEO's 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 and cannot meet with Mr. Blanco, 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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100th Year Anniversary of Eagle Scout Award

By Garret Franklyn
Staff Writer

There were 847,817 Boy Scouts in 2011. Of them, only 51,473 reached the rank of Eagle Scout.

They will join the ranks of Academy Award-winning Director Steven Spielberg, astronaut Neil Armstrong, 38th U.S. President Gerald Ford, and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

They will also join two million other Scouts who have claimed the rank since it was first awarded to Arthur Eldred in 1912.

Now, the 100-year anniversary creeps around the corner,

“Even people who don’t know much about the Boy Scouts of America can tell you about an Eagle Scout,” said Bill Steele, Director of Alumni Relations

at the National Eagle Scout Association. “It’s so well known. It’s iconic. It’s a part of the fabric of America. It’s like apple pie.”

Through the years, little has changed. The Eagle medal may have grown more prim and proper, and the badge more colorful and clean, but the core values of leadership and hard word remain the same.

“It’s given me a better insight on how actual leadership works,” said Albert Germann, 19, an Eagle Scout and Philmont staff member from Hummerstown, Penn. “Working with people, you have to do that your entire life.”

Germann, who is a photographer at the Ranch, helped design and build a gravel walkway for his church. The project made it easier to access the church’s pavilion, especially

helping the disabled and elderly.

“It [the project] seemed like a good idea,” he continued. “I thought it would be a good idea to gain more leadership skills.”

For most would-be Eagle Scouts, the community service project is the capstone for years of Scouting. The skills learned from each merit badge surfaces again in organizing the project, which must be to the benefit of any religious organization or any school or community. The Scout must learn how to organize his fellow Scouts to complete the project.

But leadership isn’t the only thing gained. Before even imagining the service project, a Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required and range from First Aid and Citizenship to Personal

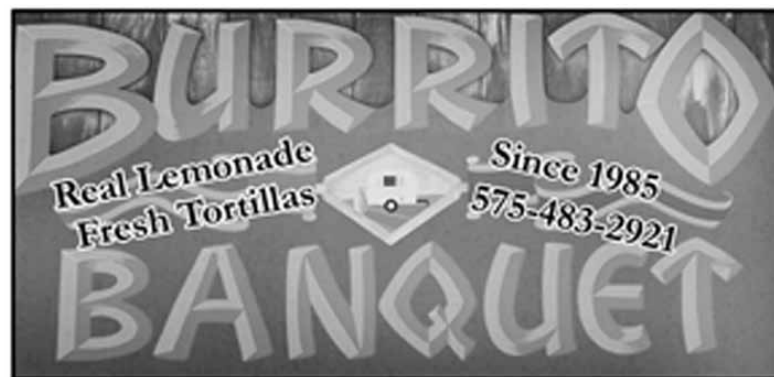
Management and Personal Fitness. They also have to progress through the Boy Scout’s five ranks and hold a leadership position for six months.

“It says a lot about them [the Scouts] to set a goal and complete it,” Steele said. “This is a mighty

good credential to have.”

And like the then-17-year-old Eldred, who found out about his Eagle award in a letter in August of 1912, hundreds more will continue to earn the award.

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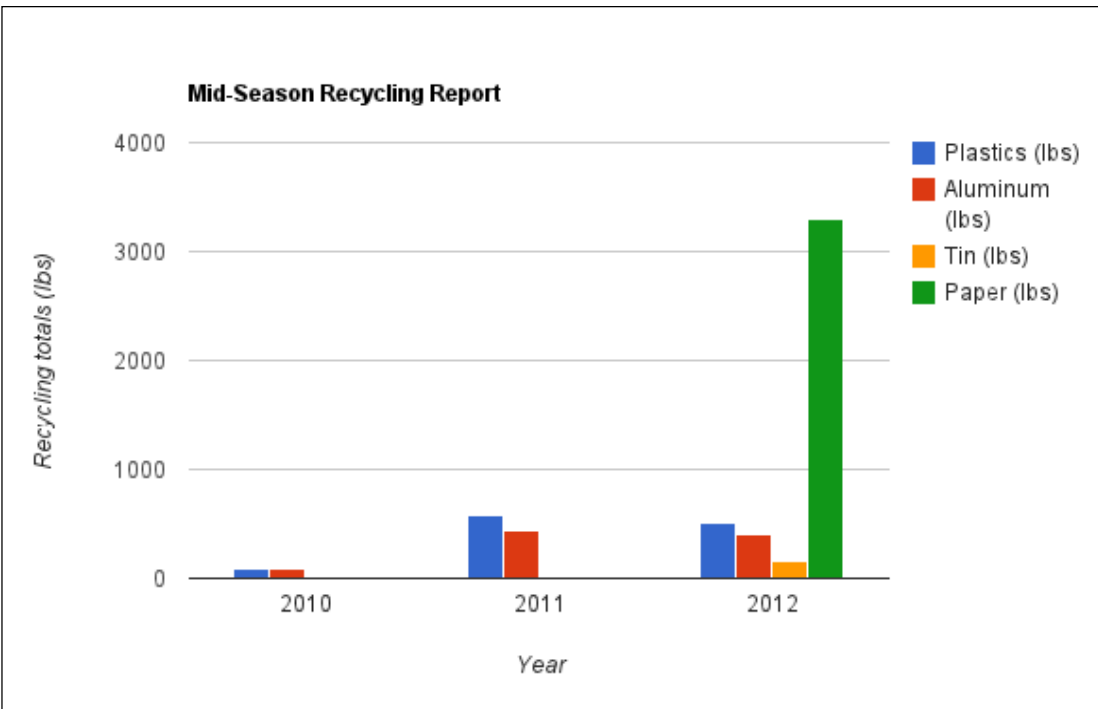
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Philmont Recycling Totals

Plastic (1 & 2): 16 cubic yards or 512 lbs
 Aluminum: 5.33 cubic yards or 400 lbs
 Tin: 1 cubic yard or 150 lbs
 Paper: 8.7 cubic yards or 3300 lbs
 Cardboard: 19 tons



This figure represents the current statistics of Philmont recycling. Philmont is right on track to meet last year's totals.

Recycling How-To

Mixed Paper: Mixed paper includes office paper, junk mail, newspaper, magazines, and similar materials, however, this does not include phonebooks or paperboard (the kind of paper that a cereal box is made of). The quality of these materials is too low to be accepted by the recycling facility in Raton and will have to be sorted out before delivery. For the time being, the Sustainability Team will be making weekly rounds on Wednesdays to pick up paper from your bins.

Corrugated Cardboard: In addition to corrugated cardboard (layered cardboard with the wave in the middle), this includes brown paper bags. These materials are designed to be very strong and are generally a higher quality material than the papers listed above, so they should be kept separate from mixed paper.

Please take these materials to one of the two cardboard trailers (located behind the CHQ and PTC dining halls). If you work at Administration and have a small quantity of cardboard, just place it next to your paper bin, and the Sustainability Team will pick it up with the paper.

Plastic and Aluminum: Philmont can recycle only bottles of #1 and #2 plastics (with caps removed), but we can take all #5 plastics. Bottles are constructed out of polymers of greater length allowing them to be recycled. The plastic type is generally located on the bottom of the container. All plastics can be collected into the same bin. Aluminum cans, foil or pans should be collected in a separate bin if not otherwise specified on bin. Please ensure that all aluminum and plastic recyclables are clean and empty. Dirty recyclables not only reduce the quality of the material, but are

also a bear, varmint, and insect attractant when stored outside. If you have been taking out your own plastic and aluminum, please continue your efforts. Otherwise, the Sustainability Team will collect these materials during our Wednesday rounds. Also keep in mind that the Alley Cat Recycling Trailer (located between Camper Tent City, Services, and NPS) is always open for #1 and #2 plastic bottles (NO #5s—these must be sorted out) and aluminum, so if you get that recycling itch, feel free to pay it a visit.

Trail Meal Bags: Trail meal bags can be taken to either the blue recycling bins behind the commissary, blue bear boxes behind the Backcountry Warehouse, or for small amounts to the receptacle near the equipment check-in window of Services. Please make sure all trail meal bags are clean and free

of trash. Dirty or trash-filled bags cannot be recycled and must be sorted out.

Batteries and Cellphones: If you have batteries or cell phones to recycle, please contact Electrician Paul Behrendsen, ext. 1292.

Ink and Toner Cartridges: Take all empty ink and toner cartridges to Merchandise Warehouse when you order replacements.

Attention Backcountry Drivers: There are two destinations for backcountry recycling. The blue dumpsters behind Commissary are the primary location, and we ask that you take all backcountry recycling here if possible. If necessary, you can bring the recycling to the blue bear boxes behind Backcountry Warehouse. Both trail meal bags and bags of other recyclables can be deposited into the bins at both of

these locations.

Thank you all for your help and cooperation this summer with recycling. The more people we have involved, the more successful Philmont's recycling program will be and the more waste we'll divert from the landfill. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to contact the sustainability team by email (Philmont.Sustainability@scouting.org) or phone at the Conservation office, ext. 1249.

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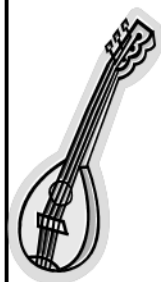
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Visiting Singer/Songwriter

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer



Former Philmont staff member Tom Munch entertains a crowd with his music on Monday, July 9, in the staff dining hall. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

“What is life? It is the flash of the firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow that runs across the grass, and loses itself in the sunset.”

Singer/Songwriter Tom Munch played at the Staff Dining Hall on July 9. He played a variety of songs, from “Wildlands” to “Ad #3”.

Munch played several songs with Joshua Standard, Camp Director at Clarks Fork and member of “Halfway to Heaven”. They even played their own version of the popular song “Hallelujah”.

Munch was a Ranger from 1978 and ’79, then worked at French Henry and Beaubien the next two years. He enjoys coming back to Philmont.

“Waking up on the Baldy Saddle on Rayado, rocking to Burn Meadow at Beaubien, sitting in Wildhorse Meadow by Clear Creek or running off Phillips in a lightning storm with a crew,” Munch said. “Hiking with a 90 pound pack to Phillips non-stop with watermelon and

soda for a crew with my guitar strapped to my back. A lot of good memories.”

Munch hasn’t been in the backcountry since his time working at Philmont, but base camp has changed a lot since his time here. He would like to go into the backcountry again.

He plays a blend of Southwest, Folk and Jazz. He got a degree from the University of Nebraska, but spent a lot of time New Mexico, listening to Southwest and Texas two-step. He has been inspired by many artists including John Denver, James Taylor and The Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

“We would do a lot of driving over to hear good music in Taos, [and] listen to two-step music,” Munch said.

He has 10 albums and it shows through his songs that Philmont has inspired his music. From songs like “Leavin’ Beaubien” and “High on a Mountaintop”, Philmont has had a lasting impact on Munch. He attributes a lot of his music to the time he spent at Philmont and

what he learned while he was here.

A lot of the songs he plays remind him of Philmont, including a song he performed called “Early Summer Rain”.

“I can remember so many great memories like being up at Miranda and watching the rain move in over the meadow or being up in Beaubien and seeing it start to move in,” Munch said. “Or being on top of the Tooth or Baldy and there is lightning coming in and you are running off the side as fast as you can.”

Munch draws a lot of inspiration from his songs from Philmont.

“I was exposed to a lot of other music over the years, but the stuff that I learned when I was here in this area are the ones that have stuck with me over the years,” Munch said. “It’s the reason I do most of the stuff I do.”

Munch has all of his albums available for purchase on iTunes, Amazon and on his website, tommunch.com.

PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarship

The Philmont Staff Association Seasonal Staff Scholarship program has steadily grown over the past five years. More money for college expenses have been awarded each year, and more staff have submitted applications for these funds. Both trends continued last summer. Ninety-eight summer staff applied for the PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarships in 2011. Thanks to our members' generosity, the PSA awarded a total of \$34,000 to thirty recipients last year.

The Philmont Staff Association is working hard to make 2012 an even bigger year for the Seasonal Staff Scholarship program. There will be more funds available to use for school expenses. However, you need to apply. Forms are available around the Ranch, including the

Silver Sage Staff Activity Center and the PSA office. Scholarship awards of \$500 for first year staff, \$1,000 for second year staff, and \$1,500 for third year staff will be made for the Fall 2012 – Spring 2013 academic year. Payment of the scholarship are distributed directly to the school. Applications are due August 31, 2012.

Over the past five years, \$96,000 was been awarded to Philmont staff. First-year staff to seasoned veterans, Wranglers to PTC staff to Rangers, freshmen to graduate school students, the Philmont staff has been well represented amongst the scholarship winners. All college and post-secondary education students are encouraged to apply this year.

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Staff Highlight of the Week: International Staff Member Questionnaire

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

Philmont's seasonal staff is comprised of a variety of people from all over the country. In addition to providing summer employment to staff from all areas of the United States, Philmont also employs international staff members. This week the staff feature will highlight the experiences of three staff members.

First is Lungwe Manasseh, a program counselor at Dan Beard from Kabwe, Zambia. Edward "Ted" Cook is a program counselor at the Hunting Lodge and he's from Esher, Surrey. Lastly is Edson Solomon from Jacmel, Haiti who works at the Philmont Training Center. These three staff members responded to a survey sent by the News and Photo Team detailing their experiences here at Philmont.

Q: Is this your first time in America? If yes, what do you think?

Lungwe Manasseh: Yes. America is a good place cause it's totally different from home... It's really a nice place to be/visit. I have liked the places I have visited.

Ted Cook: Nope. I come to the US a fair bit. I still have family in St Louis so unfortunately my experience of America has previously been restricted to Steak n' Shake and Six Flags and sheltered suburban kids.

Edson Solomon: Yes. I think it's for me a good exploration because America is very wonderful.

Q: Have you experienced any culture shock since coming to Philmont? How so?

Edson Solomon: I don't think so. Everything is ok.

Lungwe Manasseh: The kind of food and cooking, women driving big trucks and buses, most men working in the dining hall.

Ted Cook: Only the sheer amount of bacon that is consumed and the distinct lack of tea. I love tea (coffee doesn't quite cut it). Also the scale of the BSA, we have scouting in the UK but it is nowhere near as widespread or comprehensive which is a shame, some of the hooligans in the UK could really do well with scouting – but mainly the bacon...so much bacon...

Q: Is there anything similar to Philmont in your home country? Can you please

describe how it compares to Philmont?

Ted Cook: Definitely not. It is near impossible to find this much open land in the UK. Besides that, camping laws are remarkably strict. Across the pond in Sweden though they have super relaxed camping laws so a lot of outdoors people go to Sweden and Norway to get their fix.

Edson Solomon: When I observe Philmont, I see there is anything similar (to Philmont) in my home country: big mountains, the blue sky with a brilliant sun and a lot of trees. It's the same.

Lungwe Manasseh: Everything is different compared from back home; the administration work is mostly done by one-man show. When it's camping time like



Staff member Eddie Toro (left) hails from Puerto Rico. Edson Solomon is from Haiti. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

summer holidays, camps are limited because of lack of tents and other facilities to manage everyone in camp.

Q: What are your impressions of Philmont?

Lungwe Manasseh: I have liked Philmont and I wish to come back again in the next summer 'cause I have learned some leadership skills from my CD and my fellow staff members at Dan Beard. I feel this is the place where real Scouting is done. I believe Philmont programs are changing every youngster who come up here... as for me it has changed me physically and mentally ...and I thank you Philmont and the Dan Beard crew.

Ted Cook: Love it. Second year here and I plan on coming back as many years as I can...I just love coming out here as

a change of scenery as well as re-kindling old friendships and starting new ones.

Edson Solomon: I'm under impression that Philmont is the right place for all Boy Scouts to do experiences if it is possible. And I remark Philmont has possibility to receive anybody with whatever capacity.

Q: Do you have anything to add about your job or your experiences at Philmont?

Ted Cook: I love the attention my accent gets. I have to put up with being just another average Joe back home but here it's awesome. I've also been confused for Australian, Irish, South African, Scottish, New Zealand-ish and Welsh. It also makes me chuckle when people say "OOO I've heard you on the radio!"

Edson Solomon: In spite

of my problem to explain me very well in English, I'm feeling happy because I work in a nice staff – specially PTC services. I will never regret to be a member at Philmont. I like my job and I like Philmont.

Lungwe Manasseh: I love my job cause it has helped me to interact with different kind of people with different personalities. Whatever I have learned I'll apply it when I go home. I'll use every leadership skill I have now and teach my fellow Scouts back home.



Staff member Greg Dunbar rappels down a rock face on Monday, July 2 at Dean Cow. CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



A program counselor befriends a chicken on Friday, July 6 at Rich Cabins. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



A wrangler brushes a horse as part of the morning routine for the ranch department on Wednesday July 11. AL GERMANN/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



A timber rattlesnake prepares to strike on Wednesday, July 11. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



A rabbit hides in the grass on Tuesday, July 10 at Ring Place. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER