

# PhilNews

## BSA Executive Transition      Generational Legacy

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**BSA President Wayne Perry chats with Scouts on the trail Sunday, July 15. Perry succeeded Rex Tillerson in May 2012. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

The caravan of white Chevrolet Suburbans pulled away from the Philmont Training Center with the national executives, each heading toward a different destination across the backcountry.

However, it was more than just a day of appraising the camps there. It was also a day to welcome two new members of the Key Three, the highest positions

in Scouting. Wayne Perry and Wayne Brock—collectively known as “the Waynes”—will be assuming the positions of National President and Chief Scout Executive, respectively. Continuing is Tico Perez, the National Commissioner.

“People ask me, ‘When you’re not Chief anymore, what do you hope to be your legacy?’” said Brock, who began

his Scouting career in 1972 and continued through different executive positions across the Southeast.

“And really, I just want to serve kids,” he continued. “As many as we possibly can. We have to do a lot of things in order to win them.”

But for Brock and the Boy Scouts moving forward, winning is tied closely to awareness. The

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**The Anderson family pets bear cubs in February 1999 near Pueblano. Photo courtesy of Linda Anderson.**

Philmont has a history of generational employees. For example, the parents of Clark Fork’s Camp Director Josh Standard and program counselor Lizzy Standard met at Philmont after they had just finished a trek. Here is a look at a few more families that have been employed at Philmont.

### Rod, Ry and Mason Taylor

Rod Taylor has served as head of the Wrangler department at Philmont for many years. Rod’s son Ry Taylor is Camp Director at Crater Lake. Rod’s other son Mason used to work at Philmont and the Training Center.

“...back in the old days people knew who I was, nowadays I’m just Ry’s dad,” Rod said.

“It’s great working at the same place as my dad, granted it’s changed a lot,” Ry said. “But still every bit as fulfilling for me as it is for him.”

Both Ry and Mason grew up at Philmont, with the mountains as their backyard. Mason climbed Baldy when he was five years old, Ry was climbing spar poles at 10, and both were riding horses when they were five. They hiked all over Philmont by themselves when they were old enough to not get into too much trouble.

Growing up at a Scout Camp, both were in Scouts. Rod took them on trips to the Grand Canyon and Northern Tier.

They started helping out at

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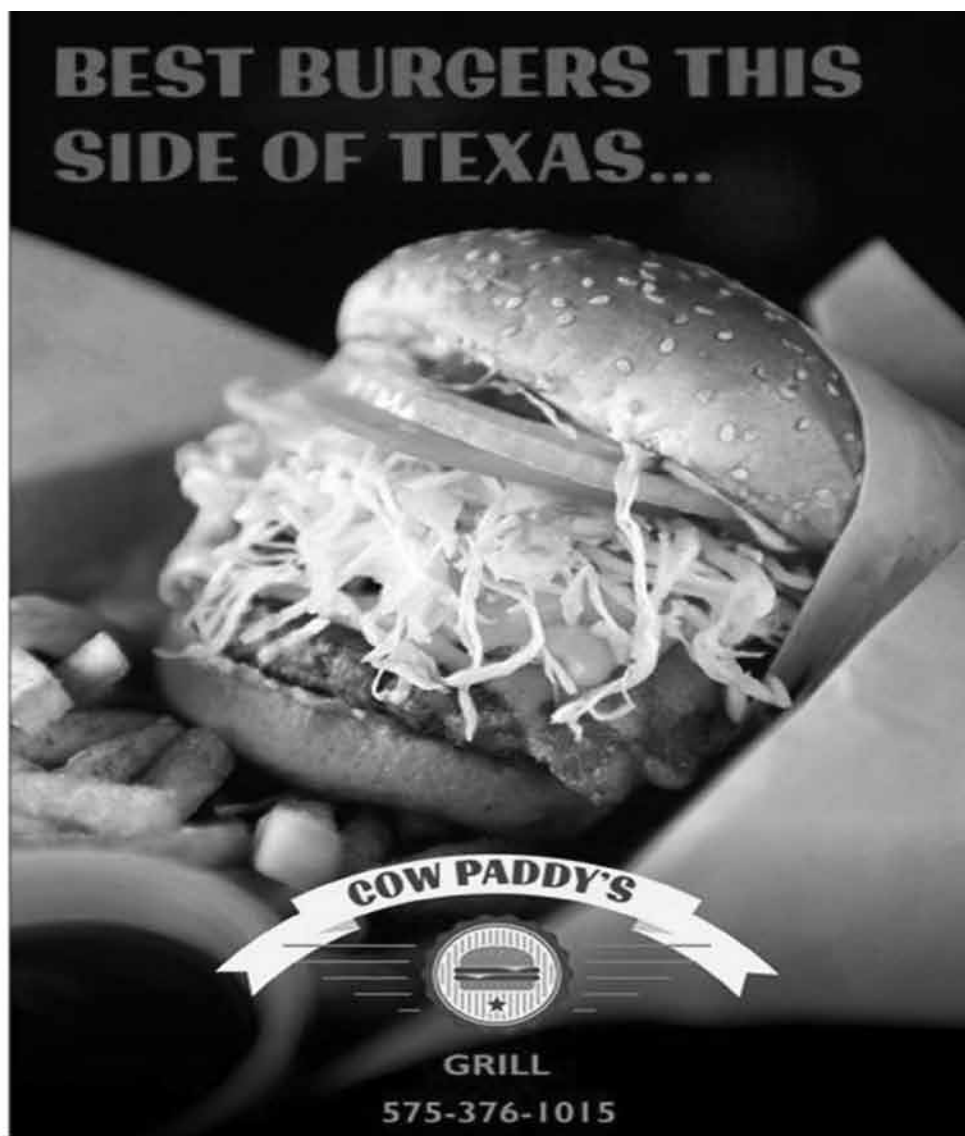
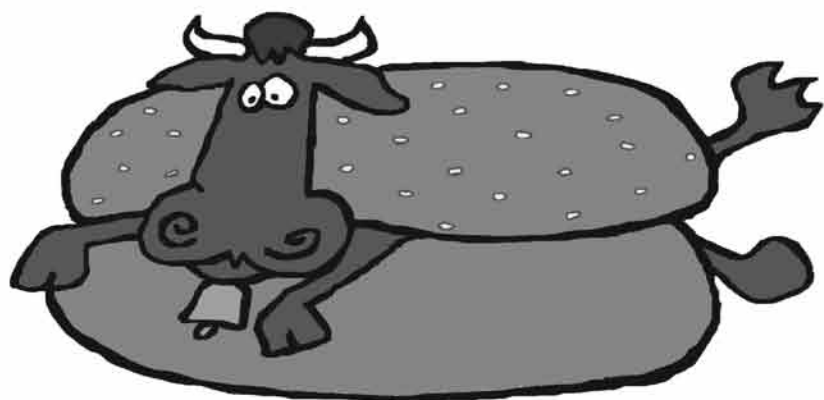
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A copy of the Trail of Courage brochure is available to you at Camping Headquarters and also provides several excellent references where you may obtain additional information and ideas with which to start your journey. See you along the Trail!

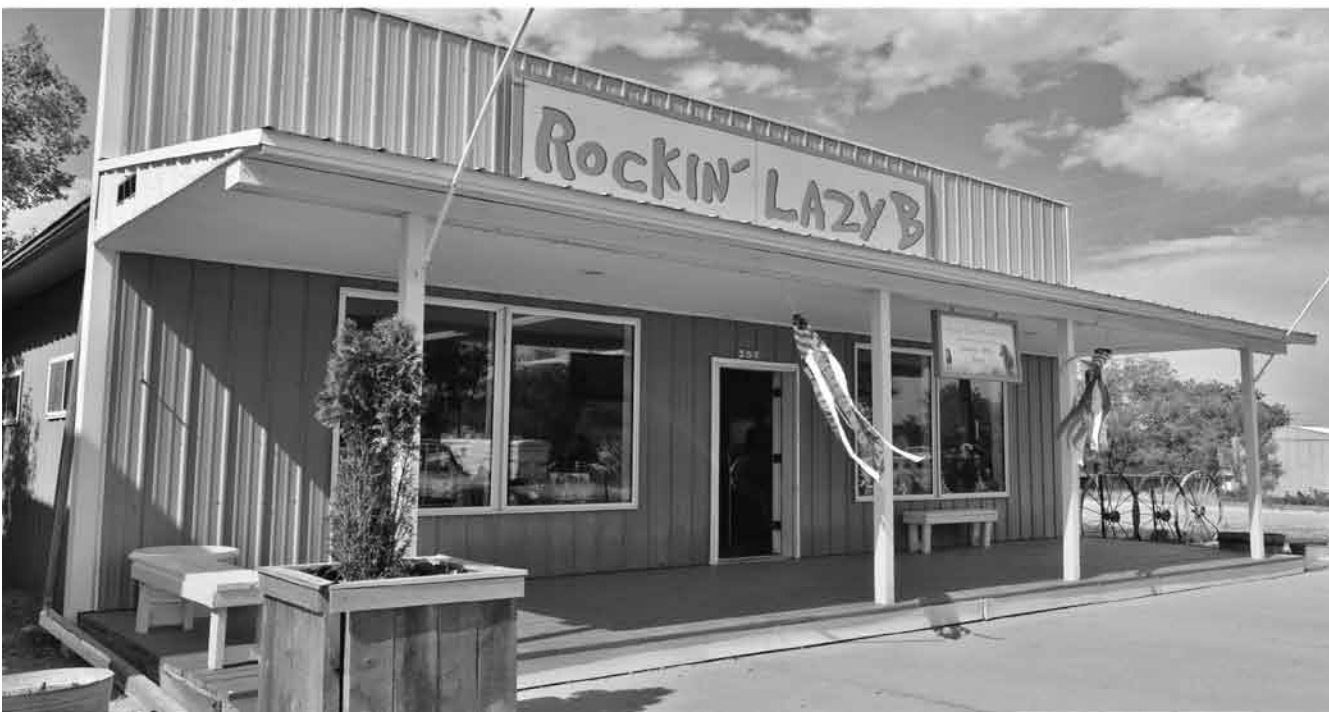
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Location: 301 C East 9th Street Cimarron, NM 87714

This is a new little grill in Cimarron. The menu consists of steaks, fried chicken by the plate or the bucket, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, stuffed baked potatoes, crispy fries, onion rings, nachos, soft tacos, salads, and ice cream! (Shakes and sundaes). Everything is priced to bring in the locals. Come on in!



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# Mark's Minute: Some Thoughts on Excellence



Mark Anderson, Director of Program. SAMANTHA WAIDLER/  
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By Mark Anderson  
Director of Program

Excellence is a way of life, a way of being – not a steady state to be achieved.

“Excellence can be obtained if you: ...care more than others think is wise; ...risk more than others think is safe; ...dream more than other think is practical; ...expect more than others think is possible.”

Asked International Business Machine's legendary CEO Tom Watson how long it took to achieve excellence. He is said to have answered more or less as follows: “A minute. You ‘achieve’ excellence by promising yourself right now that you’ll never again knowingly do anything that’s not excellent – regardless of any pressure to do otherwise by any one or situation.”

- Excellence is the best defense.

- Excellence is the best offense.
- Excellence is the answer in good times.
- Excellence is the answer in tough times.
- Excellence is about the big things.
- Excellence is about the little things.
- Excellence is a relationship.
- Excellence is a philosophy.
- Excellence is an aspiration.
- Excellence is immoderate.
- Excellence is a pragmatic standard.
- Excellence is execution.
- Excellence is selfish.
- Excellence is selfless.
- Excellence is what keeps you awake.
- Excellence is what lets you sleep well.
- Excellence is a moving target.

- Excellence is that which . . . knows no bounds.
- EXCELLENCE. Always.
- If not EXCELLENCE, what?
- If not EXCELLENCE now, when?

Each day of this summer, I hope you have made excellence a way of life. Each participant needs our very best. By putting our personal signature on the job we can make a difference and create meaningful memories. EXCELLENCE. Always.

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Philmont when they were young and became employees when they were old enough. However, they tried to vary from their father.

"I did follow in his footsteps because before he was a Wrangler, he was a PC," Ry said. "But as far as being a cowboy, in my eyes there is no better cowboy than Rod Taylor. So I'm going to master my own field, but if he ever needs a hand on horseback, I'm there."

But Ry did follow in his father's footsteps in one area: music. Both Rod and Ry are musicians and play shows in various venues. Rod said Ry has surpassed him as a musician.

"Shelley O'Neill told me one day somebody came in the Trading Post and bought one of my CDs and walked out the door with it, and [she] got outside and realized she had bought my CD...and went back in and traded my CD for Ry's CD," Rod said.

Rod believes his sons didn't really understand what Philmont was about until they started working here.

"I think they grew up thinking as Philmont as their backyard," Rod said. "It wasn't until they got older and started working on summer staff that I think they

finally got the magic and mystique of Philmont."

**Mark, Linda, Kristen and Carrie Anderson**

14 years ago, Linda Anderson moved to Philmont with Mark and her two daughters, Kirsten and Carrie. Kirsten was in sixth grade and Carrie was in third grade.

Linda worked for several years at the Training Center as a hike leader. She is now in her seventh year working at the Mail Room.

When they first moved to Philmont, Linda was concerned with the education her daughters would receive. But a month after they moved, they were contacted by New Mexico Game and Fish, inviting them to tag along as they went out to gather data for a bear study.

"They were holding these tiny bear cubs in their arms and rocking them to sleep," Linda said. "It's stuff like that we never imagined they would ever get to do, that would never happen anywhere else."

Growing up at Philmont influenced both Carrie and Kirsten to work here. Carrie has worked at Cypher's Mine, Rich Cabins and ROCS and Trail Crew Treks. Kirsten worked in the Ranger Department for five summers.

"I think they have learned to be able to engage anyone in a meaningful way," Linda said. "I think they have really developed those skills and communication skills and leadership skills because they have met and interacted with so many people over the years. It was really neat for them to have all of this in their backyard."

They have done many hikes together as a family, including Mark, Linda and Carrie hiking Mount Philips for Mark's 60th birthday. When Kirsten is back at Philmont this summer, Linda hopes that the family can hike Baldy.

"I can't imagine who either one of them would be if they had grown up anywhere else," Linda said.

**Jim and Margaret Foster, Lee, Angela and Rachel Hadaway**

Jim Foster started working at Philmont in 1964. Margaret started working at Philmont in 1968. They met at Philmont and got married in 1968.

Both are teachers, and both have a love of Philmont.

"Philmont was a great big chunk of our life," Jim said. "I went back because of what Philmont meant to my staff."

"I always felt like if they could go out to Philmont on their own, they can come back in the winter and handle anything," Margaret said. "Our children grew up with the chaplin and doctor's children, friendships that have lasted till today."

The couple had four children. All four worked at Philmont, and three met their spouses at Philmont.

One of these was their daughter Angela. Angela Hadaway worked in the Trading Post, as a Ranger and in the backcountry from 1986 to '90.

Lee Hadaway, her husband, was on staff at Philmont from 1984 to '90 working in the backcountry. They met at Philmont and got married. Philmont has been a special place to both.

"My parents were school teachers and every summer this is where we came," Angela said. "I was born in Springer while they were working here, we were here every summer until Lee and I got married."

Now they have a daughter, Rachel Hadaway, who works at Beaubien. She has been on two mountain treks and ROCS and Trail Crew.

"It means a lot to hold up your family's name but still make a name for yourself," Rachel said.

When she became old enough she applied to work at Philmont. Lee thought she would like to work in the backcountry, and Angela thought she would like working as a Ranger.

"It was her choice, it was something we weren't surprised she was going to do," Angela said. "She's been out here every summer backpacking."

Lee knows that she will learn valuable skills working in the backcountry.

"I like the closeness of the backcountry staffs," Lee said. "I've always told her you have to learn to get along with co-workers out here because when you have a real job, you can go home at the end of the day. But you can't do that when you work at Beaubien."

When recounting their best memories at Philmont, Lee and Angela agree it was when they met each other. They have been married 22 years and they still plan on coming back to Philmont whenever they can.

"This is like a second home to us, Philmont is something that is very special to us," Angela said.

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# The Front Lines

By Matthew Baide  
Staff Writer

The Chicago Bulls had Pippen and Jordan. Gotham City had Batman and Robin. Philmont has Betty and Fran.

“Frick and Frack,” Camping Registrar/Office Manager Betty Pacheco said. “We work together so well, we were actually best friends in high school...we just work like two gloves, I couldn’t ask for anything more.”

Pacheco has been working at Philmont since 1974.

The Pacheco family has a history of working at Philmont. Betty’s great-grandfather, mother and daughters have worked at Philmont. Her mother worked at the bookkeeping department for 42 years, her great grandfather worked till he was 83 as a Villa gardener, and her daughters worked at the museum and the Philmont Training Center.

“The mountains, the small town, I don’t think I could live in a big city,” Pacheco said.

Fran Romero started working at Philmont in 1990 at the Training Center. She then transferred to work at Registration as Assistant Registrar.

“I know her system and she knows mine very well so we work well together,” Romero said.

“She is awesome to work for, very organized and we are a good team.”

Both are the main contacts that crews have with Philmont before they arrive on their treks. They deal with registration and cancellations of crews.

Groups have brought Betty and Fran flowers, chocolates, barbeque sauce, honey, jelly, T-shirts and backpacks because of how helpful they have been at organizing their trek.

For Betty and Fran, there is no such thing as a typical day. Betty has to answer phone calls and emails, post payments and make reports. Fran also answers phone calls and emails and helps out with office work.

For the month of March, both answered 836 emails. Betty said she answers about 50 to 75 emails a day and more than 30 phone calls a day. They answer an email with the answer or direct them to the person who will know the answer to that question.

“I try to be very understanding of them because when you work here a long time you know the system,” Romero said. “I try to put myself in their shoes and say gosh everything is new to them and I try to be really patient and try to



**Betty Pacheco and Fran Romero enjoy a laugh while reminiscing about their friendship on Tuesday, July 7 at Registration. Betty and Fran graduated together from Cimarron High School in 1974. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

understand their situation.”

There have been some interesting phone calls that the two have received. Romero recalls a time where an adult advisor was afraid to get a perm because she was afraid that it would be a smellable and attract bears.

While they have a lot of work to do, both enjoy it.

“I’m pretty even-keeled, I don’t think I let it get to me,”

Romero said.

One of Romero’s favorite memories at Philmont was climbing the Tooth of Time. She, Pacheco and some people from the office hiked to the top and enjoyed the view. She tries to get into the backcountry as much as she can and goes elk hunting every year.

Both know they will be working at Philmont for a long time.

“I just love my job, I look forward to it,” Romero said. “Most people are ‘It’s Monday, it’s back to work.’ If I am gone for three or four days I’m like, ‘...I wonder what is going on at Philmont.’”

“For all the years I have been doing [it], I still love my job,” Pacheco said. “It’s not a job, it’s a love. When you are on the phone with someone, you are making their day.”

# Boots, Scouts’ Gift to Philmont

By Garrett Franklyn  
Staff Writer

In 1938, when the first wooden gateway to Philmont was erected, there were fewer boots garnishing the masthead, and the wood was new and uncracked by time. The sign read “Philtarn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp,” and something new had been given to the Boy Scouts by Waite and Genevieve Phillips.

Times and people were different then. An oil tycoon could donate 35,857 acres to a budding youth organization with the sole stipulation that the land be used “for the benefit of the members of the Boy Scout organization.”

And so it was. “Here, deep in the heart of the primitive forest where wildlife abounds and nature’s wonders

challenge the imagination, those Scouts... will be able to have the experiences of our pioneer forefathers who established the traditions and the historical background of this high country,” read the camp outline drafted by the National Council of the Boy Scouts America.

Ever since, Philmont has done exactly that. With every



**Kirk Halverson from crew 706-I-02 attempts to throw his boots onto the Philmont welcome sign on Wednesday, July 18. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

shoe strung from the “Philmont Scout Ranch” many Scouts have

Through the days of hiking, they learned about their ability

ended their adventure at the Ranch with a farewell gift: their own boots, worn from the miles, strewn across the entryway sign.

Every mile, a stretch for the Scouts, but also provided a benefit.

to overcome one obstacle after another, sometimes as literal as stepping over outcropping rocks on the trail, or as metaphorical as overcoming the quiet voice whispering, “It’s too hard.”

And when those boots sail through the air, stringing themselves against the entryway sign, it’s a symbol for those accomplishments, the same accomplishments the Phillips family wanted Philmont to be known for.



# Cito Cliff Hangers

By Matthew Baide  
Staff Writer

Cimarroncito is a place to experience the 'awesome, awe-inspiring, general athletic beauty' that is rock climbing.

"We practice climbing rocks, we climb rocks, we smell rocks, we practice climbing plastic rocks, we think about climbing rocks, we talk about climbing rocks," Camp Director Jada McGirt said.

The camp has six climbs and seven rappels. There are climbs and rappels that are easy and then there are the difficult climbs. Itinerary 15 is the climbing special trek, and at the end of the trek, they climb at Cimarroncito.

The most popular climb is 'hang these from your toe hitch.' It is a slab climb and a chance for Scouts to practice mock leading, which is when they climb up the rock and practice climbing ahead of their protection.

There is a bolt about every six feet on the rock. The climber climbs up the rock, and at each bolt they place a quick draw, which is a piece of protection. There is always a belayer at the bottom with an anchor at the top for safety during this because it is just practice.

"You can't do that anywhere else in Philmont and it is really hard anywhere else in the Boy Scouts to be able to do that," McGirt said. "It is fantastic."

Every crew that has come through and participated in the climb has enjoyed it, and only about 50 crews during the summer will experience it.

The second most popular climb is Dirt.0 and both of the most popular climbs are 5.8 difficulty, which is the most difficult beginner range.

"The rock training this year was far superior," McGirt said. "Just the ability to talk about advanced climbing techniques, talking about anchors, setting natural anchors with the staff, teaching mock leading, it's pretty fantastic."

The staff was trained for three days, with every staff



**Jared Gram from Crew 709-Q1 climbs a rock face on Thursday, July 19 at Cimarroncito. Crew 709-Q1 is one of the many crews who chose Itinerary 15, a climbing trek. CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

member having prior climbing experience. Program Counselor Megan Sechler has been climbing for about seven years, climbing in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Florida. This is her first year working at Philmont.

"I love seeing the youths faces when they go, 'dude, check out this rock,'" Sechler said. "What isn't there to like about Cito? We have this gorgeous view, about 200 people coming through here a day, always busy."

Program Counselor Jeff Schritzlinger enjoys the bouldering gym the most at Cimarroncito. He has three years of climbing experience from working at a climbing wall at Ohio University.

"I can give actual instruction

on climbing, I can set routes, I can climb hard," Schritzlinger said. "I can actually instruct on the actual climbing technique and play games with Scouts and stuff."

He likes climbing Dirt.0 the most because it is a vertical face which makes it more challenging.

The climbing program has developed a lot since it started and hopefully will continue to develop into the future.

"Philmont has stepped into the future this year," McGirt said. "Cito, Dean Cow, Miners Park, 2012, in the future."

# A Cultural Education

By Katie Sill  
Staff Writer

As the name may imply, Apache Springs centers its program around the culture of the Apache Indians. Here, Scouts are introduced to the history and cultural practices of the Apache through a variety of programs: teepee tours, sweat lodge, flint knapping and archery.

Since most participants arrive in camp with a limited knowledge of this Native American tribe, the staff at Apache Springs provide a foundation of information.

"It's fun to tell kids about a different culture," said Program Counselor (PC) Shane Tucker. Apache Springs has two full-size teepees stand 200 yards away from the staff cabin. In the first teepee, the staff discusses the construction and functionality of the teepee. Staff members visiting Apache Springs are invited to sleep in this teepee, which is large enough to fit an entire family.

The second teepee contains a variety of pelts and other cultural artifacts. Here the staff is able to elaborate on the unique characteristics of the Apache tribe. They describe the strengths of the Apache civilization using artifacts provided by Philmont.

As of publication, Apache Springs also offers the only approved sweat lodge in the backcountry. The fire ban has

been tentatively lifted to allow this program. A sweat lodge is a canvas structure designed to retain heat. The temperature of the lodge is increased using heated rocks. Scouts splash the rocks with cold water to create water vapor.

"The Apache believed that sweating was a spiritual experience," said Camp Director Alli Dietz. "It not only brought people closer to each other, but it also brought them closer to God."

The main attraction at Apache is the archery range. Currently, Apache is the only archery focused backcountry camp. Before going to the range, PC William Goins likes to educate participants on the history of bow making and hunting. The range begins with sand bag targets.

Each participant gets to practice shooting at the bags to get the hang of wielding a bow.

"They get disappointed cause they think that's all there is till they go a little further and see the 3D targets," said Goins, chuckling.

Deeper in the woods that make up Apache's shooting range are life size targets of different animals. The participants shoot two arrows each at bear, deer and mountain lion shaped targets.

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**A crew walks to their campsite at Apache Springs on Wednesday, July 18. Apache Springs teaches Scouts parts of the Jicarilla lifestyle. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



# Hunting for History

By Garrett Franklyn  
Staff Writer

An incandescent bulb throws a dim yellow wash across the kitchen as staff member Hannah Knibb, 21, shows off the Hunting Lodge's period-specific wood-burning stove. Today, the stove, like the cabin, is well-used; its black skin has been scrubbed to a rugged, matte clean, and the sound of footsteps fill the rooms.

The lodge is every bit as alive as it was in the 30s and 40s, when Waite Phillips decided to use the cabin as a retreat for guests. There is electricity, running water, and hunting trophies still decorating the rooms.

But these days, instead of being filled with persons invited by Phillips himself, it's full of Scouts who wander room to room seeking escape from the long trail and hoping to learn about the legacy Phillips bequeathed to the Boy Scouts of America.

"He was such a generous man," said David Childress, 18, one of the staff members at the



**Hunting Lodge Camp Director Paul Marsh teaches Scouts about the history of the camp during a cabin tour on Monday, July 23. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

Hunting Lodge. "The reason he bought so much land was for everyone to enjoy it."

Childress, with Knibb and the other staff members at the camp, try to teach participants about the Phillips donation by using for an example the Hunting

Lodge, which the oil tycoon used as a place for guests and, as the name suggests, hunting. Dressed in clothing from the period, Childress and the others give tours of the cabin, talk about the surrounding area and some of the animals the participants have

been finding and try to explain just what an important event it was for the Phillips family to donate so much land to the Boy Scouts.

"He leaves everything on the Ranch," Knibb said, speaking of Phillips. "He leaves everything that's needed to run the ranch."

And he only gave four conditions: That Gus and Omar, his horse and camel, are allowed free reign across the Ranch; that it would continue to be a working cattle ranch; that his family can visit any time, and that there would be an adult training center.

Four requests and nearly 36,000 acres were donated.

It's what made Phillips so different from the previous land barons. For Childress, the lessons are an opportunity at helping participants understand where the Ranch came from and "how big of a deal it [was] to give this land away."

**PhilNews is now accepting submissions to be printed in future issues.**

**Either I-Camp or email any articles you wish to be considered. Please submit all articles by Saturday to be in the following Friday's issue.**

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# Stomp the Mine

By Katie Sill  
Staff Writer



**Cypher's Mine staff member Brian McArdle leaps over his coworkers Carly Ficke and Brittany Trione on Monday, July 16 at Cypher's Mine. CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

During the day, crews visiting Cypher's Mine have the opportunity to experience a gold-mining camp. Participants can explore a gold mine, learn about geology, pan for gold and work in the blacksmith forge. Once the sun goes down, however, the real fun begins.

Cypher's Mine is one of many camps that offer an evening program for participants. Instead of having a campfire Cypher's Mine has an indoor stomp performance. The stomp at Cypher's is unique in the fact that it is completely original material written by this year's staff.

"I love our Stomp!" said Program Counselor (PC) Brian McArdle. "It's mostly improv so every night is different."

This year's Stomp is structured like a musical. The entire cast sings their opening song:

"The mine is dark and all the gold is gold. Our dynamite will rock your socks off!"

Cast members burst through the doors and windows in time with the song. Some of the PCs roll on the floor and dance while the audience looks on with smiles and laughter. Sometimes there are unexpected pauses in the show when the cast members break character to laugh at each other's antics.

"We crack each other up which makes the audience laugh too," said McArdle.

The story begins with the discovery of a gold nugget the size of a cantaloupe. Native American princess Little Earlobes, played by PC Carly Fike, finds the nugget at the base of the largest ponderosa pine in the forest. Like Narcissus, she falls in love with the beauty of her own golden

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## Easy Chicken Cordon Bleu

### Ingredients

Thick boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut in half length-wise  
Slices deli ham  
1 cup bread crumbs (preferably fresh)  
2 tablespoons butter, melted  
1/2 pound (8 ounces) thinly sliced mozzarella cheese

### Directions

1. Lightly grease a 9X13-inch baking dish or cookie sheet with cooking spray and preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a bowl, combine the bread crumbs and melted butter. Set aside.
3. Lay the cut chicken breasts in a single layer in the 9X13-inch dish or cookie sheet. Layer each chicken breast with two slices of ham and top with slices of mozzarella cheese, layering across the chicken breast to make sure the entire chicken breast is covered with ham and cheese.
4. Sprinkle the bread crumbs over the top of the chicken.
5. Bake the chicken for 30-35 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through completely, the cheese is bubbling and the bread crumbs are golden.

\*hold chicken together with tooth-picks

\* [www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com](http://www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com)

## Reviews for Easy Chicken Cordon Bleu

"Could have put more seasoning in with the bread crumbs." -Zachary Rutter

"It's a really good chicken cordon-bleu; no overpowering tastes though the ham and chicken (as always) taste good in tandem." -Eddie Toro

"It was very good and juicy- got my mind off the trail food I have to eat tomorrow!" -Tristan Cummings

## Mini German Pancakes

### Ingredients

1 cup milk  
6 eggs  
1 cup flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 tsp. orange zest (optional)  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1 can blueberry pie filling  
1 can peaches  
Powdered sugar

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Mix milk, eggs, flour, salt, vanilla and orange zest. Make sure there are no lumps in the batter.
2. Blend in butter a little at a time in order to temper the eggs.
3. Grease muffin tins well and distribute batter evenly between 24 tins.
4. Bake for 15 minutes, or until puffy and golden on top.
5. Spoon either blueberries or peaches into the center of each pancake and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

\*[realmomkitchen.com](http://realmomkitchen.com)

## Bacon, Ranch and Chicken Mac and Cheese

### Ingredients

8 ounces uncooked elbow macaroni  
3 slices bacon  
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1/3 cup of mushroom soup, undiluted  
3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded six-cheese Italian blend (such as Sargento)  
1/2 teaspoon onion powder  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt

### Directions

1. Cook pasta; drain and set aside.
2. Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon from pan, reserving drippings in pan. Finely chop bacon; set aside.
3. Increase heat to medium-high. Add chicken to drippings in pan; sauté 6 minutes or until done.
4. Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat; sprinkle flour evenly into pan. Cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly with a whisk. Combine milk and soup, stirring with a whisk; gradually add milk mixture to saucepan, stirring with a whisk. Bring to a boil; cook 2 minutes or until thick.
5. Remove from heat; let stand 4 minutes or until sauce cools to 155°.
6. Add cheeses, onion powder, garlic powder, and salt, stirring until cheese melts. Stir in pasta and chicken.
7. Spoon mixture into an 8-inch square baking dish coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle evenly with reserved bacon and cheese. Broil 3 minutes or until cheese melts.

\*[firstlookthencook.com](http://firstlookthencook.com)



# PTC Grounds and Maintenance

By Beverly Ponterio  
Staff Writer

Philmont does not stay beautiful or functional without the help of the grounds and maintenance crews. The Philmont Training Center (PTC) grounds and maintenance crew are responsible for PTC and Rayado throughout the summer.

Steven Cappellucci worked in the dining hall 12 years ago and went on to serve in the Armed Forces. Now that his service is over he is back working full-time on the PTC grounds crew. "Anything that involves grass and weeds on this side of camp, we take care of it," said Cappellucci.

The grounds crew maintains the Villa lawn and the sprinklers that keep the grass and flowers blooming. They also care for Administration, John Clark's residence and Cito Road.

According to Maintenance foreman Jeff Ogata, they do a little bit of everything. He said that Philmont is like a micro-city. There is a plumbing department, maintenance and carpenter shops, and a tent repair department that deals strictly with canvas.

The maintenance team is busiest during the off-season. "We can build stuff, we can paint stuff...kinda hard to do when everyone's around," said Ogata.

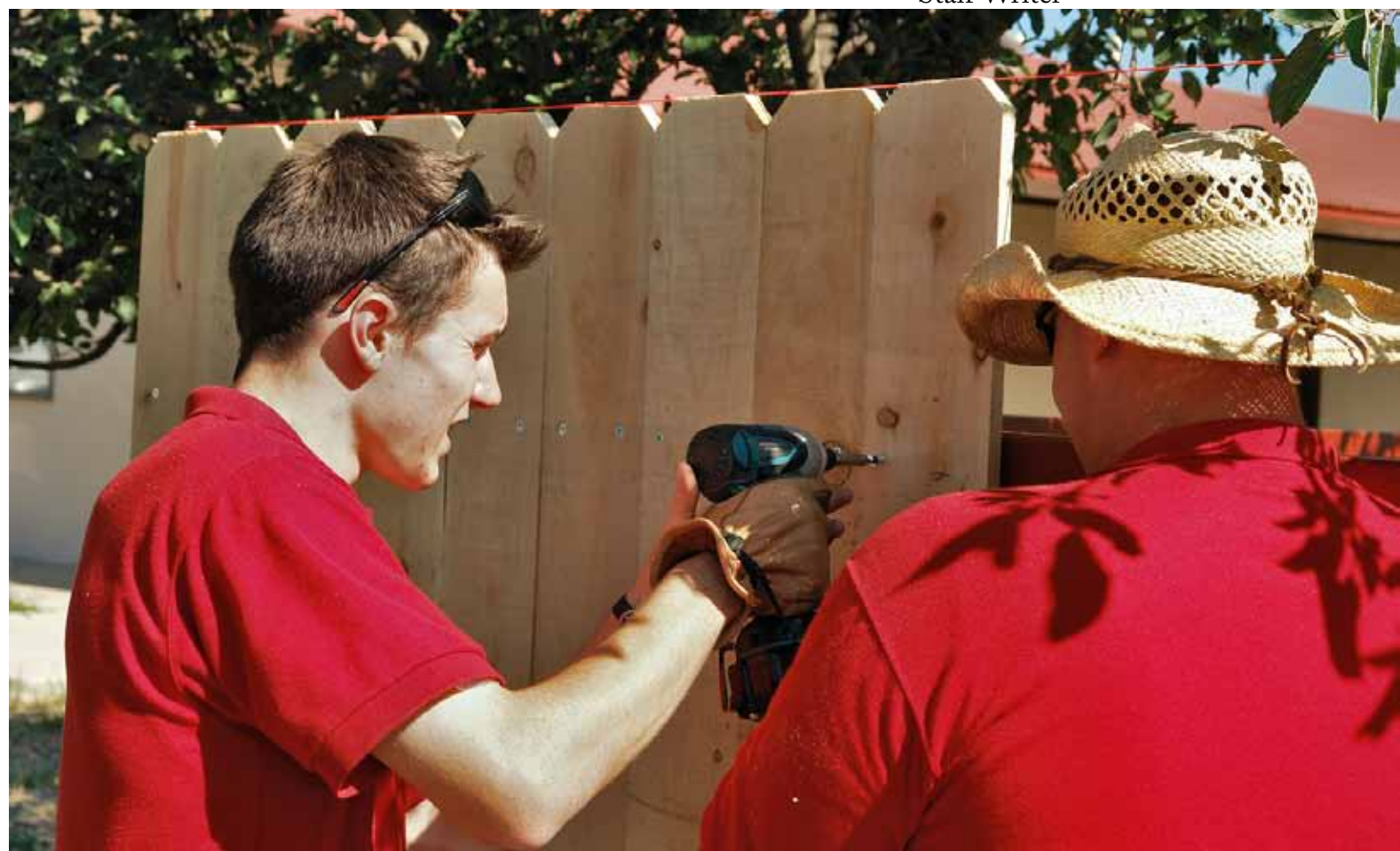
Prior to working at Philmont, Ogata was a Ranch Foreman at Hoosier Ranch in New Mexico.

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problem, as he sees it, is letting those who are not "in the know" know what exactly it is about the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) that makes families want to keep putting their children in the organization.

"We all love Scouting," he said. "But if you're not in it, you'll never know it. So the question is, 'How can we expose all the people in the country to what Scouting is all about?'"

One of the most direct ways to communicate this is through publicizing BSA's High Adventure camps. Previously only three—Philmont in New Mexico, Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota, and Florida Sea Base



PTC maintenance staff Byron Sprott and Joshua Miles construct a fence. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Then there was a drought, and with a wife and daughter, he needed steady work.

"I was gonna cowboy until I couldn't cowboy anymore and then I'd figure something out," he said. For Otaga, Philmont was that something else.

His 8-year-old son, Jesse, in the Florida Keys—a fourth, the 10,600-acre Summit Bretchel Reserve in West Virginia, is currently being prepared for Scouts.

The new camp will offer a combination of activities: mountain biking on a 27-mile course, canoeing through the river of the New River Gorge, SCUBA and swimming, climbing, zip lines, and even skateboarding. Participants will be able to completely customize their itineraries and make them unique.

"You're getting the same kind of experiences as you would here [at Philmont]," Brock said of the new camp. "The things they

helps him out during the summer. One day before the Ranch opened for the summer, there was a heavy windstorm and Jeff and Jesse Ogata were out nailing down tents for eight hours with some of the other maintenance crew members. Jesse said at one point his dad made him wait in

the car because the wind was so bad it was too dangerous.

"They keep us hopping," said Jeff Ogata. All the supervisors support each other to make sure everything gets done in a timely manner. If there is not enough manpower in one department, they will send from another.

From putting up fences and keeping the grounds neat and green to welding and roof work, Philmont Scout Ranch could not function without the constant attention of its maintenance and grounds staff.

discover about themselves on these trails, the challenges, those are real life-changing." But just as life-changing events are important to attracting new youths to Boy Scouts, so too is word of mouth and trust. How can the Boy Scouts appeal to those youths who have no family with a background in Scouting?

"For the most part, I would need somebody I knew and trusted to tell me this was a good thing for my child. And that's one of the things we're really trying to do," Brock said.

It is through these plans Brock plans on working toward building interest in the Boy Scouts.

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### Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)

Christian Bale, Michael Caine and Tom Hardy  
164 minutes  
2:00, 4:30, 7:00

### Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)

Jared Gilman, Kara Hayward and Bruce Willis  
94 minutes  
2:10, 4:45, 7:10

### Ice Age 4 2D (PG)

Ray Romano, Denis Leary and John Leguizamo  
94 minutes  
2:05, 4:35, 7:20

### The Amazing Spider-Man 2D (PG-13)

Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Rhys Ifans  
136 minutes  
2:25 and 6:55

### Ted (R)

Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis and Seth  
MacFarlane  
114 minutes  
2:30, 4:55, 7:25

### Brave 2D (PG)

Kelly MacDonald, Billy Connolly and Emma  
Thompson  
109 minutes  
2:15, 4:40, 7:05

### Movies coming out July 27

The Watch (R)

Step-Up Revolution (PG-13)

Klown (R)

\*movies may not be shown in Storyteller Cinema 7

### Bob Dylan's New Album

By Tim Kenneally, TheWrap

Bob Dylan's latest album, "Tempest," will go on sale Sept. 11, 2012, Columbia Records said Tuesday. The album is Dylan's first collection of new material since 2009's "Together Through Life" ("Christmas in the Heart," a collection of hymns, carols and other traditional Christmas songs, was also released that year) and will coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the music legend's self-titled debut album, which was released in 1962. "Tempest" comprises 10 new Dylan songs and is currently available for pre-order on iTunes. The "Blowin' in the Wind" singer, 71, received the Presidential Medal of Freedom earlier this year.

### 'Risky Business' Porsche up for Auction

WENN

One of the three Porsches Tom Cruise drove in "Risky Business" is up for auction. The 1979 sports car is expected to fetch up to \$60,000 at Profiles in History's Hollywood Treasure From the Vaults sale.

### Chris Colfer's Novel

By Alicia Rancilio, Associated Press

"Glee" star Chris Colfer has written his own children's novel called "The Land of Stories," which is now in stores. The book is about twins Connor and Alex, who find themselves sucked into their favorite book of fairy tales, suddenly face-to-face with the characters they grew up reading about. Colfer said he wrote the book last summer during the "Glee" world tour.

### The Dark Knight Rises only in 2D

Associated Press

Director Christopher Nolan made the 2-D vs. 3-D choice easy for fans seeing "The Dark Knight Rises." Nolan is not a fan of digital 3-D, instead he insisted on promoting the film through IMAX theatres. "It would have been inappropriate and somewhat gimmicky to have 'Dark Knight Rises' in 3-D," said Christian Bale, who stars as Batman. "It seemed that we should continue in the vein that we had started. I think Chris recognizes the need for spectacle, but for him, IMAX is the spectacle that he believes will draw people out."

### Reviews for "The Dark Knight Rises"

"This could - should - have been a swifter movie, but it sends the Batguy out in style. And let's face it, he's earned it." - Tom Long, Detroit News

"The canvas is epic, the themes are profound, the execution is ... clunky." - David Edelstein, NPR

"In case you'd forgotten - and the summer of 2012 has given us much to forget - this is what a superhero movie is supposed to look like." - Ty Burr, Boston Globe

"It's spectacular, to be sure, but also remarkable for its all encompassing gloom." - Joe Morgenstern, Wall Street Journal

"A disturbing experience we live through as much as a film we watch, this dazzling conclusion to director Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy is more than an exceptional superhero movie, it is masterful filmmaking by any standard." - Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times

### National Arts Award Recipients

WENN

Singer Josh Groban and Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell have been named among the recipients of the 2012 National Arts Awards. Officials at the Americans for the Arts organisation will honour Groban with the Young Artist Award, while Tony Award-winning actor Mitchell will receive the Outstanding Contributions to the Arts Award and the Lifetime Achievement prize will be handed to artist James Rosenquist.

### Ozzy Osborn Sued for Good Deed

WENN

Rock wildman Ozzy Osbourne was hit with an \$80,000 (£50,000) lawsuit after mistakenly throwing a bottle of water at a baby. The Black Sabbath star was performing a show in Phoenix, Arizona as part of his annual Ozzfest tour when he spied a woman in the audience holding a one year-old child. The sympathetic singer tried dropping a bottle of water to the woman to help her stay cool in the blistering heat - but the container struck her baby and she later filed a lawsuit against the star.

### Men in Black 4

WENN

Will Smith is expected to slip on a dark suit and shades for another installment of Men in Black. Men in Black 3, which was released this year, proved the series is still a success at the box office after it raked in \$615 million. Columbia Pictures president Doug Belgrad, the man in charge of the studio behind the films, has given a fourth movie the green light. He said, "We're very pleased with the financial performance of Men in Black 3, and we believe it is an ongoing franchise. We're going to do (another one), but we don't have clarity yet on how it should be done."



# Local and Regional

## Albuquerque Isotopes

By Isotopes

The Isotopes were cruising this week, earning five victories out of seven games this week. They are currently on a three game winning streak and on the brink of sweeping Iowa. The team has a one game lead over Oklahoma City for the division lead.

## Denver Broncos

By ESPN.com

The Broncos began training camp Wednesday in Englewood, Colo. to get ready for the 2012 season. The emphasis during training camp will be getting Peyton Manning in-sync with his new wide receivers. The Broncos begin the preseason August 9 against the Chicago Bears.

## Basketball

By Associated Press

Team USA continues to mow through the competition on their way to the Olympics. The USA defeated Great Britain 118-78 on July 19. Deron Williams and Carmelo Anthony led the team with 19 points, and Lebron James added 16.

## Golf

By Associated Press

It was Adam Scott's championship to lose, and he did. Scott bogeyed the last four holes to lose The Open Championship to Ernie Els. Els shot a final round 2-under par 68, while Scott shot a final round 75. Scott went into the final round with a four shot lead, and a four shot lead going into the back nine. Els made a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole to post 7-under 273. Scott had a putt to force a playoff on the last hole, but it slid by the left edge. Tiger Woods finished tied for third, making a triple bogey on the sixth hole to end his chances.

## Colorado Rockies

By ESPN.com

The Rockies struggles continue after the All-Star break, with the team losing five of seven this week. They defeated the Padres 8-6 in 12 innings and defeated the Pirates 5-4, but lost all their other games this week. While not mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, their hopes are slim. The team has three game series against the Reds and Cardinals this week.

## Basketball

By Associated Press

Team USA escaped their game against Argentina with an 86-80 victory. Kevin Durant led the US with 27 points, while current-Spur Manu Ginobili scored 23 for Argentina.

## Football

By ESPN.com

All teams have or will begin training camp this week, signaling the beginning of football season. Teams will begin preparing for the preseason, where teams will have a few weeks until they must cut their roster down to 52 players. The first preseason game is the Hall of Fame game, with the Arizona Cardinals taking on the New Orleans Saints scheduled for August 5.

## Mixed Martial Arts

UFC.com

Renan Barao defeats Urijah Faber with a unanimous decision victory to earn the interim bantamweight title at UFC 149. Barao will now wait to challenge current bantamweight champion Dominick Cruz, who is recovering from a torn ACL.

# National Sports

## Baseball Standings

American League				
AL East	W	L	GB	
Yankees	57	38	-	
Orioles	51	44	6	
Rays	49	47	8.5	
Blue Jays	48	47	9	
Red Sox	48	48	9.5	
AL Central				
Tigers	52	44	-	
White Sox	50	45	1.5	
Indians	47	48	4.5	
Royals	40	54	11	
Twins	40	55	11.5	
AL West				
Rangers	56	38	-	
Angels	52	44	5	
A's	51	44	5.5	
Mariners	42	55	15.5	

National League				
NL East	W	L	GB	
Nationals	55	39	-	
Braves	52	43	3.5	
Mets	47	48	8.5	
Marlins	44	51	11.5	
Phillies	42	54	14	
NL Central				
Reds	55	40	-	
Pirates	54	40	.5	
Cardinals	50	45	5	
Brewers	44	50	10.5	
Cubs	38	56	16.5	
Astros	34	62	21.5	
NL West				
Giants	53	42	-	
Dodgers	52	44	1.5	
Diamondbacks	47	48	6	
Padres	41	56	13.5	
Rockies	36	58	16.5	

## Olympics Schedule

**July 27-** Opening Ceremonies, Archery

**July 28-** Archery\*, Badminton, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Cycling\*, Equestrian, Fencing\*, Gymnastics, Handball, Judo\*, Rowing, Shooting\*, Soccer, Swimming\*, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting\*

**July 29-** Archery\*, Badminton, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Canoe/Kayaking, Cycling\*, Diving\*, Equestrian, Fencing\*, Field Hockey, Gymnastics, Handball, Judo\*, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting\*, Soccer, Swimming\*, Table

Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting\*

**July 30-** Archery, Badminton, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Canoe/Kayaking, Diving\*, Equestrian, Fencing\*, Field Hockey, Gymnastics\*, Handball, Judo\*, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting\*, Swimming\*, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting\*

**July 31-** Archery, Badminton, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Canoe/Kayaking\*, Diving\*, Equestrian\*, Fencing\*, Field Hockey, Gymnastics\*, Handball, Judo\*, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting\*, Soccer, Swimming\*, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball,

Weightlifting\*

**August 1-** Archery, Badminton, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Canoe/Kayaking\*, Cycling\*, Diving\*, Fencing\*, Field Hockey, Gymnastics\*, Handball, Judo\*, Rowing\*, Sailing, Shooting\*, Soccer, Swimming\*, Table Tennis\*, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting\*

**August 2-** Archery\*, Badminton, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Canoe/Kayaking\*, Cycling\*, Equestrian, Fencing\*, Field Hockey, Gymnastics\*, Handball, Judo\*, Rowing\*, Sailing, Shooting\*, Swimming\*, Table Tennis\*, Tennis, Volleyball

\*= medals awarded

# World

**As Ramadan Begins, Controversial Mosque won't be Ready to Open Doors**  
By CNN

Worshippers at an Islamic center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, will have to wait at least a week before they can use their new mosque, officials said Thursday.

The mosque -- subject of a two-year battle marked by legal wrangling, vandalism and anti-Muslim sentiment -- still needs to pass inspection and get its occupancy permit, mosque officials said.

"It is unfortunate that we cannot be in our building for the start of Ramadan tonight," Islamic Center of Murfreesboro officials said in a written statement. "However, it does look like we will get to enjoy most of Ramadan in our building, especially the breaking of the fast at the end of Ramadan, on Eid-ul-Fitr."

**Charles Taylor, Former Liberia President, Appeals War Crimes Conviction**  
By The Huffington Post

Former Liberian President Charles Taylor has appealed his war crimes and crimes against humanity convictions and his 50-year sentence, calling them a miscarriage of justice.

Prosecutors on Thursday also appealed the Special Court for Sierra Leone's decision to acquit Taylor on more serious charges and urged judges to increase his sentence to 80 years.

Taylor, 64, became the first former head of state since World War II to be convicted by an international war crimes court when he was found guilty in April of aiding and abetting murderous rebels during Sierra Leone's bloody civil war.

**Hezbollah Is Blamed in Attack on Israeli Tourists in Bulgaria**  
By The New York Times

A senior American official confirmed Israel's assertions on Thursday that the suicide bomber who killed five Israelis in an attack here on Wednesday was a member of a Hezbollah cell operating in Bulgaria.

The official said the current American intelligence assessment is that the bomber was "acting under broad guidance" to hit Israeli targets when the opportunity presented itself. That guidance was given to Hezbollah, a Lebanese militant group, by its primary sponsor, Iran, he said.

**Residents Flee As Damascus Battle Enters Fifth Day**  
By The New York Times

Fighting seized neighborhoods encircling Damascus for a fifth straight day on Thursday, a day after President Bashar al-Assad's key security aides were killed in a brazen bombing attack in the sharply escalating conflict.

The bombing, close to Mr. Assad's own residence, called into question the ability of a government that depends on an insular group of loyalists to function effectively as it battles a strengthening opposition. In a move to dispel any rumors that he had been injured or had left the capital, Mr. Assad appeared on state television on Thursday swearing in a new defense minister in what appeared to be a reception room at the presidential palace. The images were broadcast in a continuous loop on SANA.

**Drought sends 'mighty Mississippi' river levels near record lows**  
By CNN

The "mighty Mississippi" has lost some of its might with the season's epic drought taking its toll on river levels, which are falling to near historic lows.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will spend nearly \$7 million dredging in an attempt to keep ports operational and keep the river open for barge traffic in the coming weeks. River levels in Memphis have dropped to within three feet of their historic lows from the 1988 drought.

In just one year, the river has gone through extreme fluctuation. Last May, it was within a foot of its record-high crest because of massive flooding, and today it's 55 feet lower and experiencing historic lows due to drought.

**Case of Missing Iowa Girls an 'Abduction,' Police say**  
By CNN

The case of two missing Iowa girls is now being called an abduction after the search of a lake near where the cousins were last seen turned up nothing.

"Those girls are not in that lake," Black Hawk County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Abben told reporters Friday. "Obviously, within a week if they were lost they would have been found by now."

"Since we can't find them, they're not in the lake, we're calling it an abduction," Abben said.

Lyric Cook, 10, and her cousin Elizabeth Collins, 8, were last seen by their grandmother on July 13 when they left on a bike ride.

# National

**U.S. Secret Service Prostitution Scandal: 9 Service Members Punished, Not Charged**  
By The Huffington Post

Seven Army soldiers and two Marines have received administrative punishments, but are not facing criminal charges, for their part in the Secret Service prostitution scandal in Colombia this year, The Associated Press has learned.

U.S. officials said that one Air Force member has been reprimanded but cleared of any violations of the Military Code of Justice. And final decisions are pending on two Navy sailors, whose cases remain under legal review.

**Pilot Rescued After U.S. jet Crash in Japan**  
By CNN

A pilot who ejected after a U.S. fighter jet crashed into the waters off northern Japan on Sunday was rescued and was in stable condition, military officials said. The pilot was the sole person aboard an F-16 Fighting Falcon, which crashed about 200 miles northeast of Hokkaido Island.

**List of Those Killed in Aurora, Col. Shooting**  
By examiner.com

On Friday, July 20, 12 were killed and 50 injured when a gunman began shooting into a theatre during a midnight premier of the "Dark Knight Rises." Here is a list of those killed:

Alex Sullivan (27)  
John Larimer (27)  
Jessica Ghawi (24)  
Micayla Medek (23)  
Jon Blunk (26)  
Alex Teves (24)  
Alexander "AJ" Boik (18)  
Gordon Cowden (51)  
Rebecca Wingo (32)  
Matt McQuinn (27)  
Veronica Moser-Sullivan (6)  
Jesse Childress (29)

**Colo. Massacre Suspect mum as he Heads to Court**  
By ABQ Journal

As the suspected gunman in the Colorado theater massacre heads to his first court appearance Monday, authorities have disclosed that he is refusing to cooperate and that it could take months to learn what prompted the horrific attack on midnight moviegoers at a Batman film premiere.

James Holmes has been held in solitary confinement at an Arapahoe County detention facility since Friday but will be moved to a nearby courtroom for a 9:30 a.m. MDT hearing, where he will hear the pending charges against him. Holmes is being held on suspicion of first-degree murder, and he could also face additional counts of aggravated assault and weapons violations.

Prosecutors will have 72 hours from the hearing to formally charge the 24-year-old Aurora resident originally from California.

Eighteenth Judicial District Attorney Carol Chambers said Monday her office is considering pursuing the death penalty against Holmes. She said a decision will be made in consultation with victims' families.

Holmes has been assigned a public defender, and Aurora Police Chief Dan Oates said the former doctoral student has "lawyered up" since his arrest early Friday, following the shooting at an Aurora theater that left 12 dead and 58 wounded, some critically.

"He's not talking to us," the chief said.

Holmes has been held without bond at the lockup in Centennial, Colo., south of Denver and about 13 miles from the Aurora theater.



# Chaplain's Corner: Power of Prayer

By Raymond L. Fecteau  
Chaplain

Abraham Lincoln once said: "I pray best on my knees. Maybe that is why God brings me there so often."

I know there have been times in my life that I fell to my knees in prayer. Sometimes it was to say, "O God, please!" Other times it was to say, "Thank you, God!" I suspect that is why so many crews at Philmont attend the 7 p.m. services at Base Camp before they hike out and again when they return.

Josef Stalin claimed that the bad are manipulated by force and the good are manipulated by guilt. As a Catholic, I am familiar with guilt. I take seriously the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. As a Scoutmaster, crew advisor and Chaplain, I know that feeling

of regret—for my thoughts, my words, my actions, or my failure to act. When I let down those entrusted to my care, I believe I also let down God.

Dining hall and chuck wagon cooks like to hear good comments about the food they have prepared. To compliment a creation is to compliment the creator. All those "Wow!" moments at Philmont are, in fact, our own personal prayers of praise. Maybe Philmont staff members pray more often than we realize.

Sometimes I want to pray, but I am too tired, or too troubled, or just at a loss for words. At those times, I find the "Book of Psalms" most helpful. There are 150 psalms and they are

contained in the sacred writings of Jews, of Christians, and of Muslims. Whenever I sing the "Philmont Hymn," I like to think of it as Psalm 151. Print materials containing the "Book of Psalms" are available in the Chaplain boxes in the backcountry and from the Chaplains at Base Camp.

Psalms are prayers for every occasion. There are psalms asking God for help; there are also psalms giving thanks to God. There are several psalms acknowledging guilt and asking for mercy and forgiveness. There are psalms of woe and psalms of "Wow!"



Father Fecteau. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

During my first year of graduate studies in theology, a fellow seminarian and Eagle Scout encouraged me to apply for a summer staff position with Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

The Daniel Webster Council hired me as a Provisional Scoutmaster at Camp Carpenter, New Hampshire. It was my first Scouting experience since my Cub Scout days. I returned in the same staff position each summer until my ordination as a priest for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC in 1972. I have remained an active Scouter to this day.

I am registered with the National Capital Area Council (NCAC). I have held several leadership positions on the district, council and regional levels. I have been a Membership Chair, Camp Chaplain and Camp Inspector.

In 1977 I came to Philmont for the first time as a PTC course participant. I have returned several times since then to serve as a PTC course Instructor in 1986, course Director in 1988, and course Advisor in 2004 and 2005. I have served as a Philmont Scout Ranch Chaplain every summer since 2004.

I have served for several

years as the Boy Scout Chaplain of his Archdiocese. I served as a Chaplain at Goshen Scout Camps (NCAC) from 1980 -1987. I have been a member of the Executive Board of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) since 1983, and have received the St. George and the Silver St. George Religious Emblems.

Since 1985 I have served as a volunteer police chaplain for city, county and state agencies in Montgomery County, Maryland. I was assigned to a 9/11 recovery team for the Port Authority Police Department and was appointed chaplain to the Joint Operations Command during the D.C. sniper crisis in 2002.

I was on the 2005 Jamboree staff as an HQ Chaplain. I was the National Chaplain for the NCCS from 2007 - 2010, and presently hold the office of Immediate Past National Chaplain for the NCCS.

I currently serve as the founding pastor of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish (1991) in Darnestown, Maryland, a suburb of DC. In 1981 I earned my doctorate from The School of Religious Studies, the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

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# The Wild Within

By Beverly Ponterio  
Staff Writer

*Puma concolor*

Mountain lions are elusive, solitary creatures. They are crepuscular, which means they are most active at dawn and dusk. Many sightings occur at Philmont each year, but no one has ever been attacked by one.

Mountain lions are known by several names including catamount, puma, cougar, panther, painter, mountain screamer, and scientifically as the *Puma concolor*. They are the fourth largest cat and agile predators.

They are powerful hunters, but generally target smaller prey such as deer and antelope. They will also eat mice, opossums, squirrels, raccoons, etcetera. They make their hunt by stalking prey slowly until they are close enough to attack. Then, with one short burst of power, they chase and take down the prey.

Pumas attack from behind and kill by biting the base of the skull and applying pressure to break the neck. They can be found from Canada to Argentina and avoid other cats unless it is breeding season, usually December to March.

Females are sexually mature between one and three years of age. They are on a 23-day cycle and are in estrus, or in heat, for eight of those days. They are incredibly defensive as mothers.

They will have anywhere from two to four kittens and gestation typically lasts about three months. The kittens stay with the mother until they are one to two years old. They nurse for about two months before they start learning to hunt.

These lions are territorial. If a female and her kittens stumble into a male's territory, it is likely he will kill the kittens in order to make the female more willing to mate with him and spread his genes.

Females are markedly



Drawing by LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

smaller than males, averaging about 93 pounds while males average 137 pounds. The closer to the poles it is, the larger the cougar seems to be.

On Philmont property, mountain lions are elusive creatures often seen near Indian Writings and Rich Cabbins. Philmont Training Center maintenance worker, Ruel Holt, encountered one while hiking during the off-season.

It lingered near him as he bent over to check out something on the trail. The puma crouched,

peering with curiosity and slowly moving toward him. Ruel watched carefully, realizing he had not but a knife at his hip. He then stood up and scared it off.

They are magnificent creatures and continue their dominion here at Philmont hidden in shadow. Never has there been an attack by these wild cats, and as long as staff and participants maintain a healthy respect for them, there is no reason that one should ever occur.

*"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.**



# Owen's Corner: 10 Ways Your Resume Irks Hiring Managers

By Owen McCulloch,  
Associate Director of Program



Owen McCulloch. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY  
MANAGER

As many of you are developing resumes, cover letters and online job profiles, here is a set of tips to keep in mind while developing your own business profile.

Job seekers do themselves a disservice when they send out resumes with more information than they need. Most employers don't have the time or patience to sift through the irrelevant details. Here are 10 things your resume could do without:

1. Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors.

"If you are careless enough to send out this most important document with a mistake... I immediately assume you'll never care enough about the work you send out representing my company," says Jose Bandujo, president of New York-based Bandujo Advertising. He recalls one candidate who misspelled Manhattan, despite having worked in the city for a decade and another whose great educational background didn't compensate for the fact that he couldn't spell "education."

2. Opening objectives.

"These are generic... They do nothing to differentiate one candidate from another," says Donna Flagg, president of The Krysalis Group, a human resource and management consulting firm in New York.

3. Personal attributes.

Listing personal information such as height, weight and age and providing photographs is a pet peeve for Heather Mayfield,

vice president of training and operations for Snelling Staffing Services. "It is amazing that we still see this on the résumés of today, but they are out there."

4. Interests and hobbies.

If these points of information don't pertain to the job in question, there's no need to include them. "Create a mystery and save these kinds of data points when you start the job," advises Roy Blitzer, author of "Hire Me, Inc.: Resumes and Cover Letters that Get Results."

5. Details of every task you've ever performed in every job you've ever had.

"It's too much information. Managers and recruiters need to know at-a-glance what makes a candidate special," Flagg says. Focus on those details that pertain to the job for which you're applying.

6. Excessive bragging.

Stating one's accomplishments can be helpful, but when it's overdone, the candidate can come across as narcissistic, a huge turnoff for employers, Flagg says.

7. Outdated information.

Leave off the activities that you did in high school if graduation was a few years ago and omit jobs you held 10 or more years ago, as the information is probably irrelevant to the position you're trying for now.

8. False information.

"Putting [that you have] a B.S. on a resume when you do not have one is 'BS,'" jokes Stephen Viscusi, author of "On

the Job: How to Make it in the Real World of Work." Not only is lying on a resume unfair and dishonest, it's also not very intelligent. "Companies verify dates of employment -- often after you start. If you have lied, they fire you...Nobody wants to hire a liar. Nobody."

9. Unexplained gaps in work history.

While job seekers should account for these gaps, they should be careful with their wording. "One of the weirdest things that I ever saw on a résumé... was a candidate who explained a 10-year lapse in work experience as being in jail during those years for killing her husband," recalls Linda Goodspeed, marketing recruiting manager at VistaPrint. In such a situation, she says, the best thing to write would be "left work for personal reasons," and the candidate would be able to explain the criminal record later.

10. A lack of professionalism.

Colored paper, cutesy fonts, links to personal websites and childish e-mail addresses all scream unprofessional and are a turn off to hiring managers. One otherwise qualified applicant didn't get an interview at Bandujo's firm solely because of the name in her email address: "weird2themax." "I recognize the advertising industry is full of talented, interesting 'characters,'" Bandujo says, "but did I really want one who thought she was weird to the max?" No, he decided, he did not.



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# Three Generation Treks

By Beverly Ponterio  
Staff Writer



**Gary Powell (left), his grandson Jack Powell (center) and son Greg Powell participated in a trek together at Philmont this summer with crew 712-A-02. "It's something you dream about," Gary said. Photo courtesy of Gary Powell.**

For as long as Philmont has existed, it has been a place for young men to experience nature. This summer, at least two crews held three generations. Gary Powell, 71, Greg Powell, 41, and Jack Powell, 15, of trek number 712-A-2, completed Route 22 together.

"It was one of those things we didn't think about but my daughter-in-law suggested it. We looked into it and saw it was feasible," said Gary, a retired professor of Clemson University.

The group, hailed from Clarksville, South Carolina, trained in the Appalation Mountains and climbed Mount Mitchell, the tallest peak east of the Mississippi.

Gary was able to participate in all crew itinerary including climbing Mount Phillips, Tooth of Time, and Cimarroncito's most difficult rock climbing route.

"I was able to do everything the boys did," said Gary.

"My favorite part of the trip was the view off Phillips," Gary

continued.

Gary hopes to return to Philmont again when his other grandson, Jack's brother, is old enough.

Dr. David Stevens, 82, joined on trek number 624-D-02 with his son Dr. Scott Stevens and grandson David L. Stevens. At 82, he was unable to summit the Tooth of Time or Phillips Mountain, but instead took an alternative route for both and remained on the trail for all 10 days.

Dr. David Stevens served 15 years on his local city council and worked as an orthopedic surgeon for Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. He is also the former president of the Blue Grass Council in Kentucky.

The trek started at Rayado River, moved to Crags and then stayed two days at Apache Springs. They then hiked to Wild Horse and continued on to stay the night at Clear Creek. This was Dr. David Stevens favorite

## PhilHousing History

By Matthew Baide  
Staff Writer



**John and Janice Clark's house. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

The centerpiece of housing at Philmont is the Villa, but the other houses at Philmont are also interesting and filled with history.

Mark and Linda Anderson's house dates back to 1890's. His house was first owned by a man named Ladd who had 90 acres of fruit groves. The apple and cherry trees in front of the Trading Post and next to Health Lodge Tent City date back to the 1890's.

The house is adobe, with 18-inch thick walls. It has a basement, a feature not many houses at Philmont have.

The Advisor's Lounge and part of the Fitness Center were part of a barn that Ladd built.

In the 1930's, the Phillips bought the property and the house was used by Helen Jane, Waite's daughter. During this time they added more bedrooms and bathrooms, so the house was in the shape of a U.

It was also known as the Heywood house. Heywood was one of Waite's foreman who also lived in the house. After the Phillip's gave the house to the Boy Scouts in 1941, it has been occupied by the Director or Program ever since.

When the Andersons moved in, the house still had steam heat and only a 15-amp breaker for the whole

house.

"You would have to decide what things to plug in and what things not to plug in," Anderson said. "It was a debate, do you run the vacuum cleaner or watch T.V? You can't do both."

Much has changed since it was built. The house underwent a major remodel in 2005. Electricity was upgraded, carpet was replaced with wood floors and windows were replaced because they were storm windows that did not open. They also filled in some windows were because there were so many in the house. The house was repainted and new fixtures were put in.

"From the physical point it is all still the same house, just has been updated with light

fixtures that are today's fixtures," Anderson said.

The Andersons live on Sombre Road and is a very short commute to work. Sombre means shade, which is fitting because the house is covered by cottonwoods.

"It's a very comfortable house. We've had a good time," Anderson said. "There are a lot of old things in the house that sort of fit the age of the house."

John Clark's house is unique as well. It burned down during the 1917 and was rebuilt. His house, Bob and Rachel Ricklefs' and Andersons' are the only houses that are true adobe.



**The Andersons' house. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

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# Sustainability: When Convenience Costs us More than we Would Like

By Sustainability Team

Last year, Philmont used 1,900 pounds of Styrofoam (polystyrene): 90,000 cups, 35,000 bowls, 10,000 to-go boxes, and 14,000 plates. In addition, 680 pounds of plastic cutlery or 95,500 individual disposable utensils were used. That's \$1,500 in to-go boxes alone. All of this single-use, non-biodegradable material and the money used to purchase it, effectively went straight to the landfill.

All plastics contribute between 25 and 30% of the volume of our landfills. By continuing to add these materials to our waste stream, we are increasing the demand for more trash-filled holes in the ground.

When landfills are accepting garbage, they are left uncovered. In this stage of operation, lightweight materials, like plastics, are easily blown out by the wind and litter our landscape.

When landfills are retired and

capped, their interior becomes an anaerobic environment that produces methane, a greenhouse gas far more potent than carbon dioxide. Although landfills are heavily lined and monitored, even the best safeguards do not prevent leaks from developing. These leaks allow toxic chemicals to slowly seep into our groundwater.

The EPA has identified the manufacture of polystyrene as the fifth largest producer of hazardous and toxic waste. Among these waste materials are excess hydrocarbons, which are released into the lower atmosphere. In sunlight, these hydrocarbons react with nitrogen oxides to form low level ozone, a major pollutant that damages lung tissue and impairs the immune system's ability to fight infection.

Throughout their life-cycle, polystyrene products continue

to leach harmful compounds; particularly when in contact with hot food or in the presence of microwaves (food service being their most common application). Established cases indicate that these chemicals can also damage human reproductive systems.

Another threat polystyrene foam poses to the global environment is polystyrene does not biodegrade. It only breaks into increasingly smaller and more numerous pieces that pollute the land and waterways. These particles become an enticing food source to unsuspecting animals who quickly find themselves choking or with a clogged digestive track, oftentimes resulting in death.

Polystyrene and its associated chemicals also make their way up the food chain. If an animal does manage to successfully consume polystyrene, toxic chemicals build up in the body and are

transferred to a higher trophic level when that animal is eaten. The process is similar to the accumulation of mercury and other heavy metals in tuna.

But fear not! There are many foodservice alternatives to polystyrene foam that are made from renewable resources. Recycled paper, sugarcane fiber, and corn-based plastic products are all renewable. While not biodegradable in a landfill due to the hypoxic environment, products made from these materials are highly compostable in a large-scale facility. It is not enough to merely find another disposable alternative to Styrofoam, however. By nature, all disposable products carry a higher environmental impact than a reusable equivalent.

Virtually every person at Philmont comes with their own backcountry mess kit. While using those mess kits

in place of disposables would significantly reduce our Styrofoam consumption, health and wildlife concerns don't allow for their use. However, instead of grabbing a single use cup, take the opportunity to show off your environmental savvy by filling up your own rad, reusable vessel.

Another easy way to reduce your impact is to simply refrain from taking a meal to-go. Our dining hall staff works hard to provide us with a clean and enjoyable place to have meals. Show them your appreciation, and simultaneously help the environment by taking the time to eat in our dining hall. The Ranch is working to phase out the use of disposable to-go boxes, and you can help. By reducing your unnecessary waste, you can help preserve the world we enjoy so much for your children and future generations.

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Thank you to all who have signed up to participate.

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reflection. Unfortunately, it's so heavy she cannot lift it herself. She returns to her village to tell her tribe about the gold and ask for help retrieving it.

Unbeknownst to Little Earlobes, a Spanish conquistador overhears her story and steals the nugget. Slipping it safely into his traditional Spanish fanny pack he sets out to return to his ship. Along the way he is devoured by a ravenous bear.

"The bear developed a taste for human flesh," said PC Andrew "Red" Florence as he continues the narration of the tale. "Soon, though, humans weren't enough and the bear began eating other bears: mini bears, panda bears and even Care Bears!"

Time fast-forwards and the bear is able to live on until it is

shot by gold miners. The miners extract the armor of the conquistador (surprisingly undigested) and the golden nugget. This discovery causes a rift between the three gold miners and eventually PC Matt Potter tries to kill his friends and seize the gold for himself. His bullet ricochets off the conquistador's helmet stuck to Red's head and causes him to lose the memory of where he hid the nugget.

The show ends with the mystery of the lost gold nugget and the prospect of Scouts finding it while participating in mine tours or gold panning. Visitors to Cypher's Mine should not miss out on the opportunity to see this hilarious original production.

## Ranch Hands and Wranglers

By Katie Sill Staff Writer



Ranch Hands work with a horse on Wednesday, July 11 at Cattle Headquarters. The Ranch Hands program allows participants to work in the Ranch Department for a week and then go on a eight day trek. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The Ranch Hands program is an opportunity for young men and women to earn an eight-day Cavalcade trek at Philmont by participating in an eight-day work session. This year, 14 participants worked alongside wranglers in the Ranch Department taking care of Philmont's 250 head of horses and 80 head of burros.

Ranch Hands were expected to take on all of the responsibilities regarding the care of horses. During the first

eight days of their program, the Ranch Hands were scattered across Philmont.

They were stationed at: Ponil, Clark's Fork, Beubien and Cattle Headquarters. Every day the Ranch Hands woke up before dawn to gather the horses and prepare them for the morning trail rides.

"It's so much more intimate working with horses," said Participant Matt Caswell, 16. "It's good 'cause you get to know the horses before you go on

Cavalcade."

For the second half of their program, the Ranch Hands participated in the North Cavalcade trek. Each night they stayed in a different camp where the program offered a variety of activities and experiences such as rock climbing, homesteading and/or archeology. They rode horses across Philmont's backcountry and even climbed Baldy in their cowboy boots.

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part. He said he really enjoyed the presentations they had laid out for the crew.

From Clear Creek, they hiked to Comanche, then Beaubien, then Crater Lake to finish off on the Stockade Trail.

Along the trek Dr. David Stevens said the toughest part was going uphill; he maintained pace with the Scouts on level and downward sloping ground despite the fact that he had never been backpacking before.

Being on the trek with his son and grandson was a bonding experience. "I learned things about both that I'd never known before," said Stevens.

His grandson is the youngest of four, and since his older

siblings are all sisters, he is the only one in Boy Scouts. It was also this family's first time experiencing Philmont.

Dr. David Stevens was impressed with the beauty of Philmont and how well-organized the programs were. He is excited that the Boy Scouts of America will be opening Summit in West Virginia because he believes it will be more accessible for crews on the East Coast. He is also excited that the treks will be shorter than ten days.

It was shown before and now proven again that Philmont is a great place for father, son and grandfather alike to bond during wilderness experiences that last a lifetime.

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Participants from crew 712-B listen to Program Counselor Shane Tucker's bow safety talk on Wednesday, July 18. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The final target is a full grown elk. Anyone who can hit the kill spot – the area of the chest just behind the front leg – from 40 yards is rewarded with pudding.

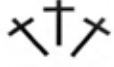
While crews wait to try their hand at imitating Katniss Everdeen, Legolas or Hawkeye, they can make arrow heads at the flint knapping station. Crews

use the same techniques as the Apache, chipping away at the stone with antlers. Scouts keep the arrow heads they make as souvenirs of their trek.

Those interested in learning about Apache culture, a tribe that once roamed the West, including Philmont Scout Ranch, are encouraged to visit.

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Hands this program was their first exposure to Philmont's natural beauty.

Crew Leader Esther "Mater" Harrelson, 16, was amazed by not only the quality of programing Philmont has to offer but the quality of people she interacted with.

"As Crew Leader it was amazing to work with these talented young people," said Harrelson.

The last day of the trek featured a horseback gymkhana at Ponil. Gymkhana is a term used to describe an equestrian event consisting of speed pattern racing and timed games for riders on horses.

The Ranch Hands competed against each other in events like barrel racing, burro pushing and group flag relay. All of these events are designed to display precise, controlled actions and tight teamwork between horse and rider at speed.

"The gymkhana was a great experience!" said Participant Melissa Kaplowitz, 17. "It's not something I thought I would ever get a chance to do."

Ultimately, the Ranch Hands program offers insight to its participants about life and work at Philmont Scout Ranch. Not only does it introduce the participants to a future employment opportunity, but it gives them an advantage when they apply.

When asked, all of the current participants agreed that they would be applying to work at Philmont once they turn 18.

"I joined the Ranch Hands program because I heard it was a great way to get to know the Ranch Department and hopefully hired as a wrangler," said Participant Brent Lowney, 16.



# Staff Highlight of the Week: Taxidermist

By Beverly Ponterio  
Staff Writer



**PTC maintenance staff member Ruel Holt has a rich background and history. Before his time at Philmont he was a taxidermist and a ranch hand. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

Ruel Holt is a man of many talents. Raised in Gruver, TX, Holt has always been a western man. He said even before he had worked at Philmont, he had been all over the land on hunts with his best friend Happ Blacksten.

Blacksten has been a guide for bear and mountain lion hunts for about 20 years. Holt moved to Cimarron in 1977, but did not start working at Philmont until May, 1999.

In Gruver, there was no Boy Scouts troop. "I wasn't a Boy Scout 'til I started working out here," said Holt. Prior to working at Philmont he was a taxidermist and owned his own shop for 15 years.

Out here on the Ranch, Holt and his friend Nick Cardenas, local Fire Chief, get called out during hunts to haul the carcasses in, skin it clean and quarter it. Then they take it over to commissary, which makes the different cuts of meat.

Holt takes advantage of the

full-time employee benefit of hunting one cow elk each year. He also boils bear skulls he finds to clean them and then replaces the teeth to make a completed skull. He said mountain lions are much rarer.

He said despite his hobby, he doesn't miss the taxidermy shop much. "People have to have it right then," said Holt. The people out here are rarely locals and so he frequently had to chase his money down, thus when he got married, he wanted to get a "real job."

He worked as summer staff in May 1999 and part-time in November. Less than a year later in June, 2000, Holt became a full time employee at Philmont Training Center.

Holt said he had some tiresome jobs in the past, but Philmont is never dull.

"It's something different every day, today I fixed the chain on a toilet and later an ice machine...I worked in a sawmill

for a while running a big saw and it was just the same thing over and over and over. You didn't even have to think about it anymore."

Not only does Holt work with the maintenance team to help keep the Ranch functional, but he also has a gift with wildlife.

"If there's anything to do with animals, they call me for some reason," said Holt. He gets calls for snakes, skunks, raccoons, baby birds, all sorts of critters.

He also had two critters of his own visiting him, his twins Nicholas and Olivia Holt. They usually live in New York with their mother, but for two weeks out of the summer they come and participate in Training Center programs.

After 13 years of working here, he still enjoys his job. "There's no telling what you'll be asked to do," which always keeps Philmont interesting for Holt.

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Apache Springs Camp Director Alli Dietz assembles a sweat lodge on Wednesday, July 18. Apache Springs is the only camp at Philmont that utilizes a sweat lodge for program. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Scouts pet their burro before hitting the trail on Saturday, July 21 at Ponil. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



A program counselor hammers steel on Monday, July 23 at the Rayado forge. Scouts can make hooks and other tools to bring home as souvenirs. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Rangers place rocks on the sides of new walkways by Services on Monday, July 23. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER