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8 p.m. Watch Olympics Closing Ceremony @ SSSAC	8 p.m. Dodgeball @ Baldy Pavilion Magic the Gathering tourney @ Walcutt Room	8 p.m. Ernest Seton's birthday party @ Baldy Pavilion Lobo movie with cake and ice cream	7:15 Yoga @ Small Fry 8 p.m. Humans vs. Zombies @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Movie Night: "Dr. Horrible" @ Baldy Pavilion	6 p.m. Disc golf behind SSSAC 7:15 p.m. PTC Final Closing Campfire	8 p.m. "Goodbye Philmont" party @ Baldy Pavilion
Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
8 p.m. Dodgeball @ Baldy Pavilion	8:15 p.m. CHQ Final Closing Campfire	All remaining tent city housed staff must relocate to Health Lodge Tent City no later than 8/24	Last day for Commissary or Wall draws Last meals provided for full-time staff Dinner, and all meals after, served @ PTC Dining Hall 7:15 p.m. Yoga @ Smally Fry	8 a.m. All staff meeting @ PTC Staff Dining Hall to receive job assignments Meal time changes: breakfast (7-8 a.m.), lunch (noon-1 p.m.), dinner (5:30-6:30 p.m.) Deadline to communicate departure needs		All staff day off (with exception to Dining Hall staff)
Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Saturday 1
All staff day off with exception to Dining Hall staff			7:15 Yoga @ Small Fry			

Corrections

In Issue 9 of PhilNews, in an article titled "Ute Gulch, Backcountry Commissary," a photo was captioned "Staff member Mark Martin loads a food pick up into boxes for a crew passing through on the trail..." The caption should have read "Staff member Martin Bergstrand-Reiersgard breaks down a food box at Ute Gulch Commissary." The article also stated "The camp features a Trading Post, which is considered the ToTT: Ute Gulch Edition." This information is incorrect.

Fall Job Opportunities at Local Ski Resorts

If you are looking for job opportunities for the fall, you may want to check out a couple of the closest ski resorts to Philmont.

Angel Fire Resort is currently hiring for the fall. They are looking for cooks, dining hall staff, housekeepers and golf course attendants.

You can find out more about these positions and more at www.angelfireresort.com/careers, or email hr@angelfireresort.com.

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Mark's Minute: Lasting Impressions

By Mark Anderson
Director of Program

Every day of the summer, many lasting impressions are made. We greet someone and say good bye. We help someone at our work site and they leave heading to the next stop along their Philmont journey to have yet another lasting impression. Over and over this takes place in lots of different ways to each of us and to each participant and visitor to Philmont.

Behavioral research by Nobel Psychologist Daniel Kahneman shows that our memories are very selective. In particular, no matter how extended an event, we form our view and make our evaluation based – with dramatic skew – on the “most intense moments” and the “final moments.”

As I read evaluations, receive messages and letters, and talk

with participants, visitors and staff I know that every one of us have had most intense moments during our 2012 Philmont Adventure.

Take a moment and think back over the summer and reflect on your most intense moments. I know that some of mine have been in the backcountry, some have been at CHQ and some have been at the Philmont Training Center. Watching the light bulb turn on for a conference participant at PTC is exciting. These special moments will impact others as the person returns home and puts in practice new knowledge that will affect many young people involved in the Boy Scouts of America.

Many of my most intense moments have involved you, the 2012 Philmont Staff. Through

the emergencies of the summer, the day to day delivery of a world class program, being in service to your peers and your internal and external customers and enjoying time with new friends, you have demonstrated the concepts that we talked about at the first of the summer as we examined the “brand” of Philmont (the pile of rocks, the unique history of the land, Waite and Genevieve Phillips, the lasting journey of each participant and the passion displayed by each staff member.)

Now we come to the lasting impressions. What will they be? We certainly don't want anything to go wrong as everyone experiences the exit door of their 2012 Philmont Adventure or, for that fact, a normal conclusion of an encounter with us during these final days. Consider

those last impressions: tear them apart, tiny step by tiny step. They must be memorable, compelling, emotional, aggressively right and above all obsess on the endings!

I hope you will ensure that your last impressions are lasting impressions and I hope that as you enjoy last encounters with others that you will be part of their lasting impressions.

Thank you for a great



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

summer! I am proud of the job each of you has done throughout the summer.

Make and enjoy lasting impressions as your 2012 adventure here at Philmont comes to an end. I look forward to our 75th Anniversary in 2013!

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The application deadline is August 31, 2012 and may be submitted to the box provided at the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center or mailed to the Philmont Staff Association, 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714.

Please contact Paul Grasse if additional applications are required. More information regarding the scholarship is available on page 22 of this issue.

PhilFiestas: Celebrate Good Times

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

As July came to a close, departments across Philmont Scout Ranch started celebrating a successful season. PhilFiestas are a Philmont tradition.

Since most of these mid-to-end season parties were held in July they were originally called Phil-Christmas. The name was later changed to PhilFiesta which allowed staff members to take creative license in their respective celebrations.

"My favorite part is thinking of a theme," said Program Counselor (PC) Brian McArtle from Cypher's Mine.

Some of the themes from this summer include: I Dubstep (Indian Writings), Occupy Stockade (News and Photo Services), Swamp People

(Cypher's Mine), Back to the Future (Beaubien), and Pirates (Crater Lake).

Staff members go all out decorating and preparing their camp to meet their themes.

The staff at Crater Lake built a plank to adorn their empty lake and the staff at Cypher's Mine made an alligator costume out of cardboard boxes to wear to their Swamp People themed PhilFiesta. Meanwhile, the staff at Beaubien plan on recreating the Under-the-Sea dance from the film "Back to the Future."

"We're going to talk in nothing but Back to the Future quotes all day," said PC Benjamin Moniz, laughing.

Invitations are sent out so staff members from across the

Ranch migrate to the PhilFiestas.

At the Fiestas, staff members feast on specialty food sent by the commissary. Among other items, they received eggplant parmesan, apple pie, and a beef pot roast.

Camp Director Ry Taylor of Crater Lake believes that PhilFiestas are perfect for rejuvenating Philmont staff after a long summer of work.

"Our PhilFiesta was good because it boosted my staff's morale," said Taylor.

Most of all, PhilFiestas are a time for staff members to relax and enjoy each other's company.

It's an opportunity for them to visit with friends and blow off some steam by having fun together in God's country.

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Conserving Philmont

By Garrett Franklyn
Staff Writer

In a small building just off the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center, the Conservation Department works to build and maintain trails spanning 223,000 acres on Philmont neighboring properties.

In the same building, Environmental Educators plan for their Roving Outdoor Conservation crews, Order of the Arrow Trail Crew prepare for their programs, the Geographic Information Systems works on maps and Conservation staff support Trail Crew Trek programs in the backcountry.

“We do a bit of everything,” Conservation Field Manager John Celley, 31, said.

On the conservation side of the department, most are involved with working with participants to fulfill their outdoor conservation requirement. The remainder works on trails as a part of a work crew.

However, for Celley, who also worked a conservation job in Washington State, the work is well worth it.

“This is the best conservation job I’ve ever had,” he said. “It’s the

freedom we get.”

Within the department, managers of the separate programs are largely independent and function independently from the main Conservation leadership, though they ultimately fall under that umbrella.

Currently, Celley and the Conservation Department are wrapped up in a special project: the new trail to Cimarron. Going forward, Celley hopes the next several years will see the department continue to expand, as it has in the last several years, while fostering stronger bonds with the management in other departments across the Ranch.

“The last five years, this program has gone to new levels,” he said of the changes. “We’ve been able to do some awesome things.”

With all the changes, though, there has been one constant carried through the years.

“We hold our staff to a high standard,” he said. “We are fully committed to the development of a conservation ethic in our staff and in our participants.”



Schuyler Heiss puts some finishing touches on to a hydro-board created for environmental education at French Henry on Sunday, July 29 at the Conservation department. The hydro-board will simulate a water source carrying gold particulates to give participants a better understanding of where to look for gold when panning at the camp. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Registration Rush

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer



Myrtle Broussard (center) and Kim Mujezinovic (right) assist a crew at Registration on Sunday, July 29. Registration sees about 70-80 crews come through per day. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

It is nice and quiet at the Registration desk. But it is always calm before a storm, and a sudden wave of crews comes in.

Registration sees about 35-40 crews, trailbound and homebound, which means about 70-80 crews come through per day.

Crews coming off of the bus or when many crews arrive by train or plane at the same time is the busiest time of the day for Registration.

They start checking in crews at 8 a.m. The Registration team has to go through a list of things with trailbound each crew, including checking for payments and arranging meals.

“It’s been really hectic all summer,” Registrar Kim Mujezinovic said.

They have to go through a different list of things with the homebound crews like making sure their transportation home is in order as well as giving Scouts their Arrowhead and Trail of Courage patches.

The Registration group

works well as a team, getting each crew everything they need to have a valuable experience at Philmont. Each member has a different amount of experience that contributes to the team.

“We get to chat with the advisors, and we put on a big smile and it is important we have good Scout traits like being friendly and courteous,” Registrar Karen McKinnie said.

McKinnie has worked at Philmont for 12 years. She has worked one year in the Mailroom, one year as the Trading Post Manager at Ponil, and the other 10 years as a Registrar.

“You get to become real close with the staff in the office, it’s a great job,” McKinnie said. “You get to meet everyone.”

McKinnie has many stories about her time working at Registration. She knows the answers to most questions crews may have, or she will know who to refer them to to answer their question.

“I’ve been to all the camps except for three now, so you learn

a lot about the entire operation of the camp,” McKinnie said. “It’s handy to know.”

Myrtle Broussard has worked at Philmont for 10 years, with nine of those working at Registration. She really enjoys meeting people from all over the country. Broussard and McKinnie have worked together for nine years and both live in Texas. During the off season they get together in Austin, building a strong team bond between the two co-workers.

Each crew leaves a safekeeping envelope with Registration, which they keep under watch until the crew arrives back at base. This envelope contains all the valuables crews don’t want to take on the trail such as wallets, travel tickets and car keys.

This is Mujezinovic’s first year working at Registration and she really enjoys the job. She really likes interacting with the

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Backcountry Warehouse, The Central Hub

By Garrett Franklyn
Staff Writer

All the processes of the backcountry are managed through one central hub: the Backcountry Warehouse.

“It’s an awfully big job,” said Chris Rautman, a staff member at the warehouse who has worked at the Ranch off and on since 1968. With his retirement, he decided to spend his free summers in New Mexico.

At its most basic, the Backcountry Warehouse manages all non-food-related necessities for every backcountry camp. That includes reloading equipment for the shotgun and rifle camps, spare axe heads and whatever repairs a camp might need.

The warehouse also manages other essentials. It helps the Health Lodge whenever cases arise and regulates I-Camps from one destination to the next.

“We box it, label it, and ship it,” Rautman continued. “We tend to a lot of backcountry transport. Everything that is not food and goes back to the backcountry.”

Since the start of the summer, the warehouse has transported over 2,500 items through nearly 850 shipments, which can range from one to 10 items.

Items aren’t the only things transported—the Backcountry Warehouse also brings back backcountry staff who are on their days off, should a Backcountry Manager happen across them while driving.

“We try to support camps



Backcountry staff members wait for rides back to their camps on Sunday, August 5 at the Backcountry Warehouse. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

and their legacy projects.”

That support also extends to programs beyond backcountry camps. According to Rautman, the warehouse has also assisted

with some special treks, such as the Rayado program.

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crews. “I wish it was year round,” Mujezinovic said. “It’s interesting to talk with them when they get off the trail and hear their favorite part and camps. And you see them in their pictures and they are all clean and first

meet them when they come in and then they get back and they aren’t even in grey anymore, it’s all brown.”

The people at Registration are a solid team, and each person makes the job fun.

“We have camaraderie

because it is so busy and we have been able to get it done and help each other,” Broussard said. “And we still get to laugh and joke around with each other and the advisors, we enjoy it.”

Safe and Secure

By Garrett Franklyn
Staff Writer

Much of the smooth functioning in Base Camp can be credited to an unsung department: Security.

Though the thought of the department may conjure ideas of law enforcement and reprimanding those who don’t follow Philmont’s regulations, the department does much more. While they do keep the peace in Base Camp, they also function as a jack of all trades for other jobs.

“We do everything,” said Rick Atmore, a five-season staff member who is Security Manager and served in the Air Force for 21 years. “Security is the smallest piece here.”

On any day, that could range from assisting Search and Rescues, helping Health Lodge cases and performing Fire Watch. This is in addition to the regular Base Camp on-the-job functions they do: Locking and unlocking cars, helping close the Tooth of Time Trading Post, making

sure participants arrive to and from the opening campfire and ensuring the peace of Base Camp itself.

“With the amount of people here, it’s a cross section of society,” he continued. “In general, we keep things as safe and secure as possible.”

In their office near the Welcome Center, the department manages a lost and found for both staff and participant equipment that may have gone missing either in Base Camp or in the backcountry.

But for staff members, Atmore has some advice on how best to prevent anything going missing or being stolen.

“Do those things to protect yourself,” he said, referring to the things staff members can do to protect their possessions. Something as simple as securing one’s tent and securing one’s gear can stop many things from mysteriously going missing.



Security staff member Tom Casseres writes a ticket on Wednesday, August 1 at Lover’s Leap turnaround. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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Pueblano, Lumberjacks and Loggerball

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

Like its southern brother Crater Lake, Pueblano's program centers on the history and culture of logging in 1914.

As employees of the Continental Tie and Lumber Company, these loggers work hard to produce the lumber necessary for the growing nation. When Scouts arrive they are immediately enlisted in the logging legacy.

"We treat the campers as new loggers and the program is their training," Program Counselor (PC) Evan 'Toast' Coombs.

As the larger of the two logging camps, Pueblano handles more Scout traffic.

The participants have a variety of program activities to partake in at Pueblano. They can make rail ties where they turn a round log into a squared log using axes and other tools. Scouts can also race each other in teams of two to saw logs with a crosscut. Meanwhile, around 40 participants climb on each of

Pueblano's four spar poles every day.

One major program feature that sets Pueblano apart from Crater Lake is loggerball.

"It's a lot like baseball – but it's not – 'cause it's loggerball," said PC Brendan 'Lucky' Best, laughing. "It can get pretty crazy sometimes."

Loggerball has three innings and during the second inning the direction of the base running reverses. This means that instead of running counter-clockwise around the bases, the players run clockwise – from third base to second to first.

Traditionally the staff has teamed up to play against the participants; however, this year the staff divides itself among the participants. They heckle each other (good naturedly, of course) and add an element of humor to the game.

In previous years, the Pueblano staff created additional rules to make the game more

interesting and this year is no different.

Participants are challenged to hit different targets surrounding the loggerball field. Different targets have different consequences. If a participant hits the Redroof they win the game, if they hit the cabin they're out, and if they hit the flagpole they're deemed unpatriotic.

"It's one of those things that Pueblano is known for," said Coombs. "It wouldn't be Pueblano without loggerball."

In the evenings, after loggerball, is the company campfire. The Pueblano boys have played for a crowd as large as 200 people. In addition to playing music, the campfire includes a lesson on logger history and culture.

"We wanted to make it entertaining and funny but still include the history," said Camp Director Tim Borden. "It's the one thing we do that campers consistently love."



Camp Director Tim Borden pitches the loggerball to a Scout on Monday, July 23 at Pueblano. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Crew Teambuilding at Dan Beard

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer



Crew 730-TI participates in the human knot, one of many group challenge activities on Wednesday, August 1 at Dan Beard. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The program at Dan Beard is a challenge course. Crews warm up by playing a few different games such as Yonk. Yonk is a game that makes you say Yonk to the person next to you in funny

ways and if a person laughs or smiles, they are out, with the last person standing being the winner.

Other challenges include lowering a hula hoop to the

ground by only touching the bottom of the hula hoop with their index fingers and the human knot, where crews arms are tangled and they must work together to get untangled.

The camp has eight different challenge course options. One is the balance beam, where crews must figure out how to arrange themselves into a certain order without touching the ground.

Or they could try the balance board, where crews must balance a teeter totter board with all the crew members on it without the board touching the ground. After that, they must try and get one crew member into each corner while still balancing the board.

If that isn't challenging enough, crews can try and get through the rope wall, where they will work together to try and get each crew member through

the wall without touching the rope.

For the last challenge, crews will have to navigate the wall, where they will try and get each member over the wall. The wall at Dan Beard is two inches higher than at any other camp, so it is the most difficult on the ranch.

At night, the camp plays Beard Ball, a combination of frisbee, football, rugby, soccer and barbed wire. It's a great evening program, and at the end of the game, the score is always fun to fun.

Camp Director David Keegan thinks that it is best that crews come here on the first couple of days of their treks so they can build up better teamwork to get through the trek.

"The course helps with their crew dynamics because if they

get this challenge early on, it will make the rest of the trek a lot easier," Keegan said. "They will learn not to yell and just to talk. It helps to have the staff here to help them work things out."

Staff member Reade Furney has three years of experience, which helps crews get a meaningful challenge course experience.

"We...take the time to be crazy and have fun with the Scouts," Dan Beard staff member Angela Houters said. "We are more busy at Dan Beard than in previous years but we still take the time to make sure that they actually get experience us."

Camaraderie and Teamwork

By Garrett Franklyn
Staff Writer



Participants pull a crew member over a wall on Friday, August 3 at Head of Dean. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

One of the premiere focuses at Philmont Scout Ranch is turning crews into teams. Through the rugged expanse of mountains and trails, participants learn how to work together and forge new bonds—at one backcountry camp, Head of Dean, those exercises come to the front.

“It’s completely unique here,” said Sean Moorhead, 18, a first-year staff member. While Head of Dean has a challenge course similar to Dan Beard, which Head of Dean calls its Meadow Course, it added a new course this year, called the “Dean’s Challenge Course.”

“The Meadow Course is more mentally and physically challenging,” he continued. “The Dean’s Challenge Course works the mental components.”

The benefit of having two courses, instead of one, allows the staff members at Head of Dean to prevent being inundated with crews wanting to go through one course. Instead, crews can choose the Meadow Course if they have

the time, whereas other crews that are short for time can choose the Dean’s Challenge Course, which is shorter.

“We’re not stressed doing four meadow challenges,” Moorhead said.

And while the two courses provide a brief escape from the trail, the true value resides in the camaraderie that develops through the challenge course. There, at the course, it is not a matter of completing for the sake of completion, just as finishing the day’s hike is not simply for the sake of finishing.

Rather, significance resides in time spent and work done, as it is both on the course and on the trail. It resides in the difficulty cloven in two by teamwork and friendship—bonds lasting beyond the Ranch.

“It’s really great to give them that experience,” Moorhead continued. “[It’s] a better attitude to take back home. That idea of ‘With the right team, you can do anything.’”

An Archaeological Experience

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

Class is in session, and the staff at Indian Writings are here to educate participants on Native American history.

Atl-Atl’s is a popular program at Indian Writings. An Atl-Atl is a hand catapult that is used to throw a long javelin-like spear. The technique on throwing is easy to learn but difficult to master. It is the oldest projectile hunting technique and precedes the bow and arrow.

They have many different targets to aim at, including Monty the mountain lion, Grumble the great horned bear and a raccoonicorn, which is a cross between a raccoon and a unicorn.

“We have the lesser chimera of the north Ponil area, which is a deer head and a mountain lion body,” Indian Writings staff member Hannah Jones said. “We like to say it kills for fun and we like to aim for that one first because we don’t want him breeding.”

The staff is skilled with an Atl-Atl, with the each staff member having hit a target at least once. The staff thinks that some crews sneak out in the middle of the night to practice their skills, but

they have yet to see anyone doing that. If a Scout hits a target, they receive a pudding cup.

There are two more unique programs that separate Indian Writings from other camps. The main attraction of Indian Writings is the petroglyphs, a drawing chiseled into a rock with an antler or sandstone. They date back to 330 A.D. and 1200 A.D., done by the Anasazi and Jicarilla Apache that lived at Indian Writings during that time period.

There is a mix of Southwest symbols and symbols that relate to the canyon, including the famous Kokopelli, which is a man playing a flute and is trying to bring a rain. He is also a fertility symbol, meaning both the fertility of the land and of the people.

Other symbols include The Guardian, which can be seen from a distance. It is a small circle inside a big circle, which has a face and two hands. There is also the dragonfly drawing, which is a representation of water in the canyon.

Participants will have another unique experience when they take part in an archeological

dig. Katie Peterson is the archeologist at Indian Writings. She gives Scouts a lesson about archeology and will then allow them to use the side of a trowel to slowly dig. They will collect a pile of earth, and then sift it through the sifter to see if there are any artifacts.

“We have found a total of five projectile points, they are all arrowheads,” Peterson said. “We have found several cores and a lot of flakes, but the projectile points are really cool.”

And at the end of the day, a hike to the top of the mesa next to Indian Writings gives way to one of the best sunset watching spots on the Ranch.

And whether it’s the Canyon, the archeological dig, petroglyphs or Atl-Atl’s, there is always something to enjoy about Indian Writings.

“It’s kind of a good mix of history and fun,” Camp Director Dan Bennett said. “It’s good general history for most of the area because we have had every time period leave its mark here. And it is our job to make that interesting.”



Indian Writings program counselor Melissa Weih explains the current interpretations of the petroglyphs on Thursday, August 2 at Indian Writings. The petroglyphs are thought to have been created between 330 A.D. and 1200 A.D. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Spots Casserole

Ingredients

- 3 cups finely ground graham cracker crumbs
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 12 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 (1 pound) sweet potatoes
- sugar and cinnamon mashed sweet potatoes to taste
- 1 bag marshmallows

Directions

1. Mix graham cracker crumbs, sugar, melted butter or margarine, and cinnamon until well blended. Press into bottom of cake pan.
2. Boil sweet potato whole in skin for 40 to 50 minutes, or until done. Run cold water over the sweet potato, and remove the skin.
3. Break apart sweet potato in a bowl and mash, then mix sugar and cinnamon to taste. Layer on top of braham cracker crust in pan.
4. Cover top in layer of marshmallows.
5. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 30 to 40 minutes.

*Recipe created and contributed by Beverly Ponterio

**Due to concern about excessive butter, this is the adapted recipe using less butter.



Reviews for Spots Casserole

“It was a sensational mouthwatering mixture of soft and crunchy goodness. The sweet potatoes seemed to melt in my mouth.” -Rachel Taylor

“A lot of butter, could use some more spices such as cinnamon or nutmeg.” -Heidi Hoelscher

Quick Quiche

Ingredients

- 8 slices bacon
- 4 ounces shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion (optional)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 320 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9 inch pie pan.
2. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.
3. Line bottom of pie plate with cheese and crumbled bacon.
4. Combine eggs, butter, onion, salt, flower and milk; whisk together until smooth; pour into pan.
5. Bake for 35 minutes, until set. Serve hot or cold.

*Recipe from allrecipes.com

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By Katie Sill
Staff Writer



Children feed a calf on Friday, June 15 at the PTC petting zoo. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

One of the most exciting activities for the children of Philmont Training Center (PTC) participants is the petting zoo. Located east of the Handicraft Lodge, just past the campfire ring is the pony pasture. Here, kids have the opportunity to interact with a variety of different farm animals.

"For many kids this is the first time they've been able to get up close with animals. It's a unique experience that we can offer them," said Andrea Watson, director of the Philmont Training Center.

PTC Pony Wrangler Samantha Bradford manages the petting zoo. She's in charge of caring for all of the animals as well as facilitating a safe environment for the children. Before the season begins, the six PTC ponies are 'topped off' just like the horses used in the Ranch Department. This means that they have to be re-trained for riding.

Bradford laughed at the memory of riding the ponies while they tried to buck her off. She said that despite their best efforts they couldn't throw her off; mainly because her feet were still touching the ground while she was riding them.

"By the time the kids show up [the ponies] know the routine," said Bradford.

When the kids arrive to the petting zoo they are divided up into two groups. The first group

rides the ponies around the enclosed pony circuit. The size and age of the group determines which ponies will be used. Usually only two or three ponies are used at a time. This way the ponies don't develop sores on their back from overuse.

Meanwhile, the second group of kids visits the other animals in the petting zoo. There are half a dozen chickens that the kids are allowed to hold and feed. According to Bradford the kids love the chickens because small animals are less intimidating than the larger livestock at the zoo.

The zoo also has a five month old burro, a calf, and two goats for the kids to pet and feed.

Staff members assist kids in feeding the animals in a safe way – palms flat and fingers extended. Bradford even allows kids to bottle feed Lady the calf.

"They love that!" said Small Fry group leader Amanda Maher. "It totally makes their day."

Groups visit the petting zoo twice during their week at PTC. Even if a child is scared to approach the animals during the first visit, they have another chance to overcome their fear and try again the second time around.

It's a unique opportunity to expose children to animals and hopefully the experience fosters a love for animals that lasts a lifetime.

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

The Villa Philmonte is a must see destination for everyone who comes to Philmont. Located at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) it was once the home of Waite and Genevieve Phillips. The lovely home was donated to the Boy Scouts to use as the original training center. It was later converted into a museum as PTC expanded.

There are 17 opportunities to tour the Villa a day and each tour lasts from 50 minutes to an hour. The tours require reservations because there is only room for 24 people to go on tour at a time.

When visitors tour the Villa, they learn about some of the most influential people in the history of Scouting.

"We're here to provide visitors context – where this land came from," said Villa Tour Guide Lela Puckett.

Each of the tour guides, like Puckett, give five to six tours a day. Mostly they cater to Scouts coming to Philmont for their treks and PTC participants. This, however, is not their only

responsibility.

In addition to their daily tours, Villa staff maintain the cleanliness and order of the Villa and its grounds.

They also offer specialty tours. When children of PTC participants go on tour, the staff provides them with unique age appropriate activities. The kids can play dress up in period clothes, decorate coloring pages of boots and even create their own brand.

The Silverados have activities of their own. Silverados are usually the spouses of PTC participants. There are tours of the gardens surrounding the Villa led by Head Gardener, Erin Kinnally. During these tours she facilitates discussions on gardening techniques and the different varieties of plants featured at the Villa.

Meanwhile, Head Curator Nancy Klein also leads an architecture tour. She is able to share her love of architecture with the Silverados. She uses history to explain the different cultural

influences that became part of the Villa's overall structure. It's a new way to examine the beauty of the Villa Philmonte.

"They like being exposed to something intellectual," said Klein. "They enjoy getting their brains stretched."

In the evenings the Villa staff also hosts an open house and, sometimes, even receptions for different groups. The open house is a self led tour for the lecturers who are unable to visit during the day. Tour guides are stationed throughout the Villa to answer any questions the visitors may have.

Undeniably, the most important role the Villa serves is to teach visitors about the gift of Philmont. Villa Tour Guide, Harmony Byam feels rewarded when visitors are actively engaged with the tour.

"I love when Scouts learn and recognize the generosity of Waite and Genevieve," said Byam.



Scouts tour the Villa Philmonte on Friday, July 20. Each of the tour guides give five to six tours a day. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Storyteller Cinema 7

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Total Recall (PG-13)

Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsdale, Jessica Biel
118 minutes
2:15, 4:45, 7:15

Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3 (PG)

Zachary Gordon, Steve Zahn, Robert Capron
94 minutes
2:00, 4:30, 7:00

The Watch (R)

Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn, Jonah Hill
106 minutes
2:20, 4:50, 7:25

Step Up 4 2D (PG)

Cleopatra Coleman, Ryan Guzman
94 minutes
2:10, 4:40, 7:10

The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)

Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy
164 minutes
2:30, 6:55

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)

Bruce Willis, Edward Norton, Bill Murray
94 minutes
2:25, 4:55, 7:20

Ice Age 4 2D (PG)

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

Movies coming out August 10

The Bourne Legacy
The Campaign
The Awakening

*movies may not be shown in Storyteller Cinema 7

Teen Arrested for Tweet

MSN.com

17-year-old boy was arrested in Dorset, England “on suspicion of malicious communications” for sending a particularly personal and cutting tweet to British Olympic diver Tom Daley. Medal hopeful Daley, 18, and his synchronized diving partner competed that afternoon and finished fourth. He later retweeted a message sent to him that read: “You let your dad down I hope you know that.” Daley’s father died from brain cancer last year. As if the pressure of the Games wasn’t enough to make an athlete crack.

iPhone 5 Release Rumors

CNN

Apple, which has made no official announcement, is planning a September 12 event at which the next generation of the iconic smartphone will presumably be announced, according to multiple reports. iMore, an Apple-oriented blog, was the first to report that “sources who have proven accurate in the past” said the phone will be introduced at an event that day and released nine days later. Observers are calling it the iPhone 5, although no name has been announced.

Vince Vaughn Plans ‘Brady Bunch’ Reboot

Tim Kenneally, TheWrap

CBS has placed a script order for a reboot of the classic TV series “The Brady Bunch,” which is being executive-produced by “The Watch” star Vince Vaughn. The reboot will revolve around divorced dad Bobby Brady -- the youngest son on the original series -- who’s remarried to a woman with children of her own, and with whom he also has a child. On top of it, the ex-spouses of Brady and his wife are still involved in their lives.

Hope Solo vs Brandi Chastain

US Weekly

Women’s World Cup champion Brandi Chastain won raves for her 1999 victory, but 13 years later, she’s angering fellow soccer star Hope Solo in her critique of Team USA’s performance at the Games so far. Solo, 31, quickly took to Twitter to respond to Chastain in a series of angry messages.

“It’s too bad we can’t have commentators who better represent the team and know more about the game,” Solo wrote in a tweet addressed to Chastain. “Lay off commentating about defending and goalkeeping until you get more educated. The game has changed from a decade ago.”

While Solo is not expected to be disciplined for her string of tweets, Chastain has a few choice words in response to the Olympic controversy. “My only comment is I am in London to cover women’s soccer for NBC in an honest and objective fashion, and that is what I have done, and will continue to do for the rest of the tournament,” said Chastain.

Lotto Winners Donate Leg

MSN.com

Kieran Maxwell is a 13-year-old who sadly lost his left leg to cancer earlier this year. Despite the hardship, the U.K. teen vowed to remain active and even had the honor of carrying the Olympic torch as it traveled across Britain. During his part of the trip, Kieran fell when his heavy artificial leg gave out, spurring the grandmother of a school friend to bring his struggle to the attention of Colin and Chris Weir, a couple who had won £161 million (\$252 million) in a Euromillions drawing. The Weirs then stepped in and donated a five-figure sum to procure Kieran a new, lightweight prosthetic leg. “Not only will he be able to walk again like all his friends,” Kieran’s mother, Nicola, said, “he will be able to run and climb too.”

Will.i.Am Teams with Coca-Cola to Save the World

Associated Press

In hopes of giving products made from recycled materials a little more cachet, musician will.i.am and The Coca-Cola Co. are partnering to make a line of clothing and gear called Ekocycle. The idea is to brand recycled products with a hipper image that resonates with young consumers. “If you think about (recycled) products now, none of them are cool,” said will.i.am, who is best known for his work with The Black-Eyed Peas. “You have to bring some art and fashion sensibility into this technology that turns a bottle into something cool.” The first Ekocycle product will be a pair of headphones by Beats, a popular and pricey line created by rapper Dr. Dre and music producer Jimmy Iovine — both friends of will.i.am. The Ekocycle version will cost \$349, which is on the high end of the range of Beats headphones.

Snoop Dogg or Snoop Lion?

US Weekly

The rapper formerly known as Snoop Dogg announced his new identity as Snoop Lion nearly 20 years after releasing his debut single, “What’s My Name?” The hip-hop heavyweight has taken on the new identity after undergoing a spiritual and artistic rebirth in Jamaica. “I didn’t want to be Snoop Dogg on a reggae track. I wanted to bury Snoop Dogg and become Snoop Lion, but I didn’t know that until I went to the temple and received the name Snoop Lion from the Nyabingi priest,” he explained. “From that moment on, I started to understand why I was there and was able to create something magical in this [Reincarnated] project, something I haven’t done before in my career.” According to Snoop, the image makeover was a necessary step in fulfilling his musical destiny. “I have always said I was Bob Marley reincarnated,” the rapper said.

Local and Regional

Albuquerque Isotopes
By Isotopes.com

The Isotopes did not have a great week, losing four of six games this week. Oklahoma City did not have a good week either and the Isotopes have a two and a half game lead in the division going into the final month and a half of the season.

Colorado Rockies
By ESPN.com

The Rockies awful season continues to get worse, with the team losing six out of seven games this week. Their lone win was an 8-2 game over the St. Louis Cardinals. The team sits 19 games back of the division leading Giants.

Olympics

Basketball
By Associated Press

The United States Men's basketball team continues to roll through the competition, steamrolling through Nigeria 156-73. The 156 points set a new Olympic record for points in a game. Carmelo Anthony had 38 points, the most points scored by an American in the Olympics. The team also sank a record 29 3-pointers. They had a little more trouble in the game after that against Lithuania, barely escaping with a 99-94 win. LeBron James led the team down the stretch and finished the game with 20 points. The United States women continue their path to the gold medal, with a 4-0 record and their most recent victory being an 88-61 win over the Czech Republic.

Volleyball
By Associated Press

The United States women's Volleyball team is undefeated in the Olympics, recently winning their fourth straight game against Serbia. With the win, they clinched the top spot in their group play division. Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings are getting closer to their third straight gold medal, with a victory over the Netherlands in straight sets. The United States men's volleyball team lost their first match of the Olympics to Russia. After winning their first three matches, the Americans had a 2-0 set advantage, but the Russians fought back and won the match 3-2.

Swimming
By Associated Press

Michael Phelps ended his Olympic career with 22 medals, the final being a gold won in the 4x100 meter medley relay. Phelps won 18 gold's in his career, more than double that of any other Olympian. He also has two silvers and bronzes. American Nathan Adrian won gold in the 100 meter free by 0.01 seconds over Australia's James Magnussen. The United States women's medley relay team of Missy Franklin, Rebecca Soni, Dana Vollmer and Allison Schmitt set a world record and won the gold. They swam the race in 3:52.05 seconds, 0.14 faster than the previous record time.

Soccer
By Associated Press

The United States defeated Canada 4-3 in extra time to earn a berth in the gold medal game against Japan.

Medal Count as of August 5

Country: Gold/Silver/Bronze/
Total

China: 30/17/14/61
USA: 28/14/18/60
Great Britain: 16/11/10/37
Russia: 4/16/15/35
Japan: 2/12/13/27
France: 8/8/9/25

National Sports

Baseball Standings

American League

AL East	W	L	GB
Yankees	62	44	-
Rays	56	51	6.5
Orioles	56	51	6.5
Red Sox	53	55	10
Blue Jays	52	55	10.5
AL Central			
White Sox	58	48	-
Tigers	57	50	1.5
Indians	50	57	8.5
Twins	47	60	11.5
Royals	44	62	14
AL West			
Rangers	63	43	-
A's	58	49	4.5
Angels	58	50	6
Mariners	51	58	13.5

National League

NL East	W	L	GB
Nationals	64	43	-
Braves	61	46	3
Mets	53	55	11.5
Marlins	49	59	15.5
Phillies	48	59	16
NL Central			
Reds	66	41	-
Pirates	60	46	5.5
Cardinals	58	49	8
Brewers	48	58	17.5
Cubs	43	62	22
Astros	36	72	30.5
NL West			
Giants	58	49	-
Dodgers	58	50	.5
Diamondbacks	55	52	3
Padres	45	64	14
Rockies	38	67	19

Tennis
By Associated Press

Serena Williams won another gold for the United States, clobbering Maria Sharapova. Great Britain's Andy Murray defeated Switzerland's Roger Federer in straight sets to win gold for the home country at Wimbledon. A month ago at the Wimbledon Championships, Murray lost to Federer in the finals, but avenged his loss with a victory in the Olympics. He has also lost three Grand Slam finals against Federer, which made this victory all the more sweet for Murray.

Track & Field
By Associated Press

Jamaican Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce came from behind and closed strong in the final 20 meters of the 100 meter dash to earn the gold medal by 0.03 seconds. America's Carmelita Jeter finished second. In the men's 100 meters, Usain Bolt retained the crown of fastest man alive by repeating as gold medalist. He broke the Olympic record with a time of 9.63 seconds. Jamaican Yohan Blake earned silver and American Justin Gatlin earned the bronze.

Mixed Martial Arts
By UFC.com

Lyoto Machida earned the next title shot in the light heavyweight division with a second-round knockout victory against Ryan Bader at UFC on FX 4. Mauricio Rua fought in the main event against Brandon Vera and earned a TKO decision in the fourth-round, although it wasn't enough to earn the No. 1 contender status. Machida will await the winner of the Dan Henderson- Jon Jones fight in September. Machida lost a title fight against Jones in 2011 when he was submitted in the second round.

World

Child Porn Ring Uncovered Using Stuffed Toy Bunny

By The Associated Press

The men came from different walks of life on two continents: a children's puppeteer in Florida, a hotel manager in Massachusetts, an emergency medical technician in Kansas, a day care worker in the Netherlands. In all, 43 men have been arrested over the past two years in a horrific, far-flung child porn network that unraveled like a sweater with a single loose thread.

In this case, the thread was a stuffed toy bunny.

The bunny, seen in a photo of a half-naked, distraught 18-month-old boy, was used to painstakingly trace a molester to Amsterdam. From there, investigators made one arrest after another of men accused of sexually abusing children, exchanging explicit photos of the attacks and even chatting online about abducting youngsters.

Authorities have identified more than 140 young victims so far and say there is no end in sight as they pore through hundreds of thousands of images found on the suspects' computers.

Intruder Releases Rare Animals from Tasmania Zoo

By CNN

Dozens of animals, some of them rare, remained missing from Tasmania's only accredited zoo Saturday, two days after someone released the creatures into the wild, the zoo's co-owner said.

The intruder or intruders also killed about a dozen birds, including a Tasmanian swift parrot.

Venezuela Presidential Elections: Thumbprint Readers Stir Vote Fairness Fears

By The Huffington Post

With President Hugo Chavez in his tightest re-election race yet, some of his opponents are warning that the use of thumbprint readers at Venezuelan ballot boxes could scare away voters, adding to fears about the fairness of the Oct. 7 vote.

The country's electoral council has long used fingerprint scanners at the entrance to polling places to ensure voter identification. But this year, the readers will be hooked to the electronic voting machines themselves. Citizens must press down a thumb to activate the ballot system. Many say they fear that could let the government know how each person votes.

Jamaica Under Tropical Storm Warning as Strengthening Ernesto Approaches

By CNN.com

Tropical Storm Ernesto churned across the Caribbean Sea on Saturday, regaining some strength even as forecasters expect it to grow more powerful and emerge as a Category 1 hurricane in the next few days, the National Hurricane Center said.

That means that by the time it likely passes south of Jamaica on Sunday evening, Ernesto could pack sustained winds in excess of 74 mph. As is, the Miami-based weather center reported in its 8 p.m. advisory that the storm had regular winds of 60 mph and even more potent gusts.

Ernesto had weakened somewhat earlier Saturday, but leveled off through the middle of the day and then got even stronger.

U.S. Economy Adds 163,000 Jobs, Unemployment Rate Rises to 8.3%

By The Associated Press

U.S. employers added 163,000 jobs in July, a hopeful sign after three months of sluggish hiring. The Labor Department said Friday that the unemployment rate rose to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent in June.

July's hiring was the best since February. Still, the economy has added an average of 151,000 jobs a month this year -- enough to keep up with population growth but not enough to drive down the unemployment rate.

"After a string of disappointing economic reports we'll certainly take it," said James Marple, senior economist at TD Economics.

NASA Links Climate Change

By CNN

What do the 2010 heat wave in Russia, last year's Texas drought, and the 2003 heat wave in Europe have in common? All are examples of extreme weather caused by climate change, according to a new study from NASA scientist James Hansen.

"This is not a climate model or a prediction but actual observations of weather events and temperatures that have happened," he wrote in a Washington Post opinion piece meant to accompany the study.

"Our analysis shows that it is no longer enough to say that global warming will increase the likelihood of extreme weather and to repeat the caveat that no individual weather event can be directly linked to climate change. To the contrary, our analysis shows that, for the extreme hot weather of the recent past, there is virtually no explanation other than climate change."

National

Jared Loughner to plead guilty in Tucson shooting, sources say

By The Los Angeles Times

Jared Lee Loughner is set to plead guilty Tuesday in the shooting attack that severely wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, according to knowledgeable sources, as mental health officials believe he is now competent to understand the charges against him in the assault, which killed six people and injured 13 at a gathering with the congresswoman's constituents in Tucson.

At the hearing Tuesday morning in U.S. District Court in Tucson, psychiatric experts who have examined Loughner, 23, are scheduled to testify that they have concluded that despite wide swings in his mental capacity, at this time he comprehends what happened and acknowledges the gravity of the charges, according to two sources who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case was still unfolding. The terms of the plea arrangement remained unclear Saturday on whether Loughner would admit guilt to all or some of the charges in return for a lengthy prison sentence rather than risk a potential death penalty verdict at trial.

Gunman, six Others Dead at Wisconsin Sikh Temple

By CNN

At least seven people, including a gunman shot by a police officer, were killed Sunday in an attack on worshippers at a Sikh temple in the Milwaukee suburb of Oak Creek, police said.

The officer was wounded but "returned fire, and that shooter was put down," said Bradley Wentlandt, the police chief in nearby Greenfield, who briefed reporters. Investigators who picked through the building afterward found four bodies inside the temple and two other victims outside, plus the gunman.

No drought aid for farmers, ranchers as Congress breaks for summer

By CNN News

Congress adjourned for the summer on Thursday without passing a relief package for farmers and ranchers suffering through the most widespread drought since the 1930s.

The only thing the Republican-controlled House of Representatives and the Democratic-controlled Senate have agreed on is that they'll take the issue up again after Labor Day.

"We need drought assistance, but instead we're just going to sit here in gridlock," said Jess Peterson, executive vice president of the U.S. Cattlemen's Association. "It's kind of disappointing." Little hope for worsening drought in U.S. plains.

Most farmers devastated by the drought are getting help from federally assisted insurance policies. But a number of livestock producers are in serious trouble. Why? A decision by Congress four years ago to pass a five-year farm bill that eliminated key federal livestock support programs in 2012 instead of 2013.

West Nile Virus on Rise in U.S.

By CNN

The United States is experiencing its biggest spike in West Nile virus since 2004, with 241 cases of the disease reported nationwide this year so far, including four deaths, health officials said.

Of the 42 states that have reported infections in people, birds or mosquitoes, 80% of them have been in Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma, the CDC said in a statement. The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also listed a breakdown of infections by state.

Chaplain's Corner: The Transformative Influence of Philmont

By Father Michael Hanifin
Chaplain

I am writing this article on the Solemnity of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian gospel recalls how Jesus climbed Mount Tabor in the Galilean region of Israel taking three of his closest friends Peter, James and John. He was transfigured before their eyes. If you had read the story in Mark 9:2-10 you may recall that Jesus appeared in a glorified state speaking with Moses and the prophet Elijah. Peter and the others were so excited by what they witnessed that they were ready to set up camp right then and there.

Philmont Scout Ranch is situated in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Northern New Mexico and we chaplains are prone to call the Philmont backcountry "God's Country" because those who hike the many miles of trails many times are transformed emotionally, psychologically and even spiritually by the beauty of God's creation.

I have had the privilege of hiking three treks at Philmont in 2006, 2009 and 2011 as part of the Saint George Trek held every

other year. I have experienced first hand the physical beauty of the backcountry at Philmont.

One of the areas of beauty we might be tempted to overlook is the sound of nature unspoiled by the contaminating influence of civilization. A few weeks ago I was on a short nature hike at Denali National Park in Alaska and the guide told us of how they are trying to reduce the variety of noises that comes with civilization. The sound of automobiles, trains, loud talking and shouting, music from radios can drown out the beautiful sound of the wilderness: silence, the sound of the wind, the call of the wildlife and the chirping of the birds.

A few years ago I was on staff as a Philmont Chaplain and was asked to speak to a crew who were camping near Ute Meadows in the North Country. I was amazed that as they hiked they had MP3 Players or iPads plugged into their ears as they trekked from one destination to the next. When I quizzed them about this practice they complained that they could not possibly hike without their music.

Our time in "God's Country" is only for a short period of time and we may not fully appreciate our time spent this summer at Philmont until long after our departure. I would encourage you not to allow the beauty of God's Country to go unappreciated. All of the Ponderosa Pines, Aspens, Cedars, Spruces, meadows, streams and wildlife can influence and transform us on a multitude of levels. Imagine God's Country seeping in and permeating your innermost being. This image in your mind can be a great meditation.

In a few weeks we will be gone and another Philmont summer season will be over. We will be soon focused on the cares and responsibilities of our everyday life. Please do not leave Philmont without allowing these beautiful environs to transform you.

Father Michael Hanifin is a Catholic Chaplain this summer and is a Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Orange in southern California. He is the pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church in San Clemente, California.



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The Wild Within

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

Lepus californicus

Black-tailed jackrabbits, or *Lepus californicus*, are not actually rabbits at all, but are classified as hares. Hares are larger with longer limbs and big ears. The ears serve to release heat, as they are generally a desert animal.

According to National Geographic, the jackrabbit was named for its long ears and was often called the "jackass rabbit." "The writer Mark Twain brought this name to fame by using it in his book of western adventure, *Roughing It*. The name was later shortened to jackrabbit," according to the National Geographic website.

These animals are herbivorous and only feed on grasses, roots, even cacti. They are incredibly fast, reaching up to 40 miles per hour. This is why the children's story is about the tortoise and the hare and not a rabbit. A rabbit can only achieve an average of 18 miles per hour.

Long hind legs help in evasive maneuvers. With jumps of up to 10 feet high, a hare can zigzag and hop out of predatory reaches. Their life span is about 8 years in the wild. They are prey to coyotes, wolves, bobcats, eagles, hawks, owls, foxes, and humans.

Other rabbits build nests, whereas these hares simply

choose an appropriate location for the birthing of their young. Babies are born fully covered in hair and need little maternal attention. They reach maturity quickly and can give birth to several litters a year, each reaching anywhere from one to six young.

There are five species of jackrabbits all found in central and western North America. Black-tailed jackrabbits tend to prefer the vast, open lands of the American deserts, scrublands and even farms.

Jackrabbits are considered pests to farmers whose crops they eat. They are killed to protect the crops and as a food source.

These hares are generally nocturnal and stay crouched in an area of flattened area hidden in grass and weeds called a "form."

Mothers will go out to feed leaving their babies behind. When they return from feeding mother and babies will call back and forth to each other in order to locate one another.

They have a stable population and are in no way threatened, though it is important to be respectful of their habitat, as that is the main cause of most species becoming endangered.



A jackrabbit keeps an eye out for predators while searching for food on the evening of Wednesday, July 25 on the frisbee golf course. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

I hope that this column has helped both staff and participants to have a more full experience of the world around them and has exposed the wild within it.

*Sincerely,
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Owen's Corner: Leaving Philmont Behind

By Owen McCulloch
Associate Director of Program



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MANAGER

It is the time of year when many staff are beginning to focus on their departure to school, work, or other endeavors. To help with a smooth departure, there are a few items you need to do before you leave Philmont:

- Your last working day is specified on your Terms of Seasonal Employment. You should plan to check out at CHQ and leave Philmont late in the afternoon upon completion of your work assignment, or check out and leave the next morning.
- You must secure a Staff Check Out Procedure card from the CHQ Personnel office. It will direct you to necessary places to complete all responsibilities of forwarding addresses, returning checked out items, turning in keys, etc.
- Make sure your living area is clean, that all items have been removed from it, and that it is ready for occupancy by the next person. Please remove all personal items from the area. Also, make sure no trash/food/smellable items are left, as we are particularly concerned about attracting bears and other wildlife this year.

Late Employment Staff

For those staff who have extended employment for tent-takedown and clean-up crews,

there is some specific information for you:

We will be taking August 25 and 26, with the exception of our Dining Hall staff who will continue on their regular time-off schedule. All staff will meet at the PTC Staff Dining Hall at 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 23 following breakfast to receive their assignments. On Thursday, August 23 you will be asked to provide Philmont with any departure needs. If you will need a shuttle to the airport or train station, this is the time to let Philmont know your needs so we can schedule accordingly.

Additional dates to be aware of:

- If you are in tent city housing, you will need to relocate to the Health Lodge Tent City between 8/21 and 8/24, completing your relocation no later than 8/24 (Staff City tents will be taken down).
- If you are in roofed housing you may have to move to other units to facilitate the cleaning schedule. Specific information will be provided to those affected.
- The last meal served in the Camping Staff Dining Hall is lunch on Wednesday, August 22.
- Beginning with dinner on Wednesday, August 22, all meals will be served in the PTC

Dining Hall.

Tent takedown and closure staff will take Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, as days off, and will resume work Monday, August 27th.

Dining Hall and Commissary Operations

For those staff who have extended contracts for tent-takedown and clean-up crews, there is some specific information for you:

Dining Hall operations will change for our late-season and Autumn Adventure programs. The last meal served in the Camping Staff Dining Hall is lunch on Wednesday, August 22. Beginning with dinner on Wednesday, August 22, all meals will be served in the PTC Dining Hall.

Other changes include:

- The last day for Commissary or Wall draws is Wednesday, August 22.
- The last meals provided for full-time staff are on Wednesday, August 22.
- Meal times are changing starting Thursday, August 23.
 - Breakfast is from 7-8 a.m.
 - Lunch is from noon-1 p.m.
 - Dinner is from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Training (CT) on how to Explain Philmont

By Owen and Julia McCulloch
Associate Director of Program

On Friday, August 10, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, August 12, at 6 p.m. a one hour session is offered for any staff interested in learning more about how to explain their Philmont job to friends, family and potential employers. The course is the same both nights, and is being held in the Walcutt Room at the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center (SSSAC).

This one-hour session is designed to help you learn about building a good professional resume and how to explain your Philmont job to people in the "outside world" that may not

understand the size and scope of your job and how it supports the largest summer camp in the world.

Yes, Philmont is a summer camp. It is a big summer camp with more than 28,000 participants over 11 weeks, a training/conference center, a large nationally recognized retail operation, a model for conservation and recreation, a motor pool, ranching operations, a medical infirmary that is also a teaching hospital with a pharmacy and a negative-pressure infectious disease room,

farming operations, a food service operation serving 750,000 trail meals, 360,000 dining hall meals, 27,500 Chuck Wagon meals, and 45,000 backcountry staff meals. Oh, and we are currently the 37th largest city in New Mexico.

If all you put on your resume or tell your friends, family and potential employers is that you "worked at camp," you have missed an opportunity.

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Preparing to Leave Philmont

By Jo Duran
Seasonal Personnel Secretary

As the end of the season is drawing near, do you have the email addresses, cell phone numbers, and Facebook friend requests of all the terrific new friends you now have? In September we will compile the final 2012 Staff Roster and email it to all staff members.

As you are preparing for life away from Philmont, remember that every staff member must check out at the Seasonal Personnel desk. You may start your check-out process after 1 p.m. on the afternoon of your last working day. The check-out process is not as long as the check-in. It is a little bit of a scavenger hunt as you walk

around basecamp, but it is an opportunity to say good-bye to your fellow staffers. Please pick up your paychecks/stubs. Verify that the address on your check is the correct mailing address for your final check and your W-2 earning statement at the end of the year. In most cases your final paycheck will be mailed to your address of record.

If your need transportation to Raton, please come to CHQ and pay the \$10 staff shuttle fee. You will then register with Logistics for the bus ride to Raton. If you are taking a shuttle to Albuquerque, Colorado Springs or Denver, make sure you have made your reservation

and paid the appropriate fees as soon as possible. Shuttle reservation forms are available at the Seasonal Personnel desk.

Last but not least, make sure you pick up a staff application for 2013. As returning staff you are not required to have the reference form completed or a letter of recommendation. Hiring managers will use your mid-season and final evaluations and recommendations for the 2013 hiring process. It has been a pleasure to see so many of you back this summer and to meet so many new staff members. I hope that I'll see you all again.

How to Ship your Belongings Home

By Linda Anderson
Mail Room Manager

Days are getting shorter, crowds are thinning and sunflowers are beginning to bloom; sure signs that the 2012 Summer Season is beginning to wind to a close. Most of you are turning your thoughts toward home, school or jobs in the outside world. Unless you arrived at Philmont by car, you may also be thinking about how you are going to get your gear home.

Here are some basic guidelines to keep in mind for shipping your stuff:

- The Philmont Seasonal Mail Room can ship either UPS or USPS, but the larger and heavier a box the cheaper it is to ship UPS. We accept FedEx packages only if you have a prepaid label. You can expect a foot locker to ship for around \$30.00 to \$50.00, depending on weight and distance traveled.

- UPS carries an automatic \$100.00 of insurance on each package. This amount

can easily be increased to whatever value the customer declares. Additional insurance costs approximately \$1.50 for each additional \$100.00 of value.

- Weight limit is 70 lbs.
- Items which are shipped UPS and are not encased in cardboard require an additional \$5.00 surcharge.

- Shippers do not like duct tape and may refuse to pick up packages sealed with it. Duct tape peels up on the edges and gums up machinery and conveyor belts. We have plenty of packing tape in the Mail Room which is free for your use.

- All matches, lighters, iso-propane canisters, bear spray or other hazardous materials (if in doubt, ask us) must be removed. White gas fuel bottles must be washed out with hot, soapy water and air dried for at least 12 hours. Stoves with attached tanks (Peak One, Exponent, etc.) must be purged/

burned until they sputter and go out, and aired with the cap off of the tank for as long as possible.

- We have boxes in a wide range of sizes and packing materials available for your use, free of charge. The Trading Post and CHQ Services are other resources for large boxes.

- We anticipate that our busiest shipping days are August 19th and 20th. If it is possible for you to avoid these days, it will shorten our lines and your waiting time.

- Please remember that we are not able to take credit or debit cards for payment, just cash or check. An ATM is available in the TOTT Snack Bar.

Shipping is possible at the Summer Mail Room through noon on August 31st with the possible exception of Sunday, August 26th. Remember: NO DUCT TAPE! Please travel safely and come back next year!!

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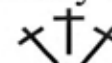
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Farewell from the News and Photo Staff

Dear Devoted Readers,

Thank you all for such a wonderful summer. It has been an honor to serve the participants and staff of Philmont Scout Ranch as well as the residents of Cimarron. Photographing, interviewing, and writing about you all made this summer fly by.

This is the final issue of the PhilNews, and we appreciate your loyalty.

It is our greatest hope that in writing these articles, we have illuminated new information as well as highlighting the important events of the summer.

With the arrival of crews, awarding of Wally Berg, rodeos, international



News and Photo Staff.

crews, executive transitions, and the U.S. Air Force Academy being awarded, it has shaped up to be an exciting summer.

As a staff, we would like to thank you all for the hard work you've invested. Without you, our jobs would not be possible.

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Best summer memories at Philmont 2012



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Andrew Kopf, Ranger

“Getting told three days in a row ‘just one more camp’ when I was standing in as a substitute advisor for my crew. Every time I would get to a camp there would be a new update about when the advisor would be able to join us. There was a flash flood one day, the Philburban got stuck twice. It was the craziest thing that ever happened to me at Philmont.”



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Rod “Cougar” Bergman, Carson Meadows

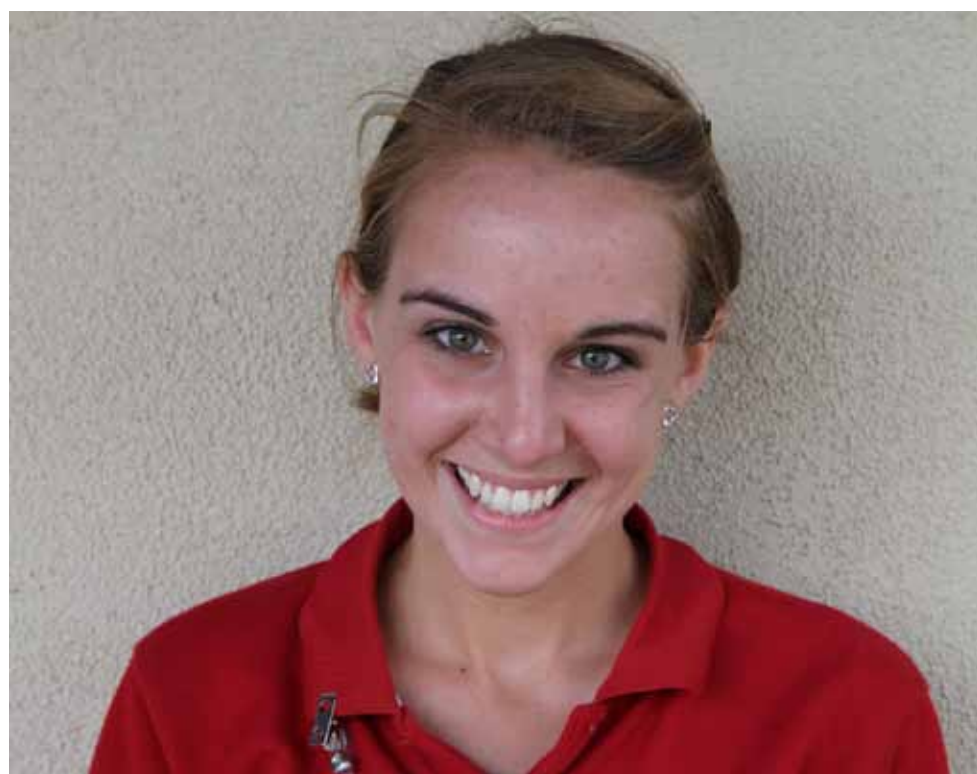
“A good one from up here was when we were doing a Rayado search and rescue scenario. The rowdies carried out their Ranger and got him to the landing zone. The helicopter called them to reassess the wound. The Ranger’s leg was wrapped and bloody. They started poking his leg and asking ‘does this hurt?’ One rowdie held his head and fell over backwards. When he realized it was fake he just kept repeating ‘I hate you all.’”



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Sara Lou Wilkerson, Handicraft

“My favorite thing would be the little light that goes off in people’s eyes when they realize they CAN make a belt.”



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Amanda Maher, Small Fry

“One really funny memory I have is of this one little boy, probably about one year old, who would run around and his pants would fall down because they were too big. He thought it was the funniest thing ever to run out of his pants and just be in his diaper. He would yell at us when it would happen and just get a big smile on his face and run away.”

Roving Prospectors

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

They wander here and there they say, the mysterious legends of Philmont and their burros. Dressed in garb not from our time, the roving prospectors traverse the backcountry always seeking to surprise crews with a different and more historically accurate program.

Dr. Fleabags Truelove and his associate Just Stu, played by Ian "Bags" Bagley and Stuart Babcock, hike in full interpretive costume as traveling medicine salesmen. "We cure crew ailments, mostly with Tic Tacs and jelly beans," said Bagley.

He and Babcock worked together in 2010 at Dan Beard and there was no evening program. Together they became "wandering minstrels" according to Bagley. They would go from campsite to campsite with their instruments to provide some music and fun.

The pair realized they worked well together in developing and performing their own programs. The roving prospector is not a position always filled at

Philmont, thus part of its mystery and legend. Inspired by Doug Palmer who encouraged them to pursue the prospective position, the two drafted a proposal including their program plans and characters to re-instate the roving prospectors.

Babcock and Bagley have been close for a long time. Babcock was one of Bagley's groomsmen in his wedding this last year. Knowing each other so well has helped in their work relationship in that they are able to speak frankly with one another when things are not going well.

This was essential to them on their worst day, the first day. The two were given a pair of burros, Hell Fire and Damnation, and very little instruction. They decided to water them separately and Babcock began walking Damnation down to the

water, meanwhile Hell Fire starts acting up.

Eventually this leads to Hell Fire kicking Bagley, bruising his

foot, and then taking off back towards Harlan. Bagley chased the burro for a few miles before deciding to instead save his foot. During this time, Damnation had not immediately noticed that Hell Fire was not nearby because he was used to being the lead. After taking a short drink, he could not find his companion and also began panicking. Babcock tried to calm him, but instead was dragged up the hill to where Hell Fire had last been seen by Damnation. He quickly tied the burro off to a tree.

No one had told them that the burros had been companion animals for nearly 10 years and had, "a hardcore bromance" according to Babcock. Neither can stand to be apart from each other, and since Bagley and Babcock learned this

lesson, they have not had any more problems with the burros, and now adore them.

They both love their job. Aside from the incredible freedoms it grants, they both have a passion for programming and are enthusiastic in cheering Scouts after a long days hike. Bagley says he is always amazed at the response they get from exhausted crews.

"I think surprising crews is probably the coolest thing ever... we are not on anyone's itinerary," said Bagley. "Because we're not in their itineraries they wonder if we're with Philmont or we're just like crazy people in the woods, so we're able to have a lot of fun just playing with that and of course doing programs as well," concurred Babcock.

Both truly have a passion for the history of Philmont and the outdoors. For them, being a roving prospector is a unique way to share the magic of Philmont.

For Dr. Truelove and Just Stu, there is no better way to live than wandering the backcountry



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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SELECTION PROCEDURE

Preliminary screening will be made on the basis of information included in the materials submitted. Selected applicants may be invited for an interview.

Staff Feature: Philmont Training Center Associate Director of Program

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

For Andrea Watson, “Philmont is a family affair.” Aside from her twin sons, Adam and Jack, being born shortly after beginning her tenure at the Ranch, she also came here as a kid with her family.

“We climbed in our van, all five kids of us, that was before they had A.C. in the back of the car...but frankly that was one of my most favorite memories, driving back and forth and the time that we spent here,” said Watson.

That led her to come back to Philmont as seasonal staff during college from 2000 to 2004. Each summer she worked at PTC and truly developed an appreciation for what PTC does for families and a passion for what she’d been doing.

Watson became a member of the full-time Philmont staff on Labor Day of 2011 as the Associate Director of Program at

Philmont Training Center. Her job entails overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Training Center including all the family programs, the facilities, and registration. Prior to working at Philmont Watson had been working for the Boy Scouts for eight years.

Her most recent position prior to her position at the Ranch was as a Council Program Director of the Inland Northwest Council of Spokane, Washington, overseeing four camps including a High Adventure Base.

Throughout college and even into the beginning of her professional Scouting career, Watson held a special place and desire in her heart to return to PTC at Philmont. When the opportunity to become a full time staff at PTC presented itself, Watson was thrilled to go HOME.

For the Watson family, not

only is this home now, but there is a true sense of community and family here.

Prior to giving birth to her sons Watson had to be flown from Taos to Albuquerque. She had the twins there, but because everything happened in such a hurry they did not pack many clothes. They ended up staying for three weeks.

“Diane Nelson and Linda Anderson came and visited us like three times while we were there and brought us our mail and clothes...Janice Clark put the baby room together for us and washed all the baby clothes and just really took care of us while we were going through all that crazy,” said Watson.

Her favorite memories involving Philmont are hiking the Urraca trail with her family as a kid and she hopes that she and her family can create similar memories together.



Andrea Watson. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

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Conservation staff Carl Fruehan, Lance Lamb, Zachary Harris and Matt Billings check the level of a log on Sunday, August 5 at Clark's Fork. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



The moon rises over base camp on Wednesday, August 1. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER6



A family of turkeys feeds on Monday, July 30 near the Lovers Leap turnaround. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Rangers build the trail to Cimarron as part of a work day on Thursday, August 2. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER