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## Visitors from Puerto Rico Japanese Tradition

By Matthew Baide  
Staff Writer

More than 2500 miles away is the town of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, where two crews came from to experience Philmont this summer.

"It was excellent, it was very hard and challenging for us," Advisor Christian Jetter said.

Coming from Puerto Rico to Philmont is a big change, considering the island is close to sea level elevation, and the highest mountain is about 2500 feet. The crew practiced climbing the mountain many times to become prepared for the mountains and elevation of Philmont. They also had long walks on weekends to prepare for the two to three day walking treks.

"Having to do the backpacking and the cooking, sleeping each night at every different place, that is Scouting at its best," Jetter said. "We didn't have choice on where we would go or sleep in order to complete our itinerary, and that is awesome."

If he comes back, Jetter wants to pick a different trek because he wants to see different parts of the Ranch. They didn't visit the Tooth of Time, which he hopes to take a crew to next time. Jetter said that this crew has changed because they were touched by Philmont. He also said it was the best trek they have ever been on



Two crews from Puerto Rico arrive in Base Camp from their trek on Saturday, July 28. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

"You have to think how Philmont will change you, and you do not see that before they get here. You have to live it and decide what about Philmont has changed you as a person," Jetter said.

Adult Advisor Eddie Toro led the crew through Philmont. This is his second time on a trek at Philmont. His son works at PTC Services. They trekked through Philmont in 2008, but Toro brought a different crew this year.

"With the opportunity to bring them back again, we made that decision two years ago and finally made it this year," Toro said. "It is great to be back and the experiences here are awesome, it

was even greater than what we had last time."

Their troop in Puerto Rico has been there for 25 years, and this could become a regular trip.

"Just the experience of being here, seeing what life is like here and the camaraderie...of living in Scout paradise," Toro said. "It's the same thing that made me want to do another trek at Philmont."

The crew visited many camps, including Beaubien, Sawmill and Dean Cow. The crew enjoyed all of the activities, but they enjoyed Sawmill the most because they got to feel the power of a high-power rifle.

"You can ask almost every

By Katie Sill  
Staff Writer

Scouting, as many know, is an international phenomenon affecting the lives of countless youth across the world. In addition to American crews, Philmont also hosts crews from a variety of different countries. Since 1977, every other year a crew from Japan visits Philmont Scout Ranch.

Like other international crews, special considerations were taken to accommodate any language or cultural barriers. To help ensure that the crew still gains the information they need for a successful trek, the Ranger Department assigned Second Year Ranger Kyle Buck to this

year's Japanese crew, 723-Q.

"Luckily we had one Ranger out of all of us who knew Japanese," said Associate Chief Ranger Bridget Hogan. "We try our best to make sure the crew gets the best possible instruction from their Ranger."

Prior to this summer, Buck had studied Japanese for three years. He also spent the summer of 2011 studying abroad in Nagoya, Japan – coincidentally, the same city crew 723-Q hails from.

Even though his conversational Japanese is proficient, there are some terms necessary to hiking that are not

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Crew 723-Q hikes with a burro on Thursday, July 26 at Miranda. Scouts from their council come to Philmont every other year. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



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## Corrections

In Issue 8, in the article “The Front Lines,” it was stated that Betty Pacheco’s “mother worked at the bookkeeping department for 14 years.” This is incorrect and the statement should read that she worked there for 42 years.

If any readers have any other corrections they would like fixed, please I-camp us or email us at [philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org)



# 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, and 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. Why not think it over and see if this could be a very good choice for you to make; after all, it’s your life; live it for a long time with enjoyment and in good health.

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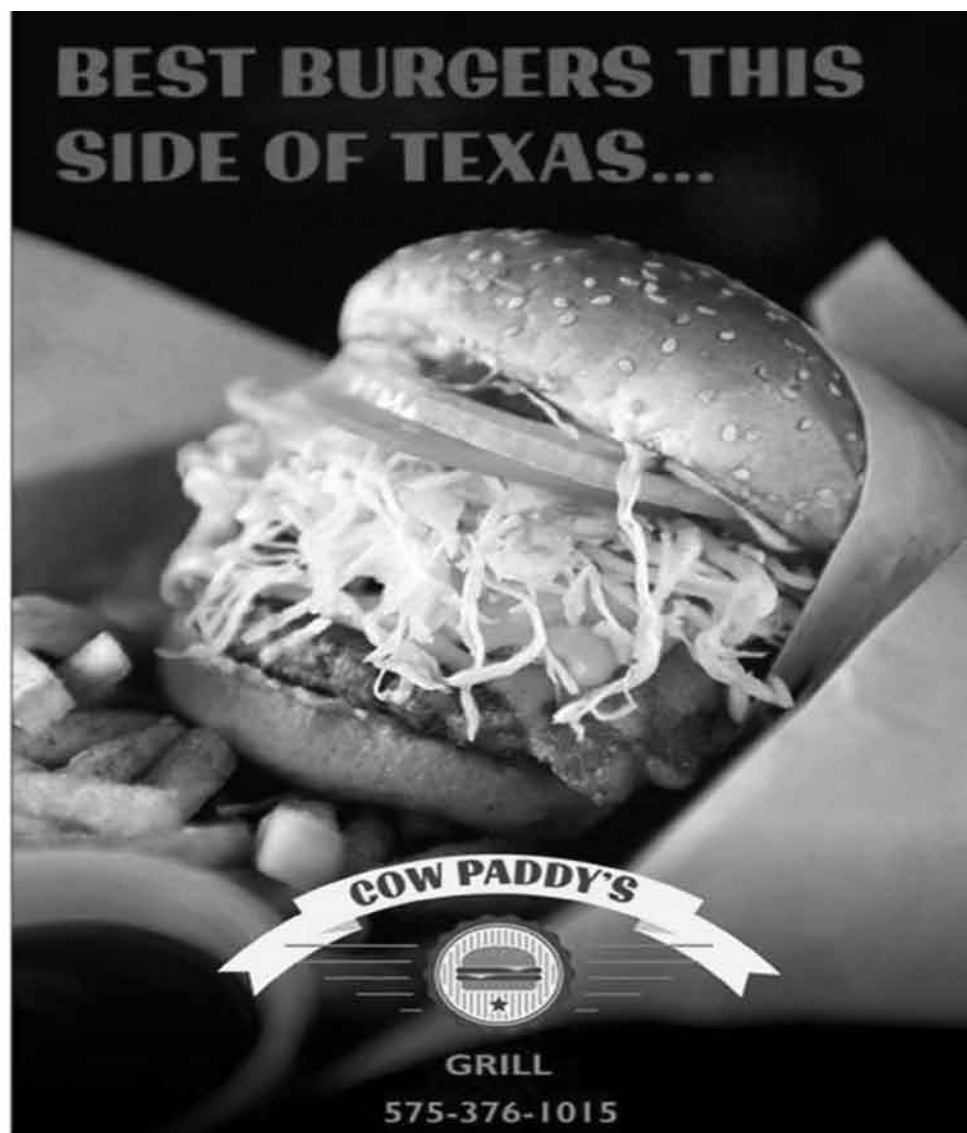
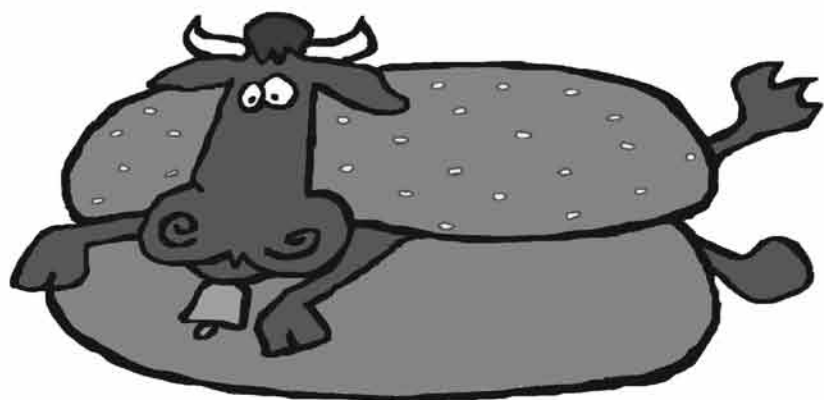
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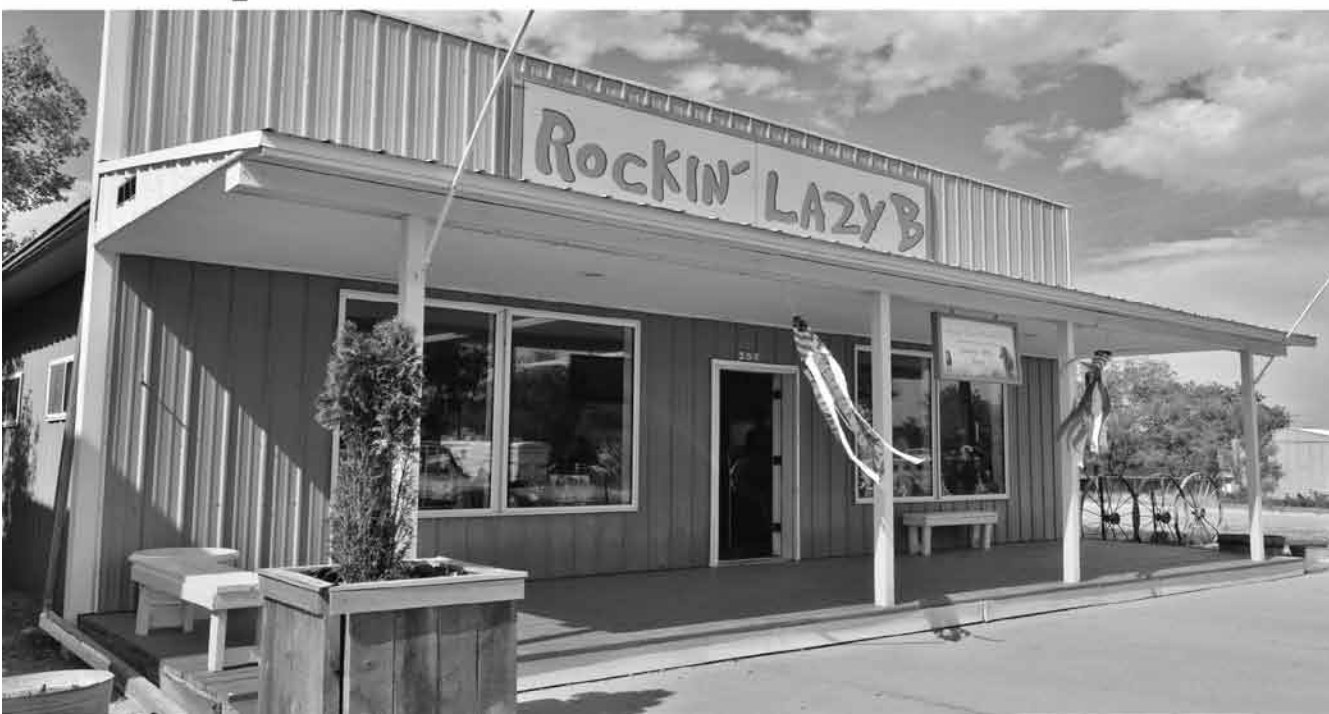
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# Mark's Minute: *PhilFish*

During our training this year nearly every staff member completed a Fish Experience. It emphasized that when we work together we can catch the energy and release the potential that is found in the four concepts: play, be there, make their day, and choose your attitude.

**Play** – As we watched the fish mongers of the Pikes Street Market we saw that they had fun while they played (worked) and that fun can be energizing.

- Happy people treat others well.
- Fun leads to creativity.
- The time passes quickly.
- Having a good time is healthy.
- Work becomes a reward and not just a way to rewards.

“No one keeps his enthusiasm automatically. Enthusiasm must be nourished with new actions, new aspirations, new efforts, new vision.” -Papyrus

We can be serious about our work without being serious about ourselves.

**Be There** – When you are present you show consideration for the other person. You can multi-task stuff - you can't multi-

task people.

In the film the fish mongers were truly present. They were not day dreaming or on the phone. They were always scanning the crowd and interacting with customers. They talked to each person as if they were their long lost friend.

As we have gotten to know each other well over the summer it is easy to focus our attention within our specific team of department and forget the customer, even the customer who is from some other team or department on the Ranch.

Remember here at Philmont we have both internal customers as well as external customers. Our internal customers include our co-workers and fellow Philmont Staff members. Our external customers include participants and visitors. Each of us comes in contact with both groups of customers each day. They all deserve our focus.

**Make Their Day** – In the film the fish guys included the customers in their good time. They engaged their customers in ways which created energy and goodwill.

Through this engagement we each have many opportunities to extend ourselves and feel the satisfaction that comes by serving others. We can make a positive difference with each encounter.

How we participate in the delivery of the Philmont Experience can help to insure that Philmont is truly a world famous place.

- Smile!
- Express appreciation!
- Follow through with a request!

- Do something unexpected or out of the ordinary for someone else!

- Take that extra step that you didn't have too!

We can make both our internal customer but also our external customer's day.

**Choose Your Attitude** – The fish guys were aware that they choose their attitude each day. One of the fish guys said in the film “When you are doing what you are doing, who are you being? Are you being grouchy, irritable, moody, impatient and bored, or are you being world famous? You are going to act differently if you are being world

By Mark Anderson  
Director of Program



**Mark Anderson, Director of Program. SAMANTHA WAILDER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER 2011**

famous.”  
There is always a choice about the way you do your work, even if there is not a choice about the work itself.

**Benefits we can identify as a result of choosing our attitude:**

- By accepting that you choose your attitude, you demonstrate a level of personal accountability and pro-activity which will fill our work places with energy, all by itself.

- Choosing your attitude and acting like a victim are mutually exclusive.

- We hope the attitude you choose is to bring your best

self to work and love the work you do. We can bring our best qualities to our work – it is our choice. If we can accomplish this one thing, our work area will become an oasis of energy, flexibility, and creativity even at a busy, challenging location like Philmont Scout Ranch.

Be the person you want to spend time with. We should all reflect on our PhilFish experience and continue to catch the energy and release the potential as we work with each other to insure that we each share in the Philmont Experience.

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staff camp and they would know that we were there," Toro said. "We had lots of music and singing, Spanish and English, lots of fun."

Toro had the same experience at Philmont as the Scouts and he plans on coming back in the future because of the way Philmont has impacted him.

"When I was preparing the crews, I told them it would be a challenge and that they achieved that and they were able to overcome all of those obstacles that they found. We have seen the growth and change in the crews. That will serve them in their life."

## Men of Value

Standing on our final peak, the Tooth of Time, we marveled over the expansive flatlands that unrolled before us. Our final destination, Base Camp, was nestled at the end of our mountain. The endless peaks of Philmont loomed behind with an elegant reverence that has inspired countless people from all walks of life.

What they say is true – there is nowhere on Earth quite like Philmont, and our crew will testify to that. From the top of

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discussed in the classroom.

"Most of them don't know very much English, so when I'm teaching I have Yuto help me," said Buck.

This is Yuto's Yamashita's second trek at Philmont so he's able to assist Buck with both translating and overall trek organization.

"Philmont has a beautiful landscape," said Yamashita, smiling. "Everything is excellent."

Unlike other Rangers, Buck will remain with his crew throughout the 12 day trek. He will serve as an interpreter at

different staff camps. Ranger leadership also wants him to be on hand in case of any emergencies where communication is most crucial.

Advisor Hiroki Yoshino is impressed with the Philmont staff he's interacted with during his four treks at Philmont. He appreciates the vast knowledge of camping and other life skills that rangers, like Buck, are able to share with the Scouts.

"The staff at Philmont is rich in Scouting spirit," said Advisor Yoshino.

Contributed by Robbie Ralston  
Troop #1320 of McMurray, Pen.

Mount Philips to the bottom of Tooth Ridge there is a feeling in the air; though the path is difficult, though the terrain is treacherous, though the weather is inopportune, we will triumph. And, somewhere along the way, through spar pole climbing, walking blind in a mineshaft, climbing a mountain, and even listening to an original musical around the fire ring, you find a confident man where there used to be a mere boy.

Philmont is more than a

difficult hike. It is more than a long camping trip. It is a center of growth, confidence, courage, fellowship, and most importantly, happiness. The memory of our trek, our crew, and our ranger will live on in our hearts and minds forever.

Albert Einstein once said "Try not to become a man of success, rather become a man of value." Philmont creates men of value.

## Blood Drive Discount

In appreciation of those who choose to donate blood, the Tooth of Time Traders and the Philmont Museum would like to extend an additional 5% discount on any "non-sale" item for all participating staff.

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# Food with a Pinch of Fun

By Beverly Ponterio  
Staff Writer



**Staff member Kristina Yeager bakes breadsticks on Friday, July 27 in the dining hall kitchen. "My brother worked [in the kitchen] last year and had some pretty good things to say about it," she said. "So I decided to work here. I really like it." ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

We see them every day in black hats and red shirts, smiling despite the hectic pace they maintain. The Philmont Dining Hall staff currently consists of 50 to 60 staff with managers included.

Mollie Espinoza, full time Dining Hall Manager as well as Lead Cook in the off-season, works hard to maintain good morale among the staff. Despite the long lines of people they serve, they stay positive and efficient.

Recipes are selected during the off-season. During the summer, food prep occurs about two days in advance and the menu is set out for an entire month, though it is subject to change. Within the first two to three weeks, they are able to learn recipes and work out any kinks to improve the food quality.

On a daily basis they serve anywhere from 900 to 1,200 people per meal. "We will top 200,000 meals this summer," said Espinoza.

In order to keep everyone excited about their job, the staff sometimes does chants before opening or eating contests with things like watermelon and cereal.

"[I became] the lead swing cook after only two days of being swing cook," joked Tanner Martin. He said that sometimes



**Staff member Robert Varwig serves Frito pie to Scouts on Friday, July 27 in the camper dining hall. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

it is overwhelming, but he really enjoys working the grill.

Jarett Epps also said he loves his job, but it does have its rough days. It is a crazy pace to maintain working from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., but the people make it worth it. People like Marjorie Miller, known as MJ, Seasonal Kitchen Manager.

Miller said she loves taking care of food allergies when Scouts come in. They often do not call ahead of time and so the staff finds out about allergies as kids come down the line for food. "It's like a big puzzle, what can the eat...it's fun," said Miller when explaining her love of the people she serves.

Amber Archuleta is a

commissary worker, but she comes to the dining hall on a regular basis to help out with whatever needs doing, as her mother is Espinoza.

The Staff Dining Hall adds something different by giving staff a place to call their own. "It was such a laid back relaxed atmosphere though, that people really didn't want to leave. They like to come in and stay and visit," said Espinoza.

As staff, while sitting and visiting in the dining hall, be sure to thank those working so hard to feed so many people three times a day.

## Behind the Scenes

By Katie Sill  
Staff Writer

Often times, the jobs that are most important are the ones taken for granted. Such is the case for the unsung heroes of Philmont's maintenance department. This department is responsible for the upkeep of both the Philmont Training Center (PTC) and Camping Headquarters (CHQ).

"Our job is to keep Philmont looking the same for everyone," said CHQ Facilities Manager, Fred Cribbett. "That way, when treks come through in August, it doesn't look used and worn out."

Both PTC maintenance and CHQ maintenance teams maintain buildings of their respective areas. For example, every morning the maintenance crew cleans all of the shower houses. If anything is in need of repair, maintenance is on call.

"We basically keep the Ranch running," said Glenn Porter of CHQ Maintenance. "Anything that's broken, we fix it."

Meanwhile, the Maintenance Department is also in charge of groundskeeping for Philmont. Their area of responsibility spans

from Administration to Rayado, all along Highway 21. They keep the landscaped areas of Philmont looking beautifully manicured for all of the visitors.

There are four full-time employees that work year-round in the maintenance department. Two are assigned to grounds crew and the other two are responsible for CHQ. During the summer, however, the workforce greatly increases. The department goes from four workers to 20. Of these

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**Lee Roy Fernandez, Curtis Stark, Darin Sanchez, and Josh Tutt discuss the construction of the trading post yurt on Friday, June 1. MATT PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



# Sawmill Shots

By Garrett Franklyn  
Staff Writer

The first deafening shots of the day from the .30-06 rifles as several Sawmill staff members fire rounds down the shooting range.

Sawmill, which is the only high-power rifle camp approved by both the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and American Camp Association, gives participants an opportunity to use a firearm they otherwise would never have had a chance to use. Sawmill is also the only program in the BSA that teaches reloading.

"They enjoy it," said Garrett Schilling, 22, a program counselor at the camp. "Some of them have never shot a rifle before."

And for those who have, few could say they have fired a gun with so large a caliber.

But Sawmill offers more than just shooting. The staff camp is the mid-way point for many crews between Commanche

Creek and Sawmill Canyon. It gives them a place to unwind in scenic majesty with a front porch opening upon the sharp gashes of mountains jutting into mountains.

"We have the best view in the camp," said Logan Smithey, 23, another program counselor. "It cannot be argued."

The camp is not without its own sense of humor, though.

"We're also the most American," Smithey continued, smiling.

Sawmill is one of several other backcountry camps laying claim to the title of "Best Rifle Camp."

Like Clear Creek and Harlan, Sawmill lets its participants learn how to load, reload and fire a weapon.

However, unlike Clear Creek and Harlan, which also have other programs in addition to rifle shooting, Sawmill is explicitly for the teaching handling and



Program counselor Emily Alesandrini fires her rifle downrange on Wednesday, July 25 at Sawmill. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Ute Gulch, Backcountry Commissary

By Matthew Baide  
Staff Writer

Crews lined up, waiting eagerly for some sweet sustenance.

This is the scene at Ute Gulch Commissary. It is one of the busiest places at Philmont.



Staff member Mark Martin loads a food pick up into boxes for a crew passing through on the trail at Ute Gulch Commissary. Commissaries supply participants food and supplies during their trek. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Many crews come through to pick up food from the thriving commissary. On average, the commissary hands out food to about 33 crews a day.

"We take shifts, it can get

exciting, but we take breaks and try to keep ourselves fresh," Ute Gulch staff member Daniel Howland said.

It can get difficult at times when six or more crews show up at a time.

"It's pretty fun to talk to the Scouts, hang out with them, give them food and make them happy," Howland said. "They all want their food real fast but we try to get it to them as quickly as possible."

What makes them different from other commissary camps is the amount of crews they see per day. One day, they saw more crews come through than Base Camp.

"We deal with it pretty well; it's all hands on deck sometimes," Howland said.

They have to deal with some interesting situations. A crew at Shaefer's Pass had a bear

encounter and a lot of their stuff got ruined, so they had to replace the crew's equipment. They had to get five new water bottles, a sump Frisbee and a dining fly.

Camp Director Daniel Brinkman is in his fifth season working at Philmont. This is his first year working in the backcountry, as last year he was at Logistics.

"It's great and it's exciting," Brinkman said. "We eat really well out here." Brinkman is a former Double H staff member. Double H was a program in Southwest New Mexico from 2004-09. He says that he brings the great attitude from Double H to Ute Gulch.

"What really made it [fun] was everyone's attitude," Brinkman said. "...If you ask anyone from the Double H that are left, they are really motivated and really excited...because a

lot of us continued here and we brought the Double H spirit from there...That is what keeps us driven out here and we try to bring it to everybody else as well."

The camp features a Trading Post, which is considered the "ToTT: Ute Gulch Edition."

The Ute Gulch cabin is brand new, but it doesn't have electricity, which Brinkman enjoys because he likes being cut off from the outside world.

The best part about working at Ute Gulch is making people's days.

"They really like it when we give them all the fresh fruit and tortillas and all that fun stuff, I love it," Howland said. "I love seeing their faces light up and I say 'Also, we have apples, oranges, pears,' and their like 'what?!'"



# Dean Cow, Vertical World

By Amanda Push  
PhilNews Editor



A program counselor belays a rappelling participant climb on Wednesday, June 20 at Dean Cow. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

When visiting Dean Cow, participants can expect several things: rock climbing, energetic staff members and a 7:30 p.m. volleyball game.

“Undeclared!” yelled program counselor Sarah Suiter from inside the cabin, when a crew, gathered for their porch talk, was challenged to a competition.

Dean Cow, the smallest of the rock climbing staff camps, takes pride in their volleyball tournaments between themselves and the crews.

“We like to tell them we’re undeclared whether we are or not,” said program counselor Kyle Pickett. “It keeps the competition up.”

The staff at Dean Cow even goes as far to design their own headbands for the games as well as for opposing teams and guests.

Aside from their excellent volleyball skills, staffers also take pride in the atmosphere of their camp.

“The staff is smaller so it’s more personal. The crews will come up and we’ll hang out on the porch. It’s more one-on-one,” said Zack Seymour, program counselor.

Dean Cow has the privilege of having zero pass throughs. This means that any crews who come to the climbing camp are there to participate in the program.

“Scouts are here [to be] here,” said Head Rock Max McHale.

As Scouts nervously make their way up the rocks, staff call out instructions and encouragement. At the end of their feat, participants are rewarded with a beautiful view of Dean Cow canyon.

Dean Cow also serves as a stopping point for a new rock climbing focus trek. The itinerary includes learning advanced mountaineering techniques such as knot tying.

At the end of the day, Scouts may leave Dean Cow rewarded with a sense of accomplishment. They have conquered “the hottest camp at Philmont,” according to McHale, and may continue their journey with more character and perseverance than when they started.

# Reload and Return to Harlan

By Garrett Franklyn  
Staff Writer



Program counselor Brendan Wells observes a participant discharge a shotgun at Harlan on Sunday, July 29. During peak season, the Harlan range discharges more than 1000 rounds per day. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The clean wooden table in the reloading cabin at Harlan belies the austerity of the simple walls that surround it. A group of Scouts, dirty and sweaty from a morning’s hike, cluster around the slab of wood, which bears four contraptions designed to reload shotgun shells.

One participant, Kirk Truax, an 18 year old from Lancaster, Calif., stands next to one contraption, his fingers hesitantly gripping a handle as a staff member doles out advice on how to fill the red plastic shell with gunpowder and shot.

“We want to introduce them to shotguns and safe gun handling,” said Josh Pack, 23, a fourseason staff member. “We want to teach them how to shoot or improve their shooting.”

And at Harlan, participants will have an opportunity to do exactly that. Deep within the mountains, the sounds of gunfire ricochet from one summit to the next as Truax takes aim and fires, peppering a clay pigeon that comes showering down into the shotgun range.

Many of the guns are

purchased through CZA-USA and Sturm, Ruger & Co., while the reloading equipment is donated by MEC Reloading.

“The program would not run without their support,” Pack continued.

At Harlan there’s more than just reloading and shooting shotguns. The camp and its staff offer burro racing, which sees one trek after another pitting their favorite burro against another.

“We want to give Scouts

better knowledge of firearm safety and an epic burro racing experience,” said Thomas Claggett, 23, a five-season staff member.

As for staff members who may be interested in burro racing, Pack and the rest of the staff at Harlan have a reminder: It’s at 6:30 pm, not 7:30.

“We’ll treat you well if you come,” Pack said by way of inviting other staff members to come. “We eat like kings.”



Camp Director Matt Wineland instructs participant Kirk Truax on how to load a shotgun shell on Sunday, July 29 at Harlan. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

## *Bacon Wrapped Nacho Chicken*

### Ingredients

- 2 blocks of cheese (cheddar and mozzarella)
- 2 16 oz packets of cream cheese
- 2 lbs of chicken breasts
- Package of tortilla chips

### Directions

1. Shred cheddar cheese as well as any white cheese you prefer
2. Melt two cream cheese packets until slightly melted, not liquid
3. Crush tortilla chips
4. Cut chicken breasts in half and spread cream cheese on top of each chicken half
5. Top chicken breasts with shredded cheese and crushed tortilla chips
6. Wrap entire thing in bacon to hold it all together
7. Bake at 355 degrees for 42 minutes

\*Serves 9

\*Recipe created by Beverly Ponterio, Staff Writer



## *Reviews for Bacon Wrapped Nacho Chicken*

“Might be too flavorful or rich for some people. Very savory. Each flavor builds on one another. Bacon and chicken and cheese all cooked well and not overcooked. Also very filling and good presentation.” -Jarett Epps

“Bacon was perfect. Cream cheese added a lot of flavor. Chicken was moist and easy to eat.”  
-Brandon Duckworth

“A little heavy and saturated.” -Luke Wajrowski

“It’s like looking into the face of God and him telling you ‘you are my greatest creation.’” -Clayton Reisbeck

## *Cheesy Drop Biscuits*

### Ingredients

- 2 cups self rising flour
- 1 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

### Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients until blended
2. Drop by rounded tablesppons 2 inches apart onto lightly greased baking sheets
3. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown
4. Cool for five minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Serve warm.

## *Baked Ziti*

### Ingredients

- 1 pound dry ziti pasta
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 (26 ounce) jars spaghetti sauce
- 6 ounces provolone cheese, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 6 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

### Directions

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add ziti pasta, and cook until al dente, about 8 minutes; drain.
2. In a large skillet, brown onion and ground beef over medium heat. Add spaghetti sauce, and simmer 15 minutes.
3. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Butter a 9x13 inch baking dish. Layer as follows: 1/2 of the ziti, Provolone cheese, sour cream, 1/2 sauce mixture, remaining ziti, mozzarella cheese and remaining sauce mixture. Top with grated Parmesan cheese.
4. Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until cheeses are melted.

\*Serves 10

\*Recipes from allrecipes.com



# NAYLE Servant Leadership The Story Behind the Food Supply

By Katie Sill  
Staff Writer

The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is program targeted to enhance the leadership skills of youth participants in Philmont's backcountry. Throughout the week-long program, Scouts expand upon the team building and ethical decision making skills they have already learned through National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).

"NYLT provides the leadership tools and NAYLE teaches you how to use the tools," said Youth Staff Leader and NAYLE veteran, Matthew "Cougar" Goelzers.

The core focus of NAYLE is "servant leadership"—learning to lead for the good of others. To teach this mindset, NAYLE uses elements of the Philmont Ranger Training as well as advanced Search and Rescue.

NAYLE has seven modules that are designed to practice NYLT skills in a realistic and challenging setting: Project COPE, Wilderness First Aid, GPS and Geocaching, Search and Rescue, Leave No Trace, Conservation and Philmont History. Lessons are taught so that the skills introduced in each module build upon each other.

"One block builds on another so that when everyone comes together as a unified contingent, they learn that sometimes it's not about winning but about working together to achieve a goal," said Adult Staff Leader, Dale Copeland.

Scouts live in a team setting at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp (in the shadow of the Tooth of Time). Usually there are 48-50 participants per session with around 20 supervising staff members. Here Scouts use their leadership skills to resolve exciting and challenging backcountry situations.

For example, during Wilderness First Aid training, participants are presented with realistic treatment scenarios that



**Ranger Trainer Marcus Kuhns, right, teaches Tom Ryan, a member of NAYLE crew six, how to sump food and clean dishes on Sunday, July 29 at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

may occur while on a trek. They have to accurately assess the situation and provide the proper treatment.

"NAYLE presents participants with situations to use their NYLT skills," said another Youth Staff Leader, Hampton Zobrist.

Scouts take home the skill, ability, and motivation to be a dynamic and effective leaders. These skills not only benefit the individual participants but their home units and councils as well.

Scouts are exposed to nationwide resources including new ideas and contacts that can only be gained through Philmont's

unique environment.

All of the personal development culminates in a written commitment to apply fresh skills and ideas to the units, districts and councils. John Ridgeway, NAYLE Coordination and Transportation at the Philmont Training Center, asserts the value of NAYLE and the lessons it teaches its participants.

"These challenges that we do usually bring different dynamics to the group and gives everyone an opportunity to become a servant leader," said Ridgeway.

By Beverly Ponterio  
Staff Writer

The commissary keeps food in everyone's belly and smiles on their faces.

Participants hit the trail and staff members stay for meals at a backcountry staff camp, commissary prepares far in advance to provide the appropriate nutrition.

During the summer they are responsible for dining hall orders, meat cuts, backcountry orders, trail meals, swap boxes, packaging, marinating, and being prepared for inspections.

The commissary is inspected

about twice a week. This helps to ensure a system of checks and balances that alleviates Food Service Director Joey Fernandez's greatest fear: the potential to make everyone on the Ranch ill. So far, this has not been a problem due to the fact that it is very regimented by high standards.

By a different standard, the commissary is able to do some good. "Do a good turn daily," is a phrase well known to every

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Commissary**



**Commissary Clerk Dave Welsh throws frozen chicken into a cooler on Tuesday, July 31 at Commissary near Administration. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

# Storyteller Cinema 7

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## Step Up Revolution (PG-13)

Ryan Guzman, Kathryn McCormick  
100 minutes  
2:10, 4:40, 7:10

## The Watch (R)

Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn  
102 minutes  
2:20, 4:50, 7:25

## The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)

Christian Bale, Joseph Gordon-Levitt  
164 minutes  
2:00, 4:30, 7:00

## Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)

Ray Romano, Queen Latifah  
94 minutes  
2:05, 4:35, 7:05

## Ted (R)

Mila Kunis, Mark Wahlberg  
106 minutes  
2:25, 4:55, 7:30

## Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)

Bruce Willis, Edward Norton  
93 minutes  
2:15, 4:45, 7:15

## Movies coming out August 3

Total Recall  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days

\*movies may not be shown in Storyteller Cinema 7

### ‘The Hobbit’ in Three Parts?

By Lucas Shaw, TheWrap

Peter Jackson and Warner Bros. are in negotiations to release the film adaptation of “The Hobbit” as a trilogy instead of in two parts. For Warner Bros., a third “Hobbit” film would also grant the studio another tent pole film at the same time one of its biggest franchises --Christopher Nolan’s “Batman” films -- concludes. For all of the participants, a third film would mean a lot more money as the films are all but guaranteed to succeed at the box office.

### Christian Bale Visits Shooting Victims

By Associated Press

Batman star Christian Bale visited the survivors of the Colorado theater shooting. Bale, who stars as Batman in “The Dark Knight Rises,” previously issued a written statement saying: “Words cannot express the horror that I feel. I cannot begin to truly understand the pain and grief of the victims and their loved ones, but my heart goes out to them.” Bale visited with little advance warning and also stopped by a makeshift memorial to victims near the movie theater.

### Life sentence in Jennifer Hudson Family Slayings

By Associated Press

A Chicago judge on Tuesday sentenced Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson’s former brother-in-law to life in prison. William Balfour was convicted in May of first-degree murder in the 2008 shooting deaths of Hudson’s 57-year-old mother, Darnell Donerson; her 29-year-old brother, Jason Hudson; and her 7-year-old nephew, Julian King. Hudson attended every day of Balfour’s trial. Upon the sentencing, she did not make a statement to the judge and left the courtroom without commenting. Balfour offered his condolences to the Hudson family while maintaining that he didn’t kill their relatives.

### Billie Joe Armstrong on ‘The Voice’

By TheWrap

Billie Joe Armstrong became the latest in a string of high profile rock stars popping up on televised talent shows when NBC said Thursday that the Green Day frontman was joining “The Voice” as a mentor. Armstrong will serve as a mentor to a panel of judges that includes Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine, and country singer Blake Shelton. Carson Daly serves as the show’s host.

### Eric Dane Quits Grey’s Anatomy

WENN

Actor Eric Dane has stunned fans by quitting hit U.S. medical drama Grey’s Anatomy. The star has portrayed Dr. Mark ‘McSteamy’ Sloan in creator Shonda Rhimes’ show since 2006, but he has decided it’s time to hang up his scrubs. “I am extremely grateful to everyone at Grey’s, (network) ABC...and for the experience and memories I have had over the course of this run. It has been wonderful to work alongside and learn from a creative force such as Shonda Rhimes,” said Dane.

### ‘A Christmas Story’ Musical

Associated Press

A musical stage version of the classic film “A Christmas Story” has found a home on Broadway. Producers said Thursday that “Christmas Story, The Musical!” will play the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre from Nov. 5 to Dec. 30. The musical spent much of last year on a national tour. Both the 1983 film and musical are based the story of 9-year-old Ralphie Parker’s desperate attempt to land an air rifle as a Christmas gift, despite warnings that he’ll shoot his eye out.

### Seinfeld Live Stand-Up Returns to NYC

Associated Press

Jerry Seinfeld is bringing back his live stand-up comedy to New York City — the place he says he learned to be funny. It will be the first time he’ll present full live comedy performances in the city since his 1998 Broadway show, “I’m Telling You for the Last Time.” The first performance is at Manhattan’s Beacon Theater on Oct. 4.

### Gaga on the Big Screen

Access Hollywood

Lady Gaga will make her acting debut in Robert Rodriguez’s “Machete Kills,” where she will play La Chameleon. Gaga joins Vanessa Hudgens, Sofia Vergara, William Sadler, Demian Bichir, Michelle Rodriguez, Mel Gibson and Charlie Sheen in the cast. “Machete Kills” is slated to hit theaters in 2013.

### Conrad Murray seeks new test in Michael Jackson’s death

By CNN

Conrad Murray wants a key piece of evidence tested which his lawyers argue could prove Michael Jackson injected himself with the drug that killed him.

Murray, who is serving a four-year prison sentence, is appealing last year’s involuntary manslaughter conviction in Jackson’s 2009 death.

A motion filed Monday by his lawyers asked an appeals court to order a test of the residue in a 100 milliliter bottle of propofol that prosecutors say contained the fatal dose of surgical anesthetic.

If it contains 10% lidocaine, then it would support prosecution expert Dr. Steven Shafer’s theory that Murray rigged up an IV drip using the bottle and then left the room, Murray’s motion said.



# Local and Regional

**Albuquerque Isotopes**  
By Isotopes.com

The Isotopes had another solid week, finishing with a 5-3 record. They swept a three game series against Nashville by a combined score of 28-5. The team has two games coming up against Las Vegas before a four game homestand against Tucson. The Isotopes has a 1.5 game division lead over Oklahoma City.

**Colorado Rockies**  
By ESPN.com

The Rockies continue their bismal year, losing six out of seven this past week. Their lone win came as a 4-2 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks. While not mathematically eliminated, the team is a long shot for a playoff berth. The team has three game series against the San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers this week to try and halt their losing ways.

## Olympics

**Swimming**  
By Associated Press

In the first of two head-to-head matchups, Ryan Lochte got the better of Michael Phelps, cruising to a three second gold medal victory in the 400 IM. Phelps didn't earn a medal, finishing in fourth place, 0.34 seconds behind Japan's Kosuke Hagino in third place. Brazil's Thiago Pereira finished in second place. This is the first time since Phelps competed in the 2000 Sydney Olympics that he failed to earn a medal in an event he was swimming in. 17-year old Missy Franklin won the gold medal in the 100 meter backstroke with a time of 58.33. In her first Olympics, she won the gold medal by almost setting an Olympic record.

## Medal Count as of July 29

China: 6 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze

United States: 3 gold 5 silver, 3 bronze

Italy: 2 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze

South Korea: 2 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze

Japan: 0 gold, 2 silver 3 bronze

**Basketball**  
By Associated Press

Team USA is off to a good start, defeating France in their opening game 98-71 on July 29. Kevin Durant was the leading scorer for the U.S. with 22 points. Kevin Love added 14, and Carmelo Anthony and Tyson Chandler each added nine rebounds to allow the Americans to cruise to victory. San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker had 10 points for France. The USA women also dominated in their first round game defeating Croatia 81-56.

**Soccer**  
By Associated Press

The U.S. women's soccer team defeated Colombia 3-0 on July 28. The team has now secured a spot in the quarterfinals. Abby Wambach's second-half goal gave her the all-time record for U.S. soccer goals. USA defeated France in its first match 4-2. They had one more group game against North Korea on July 31 before the knockout stages begin.

**Gymnastics**  
By Associated Press

The United States Men's Gymnastics team finished a disappointing fifth place in the overall competition, with China taking the gold.

# National Sports

## Baseball Standings

American League			
AL East	W	L	GB
Yankees	60	41	-
Rays	53	49	7.5
Orioles	53	49	7.5
Blue Jays	51	50	9
Red Sox	51	51	9.5
AL Central			
White Sox	55	46	-
Tigers	54	48	1.5
Indians	50	52	5.5
Twins	43	58	12
Royals	41	60	14
AL West			
Rangers	59	41	-
A's	55	46	4.5
Angels	55	47	5
Mariners	47	57	14

National League			
NL East	W	L	GB
Nationals	61	40	-
Braves	57	44	4
Mets	49	53	12.5
Marlins	47	54	14
Phillies	45	57	16.5
NL Central			
Reds	61	40	-
Pirates	58	43	3
Cardinals	54	48	7.5
Brewers	45	56	16
Cubs	42	58	18.5
Astros	35	68	27
NL West			
Giants	55	46	-
Dodgers	56	47	-
Diamondbacks	51	51	4.5
Padres	43	60	13
Rockies	37	63	1.5

**Basketball**  
By ESPN.com

The 2012-13 schedule has been released. Miami will begin raise its banner and begin its title defense on opening night on Oct. 30 when they take on the Boston Celtics. Steve Nash will make his Los Angeles Laker debut on the same night against his old team the Dallas Mavericks. On Halloween, No. 1 pick Anthony Davis makes his New Orleans Hornets against the San Antonio Spurs. Jeremy Lin will make his Houston Rockets debut on the same night against the Detroit Pistons.

**College Football**  
By Associated Press

The NCAA came down with a tough punishment for Penn State and the recent allegations. Penn State faced a \$60 million dollar sanction, a four year bowl ban and vacating all wins dating back to 1998.

**Mixed Martial Arts**  
By UFC.com

UFC on Fox 4, Los Angeles, California, Main Card: Mauricio Rua vs. Brandon Vera; Lyoto Machida vs. Ryan Bader; Joe Lauzon vs. Jamie Varner; Mike Swick vs. DaMarques Johnson

**Football**  
By ESPN.com

**Aug. 5**  
Hall of Fame Game, Canton, OH.- Arizona Cardinals at New Orleans Saints

**Aug. 9**  
Washington Redskins at Buffalo Bills; Baltimore Ravens at Atlanta Falcons; New Orleans Saints at New England Patriots; Pittsburgh Steelers at Philadelphia Eagles; Green Bay Packers at San Diego Chargers; Denver Broncos at Chicago Bears

# World

**Syria Crisis: Aleppo Rebels Hold Territory, Assad Accuses Neighbors Of Meddling**  
By The Huffington Post

Syrian tanks and artillery pounded rebel-held neighborhoods in the commercial hub of Aleppo on Sunday in a bid to retake control as President Bashar Assad's regime accused regional powerhouses Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey of trying to destroy the country.

Activists say opposition fighters control large swaths of territory across Syria's largest city. The government has been struggling for a week to beat back their assault and stem the tide of recent rebel advances in the civil war.

The head of the main opposition group, the Syrian National Council, called for international help in arming the rebels to face the regime's heavy weaponry, particularly tanks.

**In Israel, Romney Declares Jerusalem to be Capital**  
By Associated Press

Standing on Israeli soil, U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney on Sunday declared Jerusalem to be the capital of the Jewish state and said the United States has "a solemn duty and a moral imperative" to block Iran from achieving nuclear weapons capability.

"Make no mistake, the ayatollahs in Iran are testing our moral defenses. They want to know who will object and who will look the other way," he said. "We will not look away nor will our country ever look away from our passion and commitment to Israel."

The presidential election hovered over the speech. The Old City formed a made-for-television backdrop behind Romney, while some of his campaign donors listened in the audience.

**London Welcomes World for Olympics Opening Ceremony**  
By CNN News

Excitement built across Britain as it prepared for the official start of the Summer Olympic Games on Friday night. One of the biggest secrets in London was finally revealed as what organizers expected to be a billion people worldwide watch the opening ceremony created by Danny Boyle, best known for the Oscar-winning film "Slumdog Millionaire."

Meanwhile, the day got off to a resounding start as bells around the country pealed for three minutes, including more than 40 chimes from London's famous Big Ben clock tower.

The Olympic torch, which has traveled around the United Kingdom over the past 70 days, then set off on the final leg of its journey toward Olympic Stadium, aboard the royal barge Gloriana.

**Romania Votes: Should President be Removed from Office?**  
By CNN

Romanian voters went to the polls Sunday to decide whether to remove President Traian Basescu from office, but a boycott by his supporters appeared to be taking a bite out of turnout.

Lawmakers voted to impeach Basescu in early July, saying he overstepped his authority by ordering wage and benefit cuts for public workers. Basescu said the measures were needed to meet the terms of a \$24 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund for the cash-strapped country, but the move soured him to many inside the country.

**Madoff Victims May Receive Up To \$2.4 Billion Payout**  
By The Huffington Post

NEW YORK, July 26 (Reuters) - The trustee seeking money for Bernard Madoff's former clients has asked a bankruptcy judge to release roughly \$1.49 billion to \$2.43 billion in recovered funds to compensate victims, several times more than they have received so far.

Irving Picard, the trustee, said on Thursday that the payout would cover more than 1,220 customer accounts, and bring total payments so far to as much as 50 percent of the claims currently being allowed. This would be the second payout to victims of the Ponzi scheme, which unraveled in late 2008. Picard said he was making the request to the court now because two legal obstacles were recently removed.

**Facebook Shares Drop to new low**  
By BBC News

Shares in Facebook have fallen to a new low, as investors react to the social network's first set of results since its going public.

Late Thursday, in its first report as a public company, Facebook said it lost \$157 million (£100m) from April to June. Its shares plunged more than 16% to \$22.37 when trading began in New York on Friday, worse than the declines seen in after-hours trade on Thursday. Facebook shares were priced at \$38 when it listed on the NASDAQ in May.

**Gas Prices Turn Upward**  
By CNN

U.S. gasoline prices have gone up by nearly a dime a gallon in the past two weeks, reversing a three-month slide amid an increase in crude oil costs, according to a new nationwide Lundberg survey.

# National

**Lackland Air Force Base Sex Scandal: More Under Investigation In Widening Controversy**  
By The Huffington Post

SAN ANTONIO -- The number of instructors at a Texas Air Force base under investigation in a widening sex scandal has increased from 12 to 15 and the number of alleged victims has also gone up by seven to 38, officials said Thursday.

Officials declined to identify the three new instructors at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio under investigation or comment on the nature of the allegations against them because no charges have been filed against the three, said Brent Boller, a spokesman for Joint Base San Antonio, which operates Lackland.

**Calm returns after protests rock Los Angeles suburb**  
By CNN News

After four nights of rioting, the Los Angeles suburb of Anaheim was calm Wednesday night as federal authorities agreed to examine police shootings in the city, including one Saturday that sparked the protests.

"We are aware of the concerns in the city of Anaheim and will review the recent incidents to determine whether a federal civil rights inquiry is warranted," said spokeswoman Laura Eimiller with the FBI's Los Angeles field office. No inquiry has been opened yet, she said.

Police shot and killed two men in Anaheim over the weekend, but it was Saturday afternoon's shooting of Manuel Diaz, 25, whom police described as a gang member, that sparked an immediate angry reaction from bystanders. Days of raucous protest and confrontations with police followed.

**Storms Knock out Power as They rip Through Northeast**  
By CNN News

Storms ripped through the Northeast, killing at least two people as they unleashed strong winds and knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of customers, authorities said Friday.

The storms struck Thursday, and at one point that evening, severe thunderstorm watches were in effect for a continuous stretch from Oklahoma through New Jersey.

In Pennsylvania, a tree crushed a woman in her car as she sought shelter at a campsite, killing her, said Glenn Dunn, the emergency management coordinator for Potter County. A 61-year-old man in Brooklyn, New York, died after lightning struck a church, sending a scaffold crashing down on him Thursday, authorities said.

**Missing Arkansas Girl Found Safe; Couple she Lived with Found Dead**  
By CNN

A missing 12-year-old girl has been found safe after authorities discovered the bodies of the couple she lived with, Arkansas police said.

Amber Whitlow was found Saturday night in Memphis, Tennessee, local police said. She was found with her 33-year-old brother, Antonio Whitlow, who is a suspect in her abduction as well as a double homicide, Memphis police spokeswoman Alyssa Moore said.

Antonio Whitlow is in custody, Moore said. Amber was taken to a children's hospital as a precaution, and the Tennessee and Arkansas departments of child services were notified.



# Chaplain's Corner: Continued from page 7, Maintenance

By Aaron Baughman  
Chaplain

Our time here at Philmont is a growing experience. Each of us will leave here as a different person than when we came. Growing is an important part of life in many cultures and traditions around the world. Ceremonies and festivals mark the event of a young man or young woman coming of age. In the Amazon young boys must participate in a dance where they wear gloves laced with bullet ants, who's sting is ten times worse than the sting of a hornet or bee. If they can handle the pain then they become an adult within their village.

Many religions also have rites, in which young women and young men participate in to signify that they are an adult. In

the Jewish tradition young men participate in a Bar Mitzvah and young women participate in a Bat Mitzvah. In the Christian tradition young men and women often participate in a Catechism, to become voting members within the church. Philmont is an event just like these ceremonies and festivals; Philmont is an opportunity for us to grow into the Scouts that we would like to be. No matter what our age.

Take this opportunity here at Philmont to step out of your comfort zone and take chances and make mistakes. In the Christian tradition, Jesus tells a story of a young son who sets out on his own into the world. This story is commonly referred to as the Parable of the Prodigal

Son (Luke 15:11-32). After the son sets out things don't go quite as he had planed and he ends up losing all of his money, he even begins to starve. Finally he decides that it is time to head home to his father's house before he starves to death. When he gets home his father welcomes him with open arms and a party. In Africa this story is interpreted as how God welcomes us in no matter where we are in life. Even if we end up making mistakes God welcomes us in just like the son from the parable. I encourage you in your time here at Philmont to let yourself grow, and not to be afraid to make mistakes. For in our most difficult moments on the trail we grow the most.

20, 15 work at CHQ and 5 work at PTC.

Maintenance offers a challenging, hands-on work environment. The projects they receive range from: landscaping, fixing roofs, trimming trees and repainting the interior/exterior of Philmont's buildings. Through these tasks, the staff is presented with opportunities to master new skills that can transfer to later in life.

"About 90 percent of the stuff

we do I'd never done before," said another CHQ maintenance member, Colin Keenan.

During the off season, the maintenance team works on larger projects – many that couldn't be done while Scouts are present. They also close off certain buildings that aren't used in the fall and winter.

"It's not a glamorous job, but it's totally necessary," said Cribbett.

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Scout. What Scouts may not know is that by contributing to the swap boxes allows Philmont to do its part to uphold that principle. For the past three years the commissary has been giving their excess swap box food to homeless shelters in Santa Fe, Raton, and Springer.

"When a camp has a full swap box they send it back to us. We sort it into several different categories and then ship it to a homeless shelter," said Dave Welsh, Commissary Clerk. Sun butter and Pro-Bars are the most commonly shipped.

Aside from all that they do during the summer, there is plenty to keep them going in the off-season. They clean and dress the animals from the hunts. Barry Harper, Commissary Manager, and Joey Fernandez, Food Service Director, handle the butchering and packaging of

the meat as well as a local butcher from Cimarron.

Also, all the trail meals that keep crews going through the summer are ordered and packaged during the fall and winter. They packed about 470,000 this summer alone. When there are surplus trail meals they are sold throughout the off-season, generally within the Boy Scouts of America.

Nothing goes to waste at the commissary. Old cardboard is crushed and boxes sent into commissary are recycled and reused for six years before being decommissioned. The crushed cardboard goes out for recycle, and helps Philmont's bottom line as well as maintaining sustainability, an ever-challenging job for an operation as large as Philmont.

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# The Wild Within

By Beverly Ponterio  
Staff Writer

*Ursus americanus*



A black bear runs through a meadow on Monday, July 23 near Indian Writings. BEVERLY PONTERIO/  
PHILNEWS WRITER

**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.**

Out of the many species that are at Philmont, the one most desired to be seen by crews is the notorious black bear also called *Ursus americanus*.

Black bears, strange though it may seem, are not always black. They can also be found in cinnamon, blonde, brown, and even honey.

These bears are opportunistic eaters with incredibly long tongues and curved claws that make ripping open rotten logs and finding insects much easier. They prefer to eat berries, roots, twigs, plants, insects and occasionally fish or small mammals.

Black bears are foragers and generally prefer to search for food alone. They are highly

territorial and will fight for their homes. Females with cubs will bring their young out to forage, but if another bear or predator approaches them, they will send the cubs up the tree. Once the cubs are safely aloft, the mother, sow, chases the predator away from the tree in order to divert attention from her babies.

Cubs are born during the winter months when the mother is dormant in her den. She will give birth and nurse them until spring when they will all go out in search of food. The cubs remain with the mother for about two years.

It is often said that bears hibernate in the winter, which for black bears is not true. They eat ravenously all spring and fall

in order to remain dormant in the winter. It is true that they do not eat or drink because they use the fat stores they have built up in earlier seasons, but they are easily woken from sleep when disturbed.

There is a misnomer that sows with cubs are the most dangerous to come across, but in fact an aggressive male bear is more to be feared. Generally, black bears are not dangerous and will bluff in order to appear more threatening, but it is never wise to test a predator defending its territory.

Many people confuse black bears for brown bears. It is easily done considering some of their color patterns are the same, but there are physical and behavioral

characteristics that make them distinct.

Brown bears are significantly larger and have a coarse patch of fur, which forms a lump just behind their necks while black bears are smaller with sleek fur. Brown bears' shoulders are farther forward on their bodies while walking on all fours, almost aligned with their jaw bone. They also have a serious attitude problem compared to black bear.

If one were to come in contact with a black bear, it is important not to run away or feign death. It is better to stand your ground and make yourself appear larger. Black bears are curious creatures, but they show clear signs when they feel threatened. They will snap their jaws and smack the

ground. If this is the case, slowly back away and give the bear a wide berth for escape.

Help to keep the majestic black bear alive and thriving in Philmont by respecting them from a distance and reporting them so that the Ranch can keep a record of its remarkable bear population.

*"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*



# Owen's Corner:

## Already in August

By Owen McCulloch,  
Associate Director of Program



Owen McCulloch. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY  
MANAGER

Here we are in August – and it's still the first day!

Remember when you started this season? It was early in the summer, participants were not here yet, and the wind was blowing gently through base camp? (Well, not so gently.) Lots of time was spent in training with both large groups and with our departments as well. We all went through "Ripples", FISH!, Philmont First Aid and more, getting ready for the first day of participants to arrive.

On June 8, 37 crews arrived in the Camping Headquarters parking lot, and on June 10 families and participants arrived at the Philmont Training Center; we were in business! Oh, the first campfires, first meals, first programs, first climbs, first shots, first porch talks, first crafts, first hikes, and more firsts! The excitement and anxiety everyone felt as we got the season underway with all our "firsts". Now here we are entering August – and we've still got "firsts" happening. Every day more crews arrive in the Camping Headquarters parking lot for their first day at Philmont; every day more families and participants arrive at the Philmont Training Center

for their first night and opening campfire!

Be sure to remember those firsts of the summer, and recall the excitement you had when delivering your part of the Philmont vision: to Deliver Wilderness Adventures and Educational Opportunities That Will Last a Lifetime!

While I know you have learned your job, and probably don't have the same "first day jitters" like at the beginning of the season, I hope you are still brining the same excitement and engagement you did with the first participants you met. They are still arriving with the same level of excitement, the same questions, and the same anxieties as others did at the beginning of the season. Are you still answering the question, "Where is the Tooth of Time Traders?" with the same helpful answer and smile, even though you've been asked the same question 100 times?

Remember that the FISH! Philosophy has four simple, interconnected practices:

Being There is being emotionally present for people. It's a powerful message of respect that improves communication

and strengthens relationships.

Play taps into your natural way of being creative, enthusiastic and having fun. Play is the spirit that drives the curious mind, as in "Let's play with that idea!" It's a mindset you can bring to everything you do.

Make Their Day is finding simple ways to serve or delight people in a meaningful, memorable way. It's about contributing to someone else's life, not because you want something out of it, but because that's the person you want to be.

Choose Your Attitude means taking responsibility for how you respond to what life throws at you. Once you are aware that your choice impacts everyone around you, you can ask yourself, "Is my attitude helping my team or my customers? Is it helping me to be the person I want to be?"

I hope you have a great finish to your summer season – your "First Days" are counting down – make each of them worth it, and have a great August!



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# Philmont Exudes Boy Scout Ideals

By Garrett Franklyn  
Staff Writer

Part of the mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare youths for a life of dedication and responsibility that will carry into adulthood. For many Boy Scout troops and Venture crews, outdoor activities like camping and backpacking help sharpen those tenets.

Little surprise then that the organization's high adventure camps would be the pinnacle of fostering those ideals, places where participants learn about individual determination and teamwork. Such a place as Philmont, where 137,493 acres of land is afforded to letting youths hone their outdoor skills, helps participants to realize the importance of their own willpower while working with their crew to sharpen their ability to work as a team.

"They learn to do things they never thought they could do," said Wayne Perry, national president of the Boy Scouts of America, when he visited the Ranch in early July.

This character building opportunity brought back Chris Antholzner, an advisor from New York who first came to Philmont when he was fifteen. He even brought his son back with him.

"It was that moment [driving away] at Philmont," he said. "That's how much it changed me as a youth. Philmont does it by putting them [participants] in situations beyond their comfort zone."

Philmont combines teamwork and leadership, two traits that the BSA tries to combine in the youth that comb through the wondrous mountains.

"It gives the Scouts an outdoor experience," said Connor Spurr, a staff member at News and Photo Services and a first-year staffer.

"A lot of Scouts focus on service and leadership, which is mostly through outdoor experience," he continued.

For Kirk Truax, 18, an Eagle Scout from Southern California,

it's precisely those outdoor experiences that he's noticed so far during his first time here at Philmont.

"It's a little bit early for me to tell, but at the end of the week I could see something developing," he said. "It's a work in progress."

Right now, though, his experiences have focused mostly on the outdoors and proper environmental education. The sprawling backcountry of Philmont affords both Traux and his crew a rare opportunity to learn and practice being environmentally conscious, in a place far more conducive than a city or suburb.

"It [Philmont] lets young men incorporate the lessons of nature in their daily lives," said David Spitznagel, 22, a staff member and one-time Order of the Arrow Trail Crew participant.

"Some of them would never get that in a city," he finished.

## 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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# Sustainability: A Work in Progress

By Katie Sill  
Staff Writer

The Sustainability Team held its second Sustainability Forum of the summer on Thursday, July 26 in the Walcutt Room. The formal presentation, led by Sustainable Resource Specialists David Pedrick and Mike Crockett, illustrated the successes of the sustainability efforts for the summer of 2012 as well as the areas for improvement.

Both Pedrick and Crockett made a push for a continued awareness and transition toward sustainable living at Philmont. Among many things, this included an increase in recycling

efforts, a decrease in disposable containers (such as Styrofoam) and reducing gasoline use.

"We have the resources to make the transition," said Crockett. "It's a matter of changing the mindset of the people at Philmont."

Each week the Sustainability Team transports a full trailer of recyclables to Raton to be processed. According to Pedrick, if the recycling program continues to grow and if Philmont develops a means of storing the recyclables, the recycling company will retrieve

the recycled goods from Philmont. This means that the gasoline allotted for the weekly trip to Raton would be saved.

Pedrick and Crockett revealed that Philmont's recycling program is operating at maximum capacity. Currently there are 97 recycling containers scattered across basecamp. Another 50 containers have been ordered to meet the increasing need for additional recycling outlets. "We want people to know that we are passionate about the environment," said Crockett.

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# Living the Dream

By Matthew Baide  
Staff Writer

Whether your dream job is going into space, becoming an iconic athlete or work as General Manager at Philmont, it can come true. Just ask General Manager John Clark. Clark has been working for the Boy Scouts since 1977.

In 1995, he was working on an update for his resume and wrote that he would like to become the General Manager at Philmont Scout Ranch someday.

"It was one of those that drew a lot of laughs because it doesn't quite work that way," Clark said. "You can dream all you want but your dreams don't come true."

In 2002, Keith Gallaway called Clark and asked if he

would like to become the Comptroller and he took the job because he would be able to work at Philmont.

When Gallaway retired in 2009, there were 13 candidates that applied to replace him as General Manager.

"The Boy Scouts of America does not really believe in promoting from within, they like to bring people in from different places," Clark said. "So I basically had three strikes against me since I was already employed here at Philmont but I said all I'm asking is for an interview."

The list was narrowed down to nine candidates, then three, and at the end of the process,

Clark become the new General Manager at Philmont.

"I think it should be anybody's dream job, anybody that loves the outdoors and loves Scouting, there is no way you would not love Philmont," Clark said.

Clark had been to Philmont many times before he started working at the Ranch, so he already knew what the Philmont experience was like.

"Being General Manager is one thing, but the staff at Philmont is phenomenal," Clark said. "I'm surrounded by a fantastic staff so you can't get much better than that. We have dedicated employees who believe in what they are doing and you are working in this kind of environment...we want to make sure those expectations are met."

He got his degree in Recreation Park Administration, and worked with the Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service.

He never really thought about working for the Boy Scouts until he got a call from the council where he grew up in northwest Arkansas.

"They said 'how would you like to work in your home council and I thought it was kind of unique and I had never thought about that and that's really how that came about,'" Clark said.

Clark is also the Department Manager of High Adventure, which means he also provides leadership to Northern Tier and Florida Sea Base.

There is no average day for Clark. He may have a list of things to do for the day, but there will be things he won't account for, making no day like any other.

"There is no such thing as an eight hour day," Clark said. "An average day is about 12 to 13 hours daylight till dark, seven days a week, then we get to goof off."

The Clark's live in the Webster House, which is made

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of adobe. It burned down in 1917 and was rebuilt. Over the years it has been renovated by the General Managers. The Clarks put a porch in because "a ranch house needs porches."

He doesn't have a favorite place in the Philmont backcountry, but he enjoys the views that the backcountry provides. He likes the view from

Miranda porch because it is so peaceful.

With 35 years experience with the Boy Scouts, Clark isn't sure when he will be done working at Philmont.

"I could retire today, that's not really my desire," Clark said.



John Clark. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



# Photo Contest Winners

By Garrett Franklyn  
Staff Writer

For another year, the Activities Department cycled through numerous photos for this year's Philmont Photography Contest, in which staff members from across the Ranch submit some of their best work in the hopes of winning.

The categories ranged from porch view and wildlife to humor and black and white. One of the winners—Savannah Moore, who won first in the porch view category—spent a lot of time at Rich Cabins for the right moment, where she snapped a picture of a old wagon through one of the cabin's windows.

"This picture, I actually spent a lot of time," the 21 year old said. "It has a lot of really good elements in it."

For the photo, Moore had

to wait until the sun softened enough and the colors were just right, barely hitting the grainy wooden surface of the wagon. Though she won first in one category, and ultimately placed third overall, she considers photography as little more than a hobby for right now.

"If I had more time, it might develop into a serious hobby," she said. "Right now it's something I'm just interested in."

For as far back as she knows, the Activities department, where she works, has been managing the photo contest since 2005. The contest gives an opportunity to staff members to showcase some of their best photographs—not too surprising, given the wonderful prospects a location like Philmont provides to those

hoisting a camera.

"I looked for a photo that punched me in the face," said Matt Prokosch, a photographer at News and Photo Services who was also a judge at the event. "I also placed preference toward photos that told a story."

The photos featured here are the photos that one overall. There are 27 winners total. If anyone would like to see all the winners of the contest visit the CHQ Staff Dining Hall where all winning photos are being displayed.



1st place - Overall, Staff Activity. Michael Dzubin, Chaplain.



2nd place - Overall, Landscape. Carrie Anderson, Conservation.



3rd place - Overall, Porch View. Savannah Moore, Activities.



# Staff Highlight of the Week: The Food Boss

By Beverly Ponterio  
Staff Writer

Food Service Director Joey Fernandez is a constantly busy man. His day starts at 4 a.m. and sometimes goes until 10 p.m. throughout the summer. While it does slow down a bit in the off-season, he is still constantly working toward perfection.

"I'm in charge of all food on the Ranch, which entails camper dining hall, PTC dining hall, backcountry food, backcountry trail food, I guess anything that anyone would consume falls under me," said Fernandez.

During the off-season Fernandez and his staff go into trail food negotiations and purchasing for the entire rest of the year. All of the packaging is done here on the Ranch from February through May by a staff of about 14.

Mollie Espinoza, Dining Hall Manager, reports directly to Fernandez. "Oh he's a great boss," said Espinoza as Marjorie Miller, Kitchen Manager, concurred with an "Amen."

All summer long, Fernandez does not take a single full day off. He takes a few hours here and there, but most of the time he is working to make the dining experience at Philmont a great one. "He truly cares about his department; he wants it to run well and he's here a lot...wherever he's needed, that's where he is," said Espinoza.

Fernandez has been known to wash dishes, help in food prep, checking food temperatures and much more. "I'm not only your boss, I'm also your co-worker," said Fernandez when explaining his philosophy on teamwork among the staff.

With about 120 people working directly under him throughout the summer, it is evident that he has their respect, but also their appreciation. He enjoys working with the staff he has.



**Joey Fernandez. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

One person Fernandez gets the pleasure of working with is his son, Rico over in commissary. He said it has been a privilege to watch Rico grow and step up to more responsibility. They live together on the Ranch and Fernandez said that sometimes his son has to keep him in line, making sure he gets enough rest with the hectic schedule he maintains.

This week the dining hall was short staffed, and Fernandez said he was scrubbing pots and pans when Rico showed up to help his dad get everything done.

As a strong family man, when Fernandez is not bustling around the Ranch, he likes to spend time with his grandchildren.

Prior to working at Philmont

Fernandez "worked with bad boys," at the Springer Boys School. And before that he worked in food services for the National Guard while he was enlisted.

Fernandez constantly strives for perfection. He said he knows he cannot achieve it, but that will never stop him from trying.

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A hummingbird drinks from a feeder on Sunday, July 8 on the porch of Cimmaroncito. **RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



Lillie O'Neill feeds "Chaco," a pony at PTC, on Tuesday, July 24. The PTC offers pony rides to its younger participants. **MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



Bridget Hogan, Santa Claus, Helen Gent, and Erin Jones pose for a photo at the Ranger Christmas in July PhilFiesta on Wednesday, July 25. **MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



Travis "Guy" Payne plays loggerball in his union suit on Monday, July 23 at Pueblano. Loggerball is a sport similar to baseball and is part of Pueblano's daily program. **ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



A bear is trapped by members of the Ranch department on Monday, July 23 near Administration. **BEVERLY PONTERIO/PHILNEWS STAFF WRITER**