

# PHILMONT NEWS

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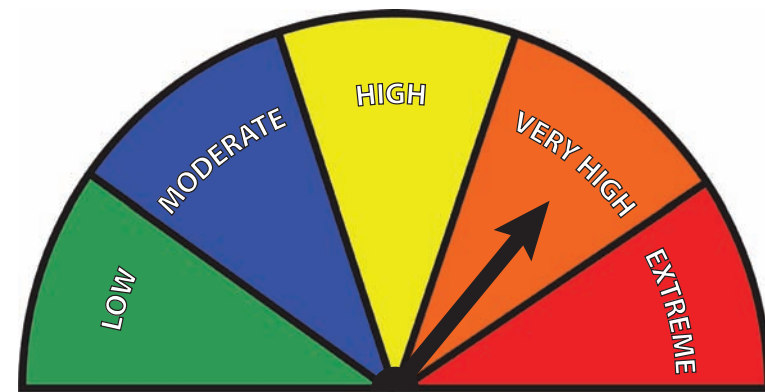
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## Fire Level Warning

Attention all staff! Philmont has experienced a below average snow and rainfall over the past 60 months. We are currently at a level four fire risk level. As a result, staff and participants are prohibited from doing the following:

- Setting off fireworks
- Smoking except for in designated areas
- Making crew or staff campfires
- Starting open fires

Thank you for complying with our fire restrictions in order to keep Philmont a safe place.



### Water Conservation Tip #4

Turn off the water while washing your hair and save 150 gallons a month.

We also ask that you keep in mind the importance of conserving water, especially during this drought period. Be aware of how much water you use and think of creative ways to conserve it.

## Bronze Caster Captures Philmont's Past

**Mary-Kate Smith**  
Staff Writer

For Susan Norris, life at Philmont was inspired by history.

But history was not set in stone. It was cast in bronze.

Norris, reputable painter and sculpture, has lived in New Mexico for the past 18 years and moved to Cimarron nearly a year ago. Her gallery displays a sleek array of animal sculptures, pottery and paintings. Her art focuses largely on nature and animals with a unique curvilinear and humorous style.

Recently, however, Norris has been

working on a more realistic piece: a statue of Ernest Thompson Seton, a founder of the Boy Scouts of America. Seton's collection of books, art and personal effects are housed in the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library.

Norris met John Clark, the General Manager of Philmont, while living in Raton and asked for tour of Philmont.

"I asked him if he would give me a tour because I had lived in Raton for all those years and had never really been to Philmont," Norris said. "I don't know why I wanted to do that."

Norris said she has no idea why she went to Philmont that day, but she is very

glad she did.

"We went into the Seton Museum," she said. "I didn't know who Seton was, but ... when I went into that room, the library, it really literally was like an epiphany moment. I thought, 'I've got to find out more about who this person is.'"

Like Norris, Seton was an artist, a naturalist and a hunter.

She was inspired greatly by his painting "Triumph of the Wolves" which once hung at the 1893 World Fair and created considerable controversy because it portrays a human getting eaten by a wolf.

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**PHOTO OF THE WEEK:** PTC Silverado John McKnight snapped this portrait of a cast member of opening night campfire on Saturday, June 8.



**Local Artist, Susan Norris, draws inspiration for her art from her hunting experiences. Norris has been on Safari twice in Africa and has even decorated her studio with an African theme. KEVIN BOUCHER/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

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# June 14-June 21

Saturday 22	Sunday 23	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Saturday 29
8 p.m. Movie Night: The Blues Brothers @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Playing dodgeball @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Philmont Coffee House @ Staff Dining Hall	5:30 p.m. PTC Western BBQ  6 p.m. Pro-Scouting interest reception @ Villa Philmont 7 p.m. PTC Western Dance	7 p.m. Yoga @ PTC Small Fry  8 p.m. Tye-Die and Smore's Night @ Baldy Pavilion	7:30 p.m. "Man of Steel" trip to Trinidad, CO; meet @ SSSAC	9 a.m. Day hike to Abreu; meet @ SSSAC

# Weather

<b>Friday, June 21</b> Mostly Sunny High: 88 Low: 48	<b>Saturday, June 22</b> Mostly Sunny High: 87 Low: 48	<b>Sunday, June 23</b> Mostly Sunny High: 87 Low: 48	<b>Monday, June 24</b> Partly Cloudy High: 84 Low: 46
<b>Tuesday, June 25</b> Sunny High: 83 Low: 50	<b>Wednesday, June 26</b> Sunny High: 83 Low: 50	<b>Thursday, June 27</b> Sunny High: 83 Low: 50	<b>Friday, June 28</b> Sunny High: 83 Low: 50

## Corrections

In the article "Maintaining an Equal Experience," the CHQ Maintenance Manager was spelled Fred Cribbet. His last name should have been spelled Cribbett.

If any other corrections are seen please notify the PhilNews Editor by emailing [philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org) or I-Camp it to News and Photo Services.

"Some people never learn the art of compromise. Everything is either black or white. They do not recognize, or will not concede, that the equally important color gray is a mixture of black and white."

--Waite Phillips

## Photo of the Week Contest

*Submit your Photo to News and Photo Services and have it featured in PhilNews*

During a summer that will be filled with remembering the history of Philmont, we at PhilNews are excited to be starting a new tradition. Starting in the next issue, each PhilNews will feature a staff-generated photo of the week. Any current Philmont staff member and PTC family may submit a photo. The picture must have been taken at Philmont or on Philmont used property this summer and be BSA-appropriate. Entries can be submitted in person at News & Photo Services, via I-camp, on a CD or flash drive or by an email to [philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org). Please include your name, your department or camp and a caption that includes information about where the picture was taken. Photos must be in .jpg format and at least 200 dpi. Philmont will retain the rights to use any photos submitted. Contact Photography Manager Katy Mooney or PhilNews editor Amanda Push with questions (575-376-2281 ext. 1246).

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

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

**Email:  
[philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org)**





SAMANTHA WAIDLER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER 2011

## Mark's Minute: A Special Thank You

**Mark Anderson**  
Director of Program, Unit 2

During the past 10 days, Philmont Scout Ranch has put in place many emergency procedures as we reacted to the Whites Peak Fire that began on June 13th as a result of a lightning strike.

Every one of us as members of the Philmont Staff has played a part in these important operations. Every crew participant and every Philmont Training Center participant has been given through your efforts the Philmont Adventure that they anticipated.

Waite Phillips wrote, "Regardless of ability no one individual can accomplish and complete anything worthwhile without direct or indirect cooperation from others."

During our emergency operations the importance of "direct and indirect cooperation" has been essential. I offer my sincere appreciation on behalf of our entire Philmont Community to each of you for the role that you have played. It has been exciting to share these experiences together.

Earlier this summer I shared a quote from Theodore Roosevelt:

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

I know that during these challenging times we have had to work hard to ensure that each of us are safe and that each participant is safe and that we fulfill the expectations of an adventure at our special "pile of rocks." To accomplish this we have had to work hard. I know that you share my feelings that our "work is worth doing."

I am honored to join you in this endeavor.

Again, thank you for serving as a member of the 2013 Philmont Staff.

## Ramblings from the Old Wrangler

**Paul Grasse**  
Special Projects Manager,  
Unit 201

In order to be a complete staff member, it is important for you to be as knowledgeable about Philmont as possible. The following is a list of facts and figures which may be pertinent. If other questions come up throughout the course of the summer, don't hesitate to ask the appropriate person.

- The major users of hay are the horse and burro herds in the summer months.
- Approximately 90,000 acres of Philmont is classed as range or grazeable woodland. Most of the remainder is classed as timber land. Properly managed pre-commercial and commercial thins are practiced on our timber lands.
- Contrary to much environmental rhetoric, properly managed livestock grazing is not detrimental to the land and is usually beneficial.
- It is estimated there are 750-1,500 deer, 500-600 elk, 40-60 antelope and 100-150 bears on Philmont as well as numerous other animal species.

- The Eagle Nest water is delivered to the fields near Headquarters through a 10 mile long ditch and pipeline from the Cimarron River.
- The farm crew produces all the hay used by Philmont livestock.
- About 250-350 tons of hay is produced at Philmont yearly

## Who's the Next Inspired Artist?

Are YOU the next Inspired Artist?

As part of our popular exhibit, The Gift of Inspiration, the Philmont Museum is hosting an art competition open to all 2013 summer staff.

All forms of media and techniques are welcome including: painting, drawing, photography, ironwork, sculpture, mixed media, textiles, woodwork ...you name it.

While the first deadline has pasted there are still TWO left; July 5th and July 25th. Don't dally, get that ART in!

The day after each deadline, we will place the winning piece on exhibit, where it will remain for the following three weeks. On August 5th we will announce the overall winner and that piece will go back on exhibit from August 16th until the show closes in January 2014.

Our only requirements are that it fit within a space 16" wide X 36" tall. Of course we also ask that your piece not produce any "unpleasant odors" during the show.

If you have any questions please contact the Philmont Museum.

Good Luck!



Artwork by Dawn Chandler, Philmont Staffer



# Owen's Corner Continued from Page One, Bronze



KATY MOONEY/PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

## Owen McCulloch

Associate Director of Program, Unit 4

Every seasonal staff member has signed a Letter of Employment with an agreed upon start and end date. Occasionally, a date must be changed – but to do so obviously changes the kind of service we are giving our customers if we have fewer staff, and we take this seriously. Date changes do become part of your permanent employment record, so be sure you only change your end date if you have to.

Remember that This Is A Real Job!

- Early Leave Requests must be submitted with the required signatures to CHQ by July 31. Submissions past that date will not be considered, and will be automatically denied.

- Requests for Early Leave prior to August 10 must include a letter of resignation.

- You must provide documentation supporting your request.

- Any request submitted will be processed for the date requested – even if the request is marked “Denied – Not A Valid Reason”.

### Acceptable Reasons for leaving Philmont Early

- Your Letter of Employment says so

- Five days prior to the first day of school (we do check academic calendars)

- Freshman orientation/Grad School orientation/official school commitment

- Accident/injury/death/family emergency

**Top Worst Reasons for leaving Philmont Early** (these are all real, and they were all marked “Denied -- Not A Valid Reason”)

1. I'm getting a ride with another staff member (even though their contract ends before mine)

2. My school said I had to be back early for registration (but the school doesn't start for two weeks).

3. I need to see my girlfriend/boyfriend/family/dog before I start school.

4. My mom said she needs time to do my laundry.

5. My family has a vacation planned.

6. My apartment contract starts on August 15th (but school didn't start until

September)

7. I have to get my retainer adjusted.

8. I'm going to go hiking with friends.

9. I have to readjust to lower altitude before school (from Dallas).

10. I need to sleep. (That is what classes are for.)

Early Request Forms can be picked up at Camping Headquarters – Seasonal Personnel desk.

“I can identify with him,” Norris. “At the turn of the century to put a painting up like [that]... was pretty gutsy ... He was trying to tell a story ... It's like we don't always win. Those are wild animals. We are part of the natural world, and we are part of the food chain.”

The painting now hangs in the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library and is visited by thousands of Scouts each year.

“I just kind of researched him, and then decided on my own that I wanted to do a sculpture of him,” Norris said. “There were no sculptures of him anywhere. And so I came up with an idea.”

Norris presented her idea to Boy Scout and Philmont officials. The idea evolved from a creating life-sized bronze statue of Ernest Thompson Seton to three full-sized figures: Seton, a Boy Scout and Lobo the Wolf. Lobo the Wolf was a prolific killer of cattle that Seton was hired to capture and kill.

“Lobo will be off separate,” Norris said. “He is integral in Seton's story because it did change him. He was a different person after that experience, but it's not part of the Scouting story. It's just part of Seton, and it's very important to his story. Lobo had to be part of that.”

When Norris presented her ideas, she made maquettes, or miniature versions of each figure, rather than just showing them preliminary sketches.

“I just said well, I'm not going to give them a drawing. I'm going to give them a sculpture because there is nothing like going into a meeting and wowing them with that,” Norris said. “I always believe in going one step further and going the extra mile because if you really want something that's what you have to do.”

The three bronze sculptures, which have been commissioned, will stand in the front plaza outside the expanded Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library.

According to David Werhane, Philmont Museums Director, Norris decided to do the piece at exactly the right time.

“They saw the remarkable opportunity of using these sculptures not only here at the museum to promote the museum but also in the world of the capital campaign ... as a thing to help

inspire people in helping us to fund the expansion,” Werhane said.

The original maquettes are housed in the Seton Library.

“A set will be given to people who are the highest donors,” Librarian and Museum staff Robin Taylor said. “That's the whole idea.”

According to Werhane, having the maquettes and commissioning the life sized statues has been nothing but beneficial to the Museum Expansion Project.

“It's already been a wonderful addition, and it's already been a great benefit to advancing the funding of our facility,” Werhane said. “Sometimes there is nothing like having a three-dimensional piece sitting right in front of you to anchor a desire.”

Werhane feels owning the maquettes will help the donors stay connected.

“It's a daily reminder of their connection not just to the Boy Scouts but also to the founders and Ernest Thompson Seton,” said Werhane adding. “Actually, they were really an influential part of just getting this approved.”

For Norris, the Seton, Boy Scout and Lobo pieces are different from other commissioned pieces because she has a

strong connection to them.

“The thing about the Seton piece is it's something I came up with,” Norris said. “They didn't come looking for me. I've got the passion for it.”

Norris sees Seton as an unsung hero and a pioneer.

“He was a very controversial person and a free spirit which probably didn't make him very popular with a lot of people,” Norris said. “People who state their mind and stand up for their beliefs aren't always popular, but they change the



Susan Norris molds a sculpture of a giraffe. Norris plans to add the piece to a series depicting animals in humorous poses. KEVIN BOUCHER/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

world. I think he made a big change. He helped change our world. I mean look at Scouting. Look how big it is, and look at what it does and look at the values that it teaches here to this day ... I just think he did a lot of things that changed a lot of people's lives.”

Norris did a large amount of research.

“You are trying to project and portray the personality of that person, not just a picture,” she said. “You are trying to show in the sculpture or painting the spirit of that person. That's challenging, but I like challenges.”

Werhane said the Museum staff helped her with her research.

“We've given her images...and clothes [to work with],” he said. “Last summer we provided her with not only the model, but also the clothing for the Scout in her maquette, so that uniform was all our (1915 Boy Scout) uniform.”

Norris expects the statue to be completed in a year and a half. She encourages Philmont visitors and Scouts to come see the statue in her studio as she works on it throughout July 2013.

“I want to be active with Philmont,” Norris said. “Philmont has been really, really good to me. You have to remember I came in, and they didn't know me from Adam ... I said, ‘I believed in this so much.’ I just went ahead and said I want to do this.”



# PTC Looks for Ways to Further Integrate Education

Hope Kirwan  
Staff Writer

The Philmont Training Center (PTC) hosted two conferences for the STEM program the week of June 6, 2013.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and is not just a program belonging to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Organizations across the country are looking for ways to better incorporate the different fields of STEM into their programs.

"STEM is a hot topic nowadays," said Richard Stone, PTC Faculty for the STEM conferences. "There's a lot of organizations out there that are offering STEM activities or they're putting some type of a resource out there that are supporting STEM activities."

The BSA's STEM program began last July, along with the creation of the NOVA Awards program. The NOVA Award is available to Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. It focuses on learning skills in each area of STEM. Scouts can achieve a Super NOVA Award that requires an in depth study with the

help of mentor.

One of the PTC's conferences, "Introduction to STEM," offers participants an opportunity to learn more about serving as a NOVA counselor or mentor. However, the second conference, "Taking STEM to the Next Level," focuses on how to implement STEM on a district and council level. Designed for people more involved in the program, participants and faculty are looking for ways to incorporate STEM throughout the Scouting experience.

"We realized that the STEM NOVA program is more than just the NOVA awards; STEM is really the grand experience," said Stone.

To participants like Dr. John T. Meredith, many areas of STEM can be found within the existing Scout activities.

"[The STEM disciplines] are already in many respects part of Scouting education and Scouting culture, it's just that we need to emphasize them, draw a light to them and their importance," said Meredith. "STEM education is becoming much more important as we go on as a nation. We need more engineers,



**The STEM crew poses for a group photo. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and was hosted at PTC during the week of June 6.**

we need more scientists if we want to keep our standard of living. We can not afford to fall behind in this competitive world."

Not only are the disciplines of STEM found within the Scouting program, the principles of the Scout Law can be found within STEM ethics.

"If you look at what the Scout Law has, those same characteristics apply to a good scientist, to a good engineer, to a technologist, to a mathematician, to a medical professional," said Meredith, an Emergency Physician. "They are fundamental to our professions in service. All of those professions are service related and service leadership professions."

"It's all about service, it's all about making a difference. And that's what Scouting is about: it's about service to others," added Meredith.

The two STEM conferences hosted by PTC focused on both learning the materials, but also on hands on activities, a very similar structure to the NOVA program for Scouts.

"We've done a lot of inclass activities, particularly on rockets, we launched those that this morning. But I think one of our really great activities was just the classroom discussion itself," said Meredith.

The STEM conferences this week  
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## Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Sarah Burgess  
Conservation Coordinator  
for STEM

This 75th summer at Philmont we have a unique opportunity as a staff to promote an important initiative called STEM. Everywhere we look at Philmont, it surrounds us. When you stop to think about how a tomahawk flies, which way the pulley of a rock climbing rope supports you or why it takes water longer to boil at elevation—you are thinking in a STEM frame of mind. This summer I need your help to think of all the ways Philmont Scout Ranch already promotes this learning experience and the new levels we can rise to as a staff team.

Please I-Camp me your ideas, suggestions, questions and each of the ways YOU think the ranch exhibits STEM initiatives. The most creative ideas from each department and each backcountry camp will be published in the PhilNews throughout the summer. Let's shape a legacy for the next 75 years and beyond!

# Keeping Family in Program

Hope Kirwan  
Staff Writer

For the children of the Philmont Training Center (PTC) and Philmont participants and staff, the Broncos program is a way to make the most of their week spent in God's Country.

The Broncos program at PTC is designed for 14-18 year old boys and girls. The participants are primarily the children of the attendees of PTC programs.

The Broncos allows boys and girls to participate in activities around PTC and the Ranch, including horseback riding, fly fishing, geocaching and disc golf. Participants can also elect to take a tour of Cimarron or go on a half-day or all-day trek in Philmont's Backcountry.

Many of the families that come with parents who attend or teach at PTC participate in the Mountain Trek

program, a five day trek in Philmont's Backcountry for kids over the age of 14.

However, the PTC also encourages kids to consider participating in the Broncos program because the variety of activities available and the opportunity for a more family oriented week.

"A lot of the people at PTC have their kids go on the Backcountry treks, but we provide a lot more activities here," said Melissa Nurre, Group Leader. "It's a great option to stay with their families."

New this year to the Broncos is the opportunity to learn shotgun shooting, as well as an all day trek to Harlan, which hosts activities like burro racing.

Similar to the Silverados program, the Broncos participants get to choose what activities they want to take part in. According to Wally Wolanin, Group Leader Coordinator at PTC, this allows the kids to be more engaged in the activities offered.

"Because they get to choose," said Wolanin. "I think it gets them more involved and more passionate about what they get to do for the week."

The participants in the Broncos program agreed that the variety of activities was one of the highlights of the program.

"There are so many different things to choose from, the history is great, and you get to connect with people because everybody's here for the same reason," said Elizabeth Miller, 15, a Broncos participant.

Participants in the Broncos program certainly have fun, but they are also learning a lot.

"They can learn something they've never tried before," said Kenzy Sorenson, Group Leader. "They get to do exciting things that only Philmont can provide."

In addition to attending interpretive Backcountry camps to



**Bronco Participants at Philmont Training Center think outside the box while engaging in a fun COPE course challenge on Wed June 12. The Bronco program consists of 14-18 year olds whose parents are in enrolled in training center courses. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

learn more about Philmont's history, the Broncos' participants can attend a historical tour of Cimarron, including the Old Mill, the St. James Hotel and a local art gallery to learn more about the area. Kids can also learn new skills

through the many activities that are offered on the Ranch. Shotgun shooting and horseback riding allow participants to have new experiences, while activities such as COPE allow them to build valuable teamwork and leadership skills.



# Finding the Roots of Scouting at Zastrow

**Mary-Kate Smith**  
Staff Writer

As Scouts use a map and compass to find their way through orienteering and geocaching courses at Zastrow, they find not only the program's path, but also their way back to the roots of Scouting.

"Zastrow is different because it focuses on [the basics of] Scouting," Adam White, Zastrow Camp Director, said. "You know, a lot of the other camps have programs that ... have to show the interpretation of how they relate to Scouting. Zastrow is the physical and the practical application of their Scouting skills."

Originally the five core values and principles of Scouting included: cooking, camping, first aid, orienteering and pioneering. At Zastrow, Scouts focus on the initial principles.

The land around Zastrow was once owned by a Russian immigrant, but when Philmont acquired the land the Zastrow cabin was built as a Wood Badge training center.

"From 1949 until about 2000 pretty much all the national Wood Badge training was done here at Zastrow, so

it's kind of a big deal," said Program Counselor Will Penisten.

Wood Badge, an advanced training course for adult Scout leaders, is now offered through local councils rather than at Zastrow. However, the history remains.

"I think Zastrow has a ton of history, so it's really cool that we can engage the youth in the unique history of Wood Badge," Penisten said. "I think also our variety of programs just kind of lends itself to a good experience for the Scouts."

As Philmont celebrates its 75th anniversary this summer, Zastrow celebrates two additional anniversaries the 100th anniversary of the Russian immigrant Paul Zastrow purchasing his land from Rayado Colonization Company and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Wood Badge in England in 1913.

This year the Zastrow staff cleaned out old artifacts from Wood Badge locker



**Zastrow staff Garrison Priddle teaches Scouts from Crew 609-D-01 how to use a GPS device on Monday, June 10 at Zastrow. Scouts have the opportunity learn how to use a GPS through geocaching. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

rooms, now staff bedrooms, to improve the museum.

"Everything you see at the museum we've found scattered throughout this lodge," Program Counselor Austin Deheck said. "Some of them were in these rooms that they used for these patrol meetings. Nobody ever saw them for years until we kind of broke them out and hung them up and stuff."

This year for the first time, the Zastrow Program Counselors will be

giving guided tours of the museum. A large component of the museum is the patrol shovels which line the upper interior walls of the cabin. These shovels, used in Wood Badge, once served as service symbols for each patrol.

"Before campers started showing up, we tore the museum to pieces, and we rebuilt it," White said. "We are working with Dave over at the Seton to figure out what kind of stuff we can pull out of that basement ... There is tons of Wood Badge stuff and Scouting stuff down there that we'd love to get on display."

According to White, the Zastrow programs work to reconnect Scouts not only to the history of the camp but also to the original five basic points of Scouting: camping, cooking, orienteering, pioneering and first aid.

Their programs include a Gps geocaching course, an orienteering course

called the yellow course, a new whole crew orienteering course, cobbler cooking, museum tours, naked-eye astronomy and the rededication to Scouting ceremony.

White said the new orienteering course, which they expected to have up and running between June 16 and 17, will be a big hit with Scouts. He also explained that the Dutch oven cobbler program has been improved since last summer.

"In the past, there have only been three types of fruit they can pick from and two types of cake mix," He said. "This year we've added to that. There is a total possibility of 1,225 different ... cobblers they can make."

While cobbler cooking is a fun night activity, some programs, like the rededication to Scouting ceremony, are more solemn in nature.

"The rededication is for last day camps only," White said. "It's a great way to encompass their entire trek ... It is really a reaffirmation of their Scouting oath."

With each ceremony, each program, each artifact and each troop the Zastrow staff has worked hard to dig down to the roots of Scouting to promote leadership, fellowship and the five core values of Scouting.

# Teaching Search and Rescue at Carson Meadows

**Mary-Kate Smith**  
Staff Writer

The porch posts framed a stunning view of the Tooth of Time, while the staff members of Carson Meadows worked to teach about safety, search and rescue.

Camp Director David Keegan said Carson Meadow hosts an average of six crews per day over the course of the summer. Each crew will go through a search and rescue lesson at the camp. For the program, crews are required to search for and rescue an advisor who has been given a fake injury.

"We do a five minute briefing and then send them out," Keegan said.

The skills these crews learn during search and rescue at Carson Meadows not only provide a fun program but also give them skills needed to save lives.

"We are going to have clues

hidden through the meadow that they follow until they find a 'victim or patient' that has injury that we made," said Matthew McElroy, a Program Counselor from Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Keegan said it takes a while to create realistic looking fake injuries. Instead, they use a piece of plastic to mark the injured area.

"We can do broken legs, lacerations, bruises," he said.

After finding their "injured" advisor, the Scouts treat the "patient."

"They use their first aid skills to bandage them up, and then carry them in the litter," said McElroy. "Then we go to a ropes course, and they remove the advisor ... We put in a dummy and go over a crevasse with the dummy on the litter."

They use a system of ropes to send the dummy over the crevasse on the litter. For many Scout troops, placing an advisor in the litter is the most challenging part of the course, said Program Counselor Taylor

Mitchell.

It takes a minimum of four people and a maximum of eight to carry the litter. A dummy is sent over the crevasse rather than an advisor to ensure safety.

At night, troops participate in litter races in which they will put someone in a litter and carry them up and over obstacles.

"We are going to have a time board, and it's going to have the order of who's the fastest of the crews," McElroy said.

As a staff project, the Carson Meadows employees are working to build a flag pole out of a tree they cut down and debarked. Staff members work hard on this project and show excitement for other lessons they will have a chance to teach this summer.

Mitchell hope to make an impact.

"If you can touch base with the kids, you really make an impact on them and that changes their whole



**Scouts from Crew 609DI carry a stretcher on Tuesday, June 11 at Carson Meadows. Carson Meadows' program is search and rescue. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

perspective on a lot of things," he said.

McElroy looks forward to teaching Scouts.

"I have a search and rescue background," McElroy said. "I feel that more people should now about

it."

Beyond their beautiful porch view, the staff at Carson Meadows recognizes the need for search and rescue. Through their programs they hope to teach Scouts skills needed to save lives.



# Abreu Family Portrait

Mary-Kate Smith  
Staff Writer

The Abreu family played an instrumental role in the development of the Santa Fe trail in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Many of the family members are buried in and around Philmont and Kit Carson property in the Rocky Mountains. However, today their legacy still lives on through the Philmont staff who portray their characters.

The Abreu staff camp works hard to research and portray the Abreu family. Abreu is meant to embody the lifestyle of the ranching homestead the Abreu's lived on a hundred years ago.

Camp Director Julia Hoss portrays the family matriarch Gertrude Abreu. She explained that Scouts come to visit their home to experience the lifestyle of the Abreu family.

"We give tours of our home," Hoss said. "We do adobe brick making. We have our Cantina, which is the most popular. We have a garden and then we have our farm animals, and that includes milking goats."

During the day, the Abreus sell root beer at the Cantina, take care of the chickens and the burro and give tours of their home. Merideth McLane, a Program Counselor portraying Nelly Pearson Abreu, plays the old pump organ in the cabin.

"I've always wanted to live on a farm, and this is kind of like that,"

McLane said. "I love the farm chores, and I love the pump organ too."

At night the Abreus host a Mexican dinner for Scouts.

"We are the only camp that has a Mexican type theme with the dinner and the adobe," Hoss said. "We represent a family that still comes around and visits. You can still find the Abreu's in Springer and Raton and all around the area."

It is clear that the staff at Abreu feel strong connections with their characters.

"I'm the wife of Raymond, and this is Raymond and Gertrude's home," Hoss said. "Basically I'm the matriarch of this area. Everyone else is here helping us get our home ready to become a working Ranch."

Hoss plays the role of hostess and explains the history of the home and family.

The original house burned down in the 1930s and the Cantina now stands where the home once was. It was originally a wooden home but was rebuilt in adobe.

According to McLane, the staff sat down after doing research and divided up the characters.

Nathan Tritt, the Cantina Manager who portrays James Santiago Abreu, said all of their characters are real people from that era. A lot of the in-laws who lived in the surrounding area would come stay with the Abreu's during the summer and help work the ranch.

"All of these families played an

integral part in build up the Santa Fe trail in this area," Tritt said. "Without them, it probably wouldn't have developed the way it was."

Lucy Baker, a Program Counselor who portrays Sofia Abreu, explained that her character fits this type of role.

"I don't normally live here," Baker said. "I'm a teacher, and I just came back to help building the house. I am not married. I'm a sister."

Baker said they show Scouts how they live and what they do on a daily basis.

"We teach them how to milk goats and take care of the burrows and chickens," Baker said.

Tritt said the two female goats are named Pippa and Fiona. They get milked twice a day at 8 a.m. and between 5 and 6 p.m.

"We've been pasteurizing the goat milk and drinking it or making it into pudding," McLane said.

Goat milking is just one piece of what made the Abreu home and camp such a special and historical place.

"It's a really beautiful camp," Tritt said. "When no one is talking and the wind isn't blowing, you can hear the birds chirp and the river flow. It's a very pristine area right here."

At Abreu, life is about both interpretation and family.

"We are portraying a family, but we all already are like a family as a staff," Hoss said. "It is just taking that family and showing the Scouts our family life."



Members of Crew 609-D-01 socialize on Monday, June 10 at Abreu's cantina. Participants have the options to play games and buy refreshments there. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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# The Hot Shot on the Range

**Katie Landeck**  
Staff Writer

Every day for hours upon hours, Ryan Swalls, the Backcountry Warehouse Specialist Shooting Sports, fixes guns.

Swalls's position is new at the Ranch this year. Prior to the creation of it, permanent staff, who worked other jobs at Philmont but knew about guns, handled the maintenance.

While the system was perfectly functional, Associate Director of Program David O'Neill thought it could be improved upon and came up with the idea to hire a gunsmithing student from Trinidad State Junior College. That student was Swalls.

"David O'Neill met one of my teachers at the SHOT Show in Las Vegas and talked about the possibility of getting a student down here to help out. My teacher then asked me if I was interested," said Swalls. "He asked me if I was an Eagle Scout. 'Yes, of course.' 'Are you interested?' 'Yes, of course.'"

As a Boy Scout, Swalls never had the chance to come to Philmont. In fact, when he talked to his teacher about the job opportunity, he didn't even know where it was on the map.

After a quick Google search, he discovered Philmont was only 60 miles away.

Five days after learning about the position, he was taking a tour of camp.

"I was hooked," said Swalls. As the resident gun expert, it's Swalls jobs to keep the guns in good repair, help with training and safety procedures, and look for ways to potentially improve the programs.

"It's a great program already," said Swalls. "But shooting sports are such an important part of the program that they needed someone who was really dedicated

"I see guns as mechanical artwork. The engineering behind them and how they work is amazing"

to them."

Swalls focus is on the safety of the guns. Instead of having staff work on the guns in the field, he wants to do the repairs himself.

"I fix guns. That's what I do," he said. "When I send it out, I am certifying that it is safe to shoot."

Every gun has its own unique problem that Swalls fixes. He also routinely cleans the guns.

"I'll take one gun a week (from the camps) and go through and clean it top to bottom," he said.

Every week, Swalls tries to visit each of the gun camps -- which are Harlan, Sawmill, Miranda, Clear Creek, Black Mountain, Ponil -- at least once to check on the guns and make sure the program is safe.

Swalls, who helped with training the staff in safety,

feels strongly that guns are not inherently dangerous.

"Guns are not violent," said Swalls. "It's a tool, just like a hammer is."

He continued, "I see guns as mechanical artwork. The engineering behind them and how they work is amazing."

Swalls has taken a somewhat unusual path to gunsmithing. In high school, he shot small

bore competitively. He then went to Norwich University, the nation's oldest private military school, for college hoping to be an officer one day.

He continued to pursue his interest in guns taking a job as a rifle range instructor at

his local Boy Scout camp during the summer of his freshman year. However, his plans got derailed when he learned he was medically disqualified from joining the military.

After graduating Norwich, Swalls spent the next decade hopping from job to job.

He taught English in Korea, then worked as a private contractor in the Middle East.

After a few years there, he returned to the States where he worked a string of odd jobs including office management, in the oil field, as a security guard and in construction. Then, he returned to Korea where he taught English for another five years.

It was in Korea that Swalls realized he needed a change.

"Last year, it hit me that I was trying to find a career," Swalls said. "And being a rifle range instructor was the most fun I ever had. So between that and my propensity to fix things, it hit me out of nowhere that I should be a gunsmith."

One year later, he was enrolled in the gunsmithing program at Trinidad State Junior College.

"I love it," said Swalls. "Every gun that comes in has a different issue."

He added that he feels "so lucky" to have the opportunity to work at Philmont this summer.

# The Supplier of the Backcountry

**Katie Landeck**  
Staff Writer

When staffers in the Backcountry find themselves in sudden need of a pastry knife, they know there is one place they can always turn to: the Backcountry Warehouse.

"Sometimes interesting things come up," said Julie Vigil, the Assistant Backcountry Warehouse Manager. "We've been asked for a melon baller, yoga mats and a pastry knife."

The job of the Backcountry Warehouse is to supply staff in Backcountry with everything they need to get through the summer. The list of supplies ranges from items essential to program, like gunpowder, to items essential for comfort, like shower curtains.

The bulk of the supplies go out with the staff during scatter, making the first few weeks of the season a hectic time in the office as the Warehouse staff organizes and packs up equipment.

"We were really busy getting everything ready to go out. I had a lot of caffeine," said Backcountry Warehouse staff Josh Faber, who is working on the Ranch for the first time this summer. "But it was a lot of fun."

Because the first shipment out to the camps is the biggest one, it's crucial that the Warehouse gets it right.

"Our goal is that they don't need much," said Vigil. "But things happen."

And when those things happen, the Backcountry Warehouse is prepared.

Located next to the Mail Room, the Warehouse is a labyrinth of supplies. Shelves filled to their limit

with rusty red boxes line every inch of available wall space, before spreading into the middle of the room. There are foam noodles, tripods, clothes, cleaning supplies and anything else the camps might need.

In the center of the Warehouse is a 10 foot tower of stacked brown

"Our goal is that they don't need much. But things happen."

boxes. Each box has the label of a different camp on it.

"The camps can count on typically two visits a week," said Blue Price,

the Warehouse Manager.

Near the loading dock, a wire shelf holds the items that are heading out to the camps that day. It's a new addition to the warehouse to streamline the process.

The biggest item that goes out to the Backcountry is paperwork; however, the Warehouse will supply the Backcountry staff with anything reasonable they ask for.

Occasionally, the Warehouse does not have the item the Backcountry staff is looking for, which can lead to some interesting adventures.

"Sometimes it's hard to get supplies," said Vigil, who has worked in the Warehouse for the past five years. "When the Iraq war started it became hard to find the things we needed to support the gun program."

"And one year, we needed shower curtains, and Walmart

"Sometimes interesting things come up. We've been asked for a melon baller, yoga mats and a pastry knife."

didn't have any because we had bought them up already," she said.

However, with skill and just a bit of luck, the staff was able to solve the problem every time.

So the next time that elusive watermelon baller appears in your Backcountry shipment, be sure to thank that Warehouse staff for all of their hard work.





# Brand New Service at the TOTT

**Katie Landeck**  
Staff Writer

With a sizzle, Tooth of Time Traders Branding Specialist Andrew Ivey pushes the the Philmont brand into a piece of wood, causing a short burst of flame. A few staff members at the Snack Bar Patio watch as he practices.

"It's a brand new job," said Ivey. "Get it? Brand."

Ivey's goal is to make the interpretive position "iconic," a place that serves as a welcome to the Ranch and an even better send off.

When one of the first crews came to the branding station, Ivey made no attempt to control his enthusiasm. Slipping into a Texas accent, he urged the crew to give him their belts and hats.

"Does it cost anything?" one Scout asked.

"Shoot no. It doesn't cost a thing," he replied as he branded a leather strap and handed it to a different Scout.

One by one he branded the belts of eager Scouts, all the while chatting about history and the trek the crew has planned.

Once he finished branding the equipment of the more outgoing Scouts, he looked to find the ones that were holding back.

"Give me that hat," Ivey told a Scout, offering him a big smile.

The Scout, taken aback, handed over the hat to a very excited Ivey.

"I'm going to put the Philmont brand and the a crazy S on this," he said while cooling off the crazy S brand on one of the numerous pieces of wood spread out on his table. The heat of the brand hit the wood and caused a small tongue of flame to appear.

When it was ready, he carefully branded the inside of the Scout's hat, creating a permanent crazy S.

Hats are Ivey's favorite thing to brand. They are easy and "everybody loves them," he said.

The list of items Ivey is willing to brand are as follows: hats, belts, Eagle cups, wood, shoes, cell phone cases and Nalgene's.

But be warned, Ivey is new at this, and some items, such as Nalgene's, can be easily damaged. The TOTT will not reimburse

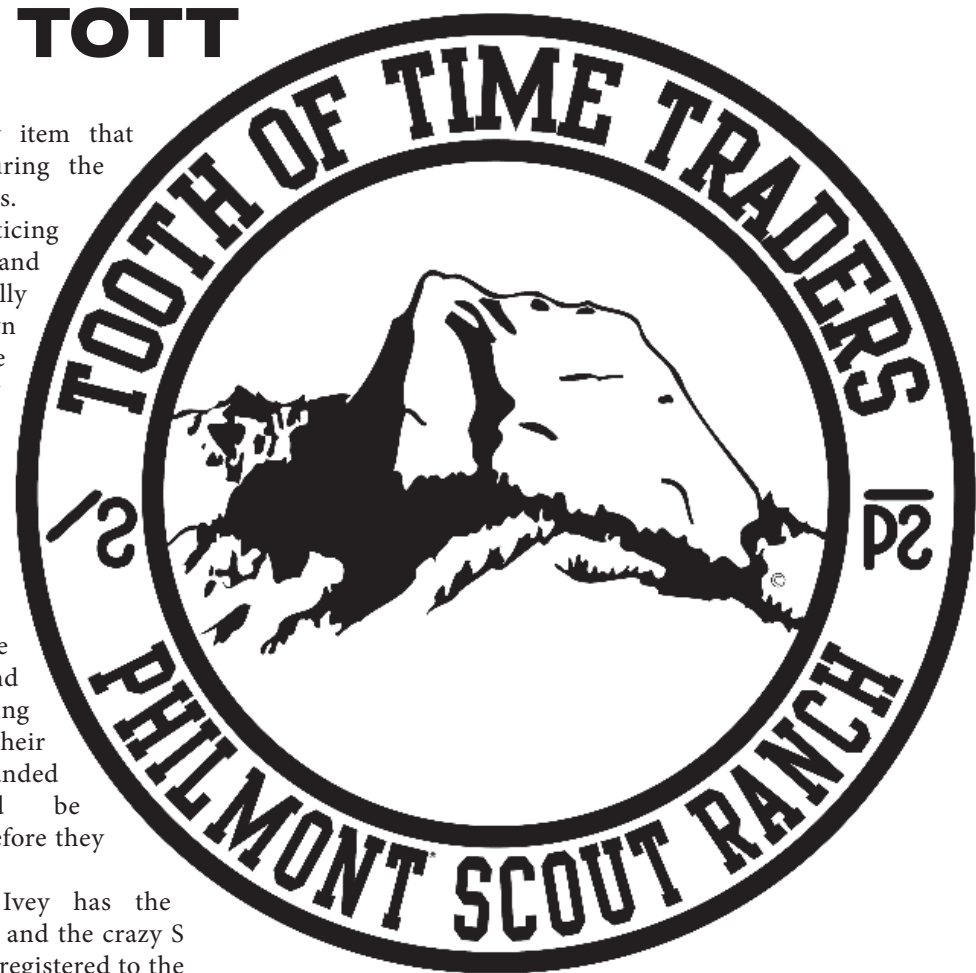
people for any item that is damaged during the branding process.

Ivey is practicing daily, however, and did successfully brand his own Nalgene twice on his first day working.

There are a few things Ivey will not brand, like human skin. Other items that make the "no" list are staff ID tags and Scout's hiking boots before their trek. Any branded boots should be waterproofed before they hit the trail.

Currently, Ivey has the Philmont brand and the crazy S brand, which is registered to the Boy Scouts of America. Using the edges of these brands, Ivey can brand initials and other designs.

"I'm pretty good at doodling," Ivey said. "And the idea is that you hold it like a



pencil."

Branding was added to the TOTT this year to give campers and staffers who do not visit one of the branding camps, the chance to get their gear branded and see the process. It also

reduces the weight of people's packs, as they no longer have to carry their belt with them to Beaubien, Clarks Fork or Ponil.

Branding will be available on the Snack Bar Patio from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily.



**Branding Specialist Andrew Ivey (left) brands a guitar owned by Advisor Jeff Officer from Crew 610R1 on Monday, June 10 on the Snack Bar patio. Ivey is Philmont's first ever Branding Specialist for the Tooth of Time Traders. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

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have prompted a lot of productive discussion and ideas for the future of the STEM program in Scouting.

"We're bringing people from across disciplines together, and across the country," said Jay Malmstrom, a Mathematician serving as faculty for the "Taking Stem to the Next Level" conference.

"You get a great cross pollination of ideas together. These conferences are a great opportunity for that."

Besides providing great facilities for an annual conference, Philmont offers many great opportunities to learn about and experience STEM related topics. Astronomy, paleontology, geology, and ecology are just some of the fields that are incorporated into the program offered at Backcountry camps.

Now the Ranch is beginning to explore how to better highlight these STEM aspects in the Philmont

experience. This week's focus on STEM at PTC also featured a STEM trek, which was attended by six Philmont Rangers.

"[The STEM trek] is really about finding those teachable moments. Obviously enjoying Philmont is a wonderful thing, but instead of just hiking, getting sweaty and throwing tomahawks, you can hike, get sweaty, throw a tomahawk and then discuss why does it fly the way it does."

With discussions and activities at the PTC's conferences, participants have a positive outlook for the future of the STEM program within Scouting.

"I want to support what Boys Scouts of America is doing with the STEM initiative and I want to make this a success within Scouting and within the community," said Meredith. "[I'm] glad I came. I've learned a lot, I'm gonna take a lot back to the council, and we're going to make things happen."



# Welcome to Philmont

**Katie Landeck**  
Staff Writer

Whenever the Welcome Center's staff hears a car pulling into Philmont Scout Ranch's gravel driveway, they get a little excited.

"We go out to the car to meet them," said Welcome Center Staff Melissa Orzechowski. "We start welcoming them the minute they hit Philmont soil."

Once the crew has had a chance to get out of the car and stretch, the Welcome Center staff helps to get the crew oriented, asking them about their trip and where they are from.

"The best part is that we meet a lot of different people," said Welcome Center Staff Steve Camp. "When a good Texan crew comes in, that's always special." Camp is from Arlington, Texas.

Up until this year the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center was in charge of the Welcome Center. But at the urging of last year's SSSAC Assistant Manager Floyd Broussard, the Welcome Center became its own department this year.

"The split gave us our own dedicated staff," said Welcome Center Manager Tom McKinney. "I couldn't ask for a better crew of folks."

Now their own department, the Welcome Center is working to make the experience better than ever for the Scouts, starting with getting crews to their tents faster.

"It's taking usually less than 10 minutes to get a crew through," said McKinney. Last year, the



**Welcome Center staff greet the first crew of the summer as they arrive at Philmont on Fri., June 7. Crew 608G drove across the country by van from Indian Waters Council, of South Carolina. TIM MORGAN/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

process could take up to half an hour.

The Welcome Center has completely revamped their Day One procedures, creating more stations for crews to check into and connecting the crew to their Ranger faster.

"It's a really smooth system," said Welcome Center staff Clay Campbell. "As soon as crews arrive, they're moving."

The paperwork the crews need to fill out has been cut in half to help further expedite the process. And when the staff has the opportunity to plan something ahead of time, whether it's stamping the 75th Anniversary Passports or assigning tents, they do it.

"We are preassigning the tents as many days ahead of time as we can," said McKinney. "All we have to do is show them where they are."

In addition to speeding up

processing time, the Welcome Center has also put a lot of emphasis on their appearance. Up until a few weeks ago, the inside of the Welcome Center looked like a shed. The wood was unfinished and the walls were bare.

So the staff took it upon themselves to redecorate. They stained the wood and painted the upper half of the walls a sage green. They ordered professional photo prints to decorate the walls with and got a good coffee machine.

"We have the best coffee in Base Camp," Orzechowski said.

Ever welcoming, the staff at the Welcome Center encourages other staff members to drop by to pick up a copy of your Philmont passport or just to chat.

"If we are awake and the door is unlocked, it's coffee time," McKinney said.

# Operation Behind the Philmont Experience

**Joe Bruner**  
Staff Writer

Every summer, Logistics must keep track of all 1,100 staff members as well as 22,000 Backcountry participants that come through Philmont. To do this they manage all the trek planning, transportation and radio communication.

Of the three responsibilities, trek planning is the most visible, according to Logistics Manager Tom Giugni. Staff members meet with crew advisors and crew leaders to go over important information for the trail.

Each crew is given a map that identifies food stops, dry camps and other important stops on the trail. After marking up the map, the crew leader and advisor go to the Logistics'

water board to learn the most up-to-date information on Backcountry water sources. Once check-in is complete, the next day the crew is often times transported to a drop-off in the Backcountry, which Logistics also runs.

All transportation to and around Philmont is managed by Logistics. They schedule trips to turnarounds and Rayado, and make sure participants have rides to Philmont, if they are unable to travel with their crew, or if they missed transportation.

In the 2012 summer season, Philmont's Logistics department made a total of 361 trips, which totaled 31,000 miles. This was just from picking up individuals from nearby airports and the Raton Train Station. Along with transportation, vehicles must communicate via radio,

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**Mike Doty, Logistics II, logs all radio chatter on Thursday June 6 in the radio room at the Logistics office. Logistics tracks all radio communications to keep a paper trail for future use. KEVIN BOUCHER/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

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# Logging Philmont's Timber Harvest

Joe Bruner  
Staff Writer

Philmont's logging operation is relatively small scale, pulling in hundreds of thousands of board feet every year, and has been around since the mid-1990s.

Logging was once an annual practice for Philmont, but ended in the 1970s and 80s.

In that time the forest "grew out of hand," according to Ranch Superintendent Bob Ricklefs, so Philmont has started the practice again.

Logging resumed in 1994 when Philmont talked to the Governing Board of Conservation Issues to try and restart a logging operation. The tricky thing about logging and selling it commercially, according to Ricklefs, is there are no major sawmills in New Mexico.

In addition, to be sold commercially, the timber must be 9 inches in diameter or bigger.

"We used to log smaller materials for other projects," Ricklefs said, "when

the market used to be better."

Philmont used to log the forest indiscriminately, cutting down all the trees that were good for sales. In the Backcountry, this is visible as clusters of trees growing at exactly the same height. The problem is it aesthetic disruption: it is a visible sign of human interference.

To prevent that problem, Philmont does two things.

First it makes sure every sale is a selective cut. For this, Philmont has hired a forester as a consultant. Before logging takes place, he marks the trees that will be cut, because not every tree fits the standards. Some are too old and are dying. As a result the wood will not hold up for commercial needs.

The standards to correct forest practices are determined by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), which Philmont is part of. To be a member, an organization must follow the standards it creates, which extend from proper water usage policies to how to avoid illegal logging.

The second method Philmont

uses is to log in small sections during different seasons. In this effort, the Ranch works with the Conservation Department to map the perimeter of the logging area, so that Philmont can keep track of the impact on the land.

This past spring, the loggers went through on either side of Crater Lake. According to Ricklefs, 3-4 loads came off the hill a week throughout the season.

Now that the spring is over, all logging has been suspended for the summer. GIS Coordinator Zach Seeger can go out with teams to start mapping the perimeter of the logging season, so that they know roughly what areas have been logged near Crater Lake.

Finding the logging perimeter involves manpower and technology.

"One person will stand on a stump of a freshly logged tree, while the others go out to find the next one," said Seeger.

This pattern continues, marking the land as they go, until the perimeter of the area has been determined.

"The process is easier the quicker it is done. We prefer to do it within a

season of it being harvested," Seeger said.

Once the perimeter has been determined, the acreage of land that was logged can be calculated and recorded. Philmont has a record of all the acreage covered since logging resumed in 1994.

From the beginning, the ranch and conservation department have harvested and mapped 5,374 acres across Philmont.

The amount logged the past 19 years may seem like a lot, but in reality Philmont has been conscious of how much is grown every year, and to not approach the limit.

"Philmont grows 500 million board feet each year," said Ricklefs. "But we only take out a couple hundred thousand each year. We make sure to stay well under what is growing."

This concern is in line with Philmont's conservation stance in trying to develop for the future, as well as maintain the Philmont land for future generations to come.

## The Bear Necessities

Hey all!

We hate to be a bear, but we want to make sure your summer is as bearable as possible. We know that you are smarter than the average bear, but bear in mind that mistakes can happen. And that a fed bear is a dead bear. Please don't leave out your picnic baskets, or any smellables for that matter. The bears should only be eating bear-ies and other natural stuff. You may think they are barely there, but the amount of bears at Philmont can be overbearing. If you see a bear please remember to turn in a bear report. Remember only you (and all of us) can prevent bear violations.

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# Chaplain's Corner: Meet the Chaplains Father Dennis Catholic Chaplain



**Father Dennis O'Rourke. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER 2012**

I'm Fr. Dennis, and I'm happy to return to Philmont for my 23rd time! I started in 1986 at the Training Center and worked as conference faculty for seven summers. The first time I was a Base Camp Chaplain was in 1995. I've missed two summers since then.

This is a wonderful place, as you all know.

I have been a priest for 33 years and am currently a pastor at St. Gabriel's Church in Cave Creek, Ariz. — about a 10-hour drive from here. I've been coming up every summer since 1999 to open the Catholic Chapel, about a week before most of the staff arrives. It is a great trip. I usually spend about 6 hours at the Ranch, then head back to Arizona. For the past few years, my 90-year-old uncle has joined me for the road trip. He loves it as well.

You may have noticed the initials "V.F." after my name. My bishop in Phoenix has appointed me a Vicar Forane. That means that I am his official representative in a geographical area of the diocese call a Deanery or Vicariate. Mostly it means more work!

St. Gabriel's is a good size Catholic Parish with about 1600 households. They range from senior citizens, to young families with children... and everything in between. We always have something going on for all age groups.

Since I started there in January of 2006, we have started a Boy Scout Troop (already eight Eagle Scouts), a Venture Crew and a Cub Scout Pack. It is truly a Scouting parish. There is another priest there full-time. I also have been able to find a priest from India to come to replace me during my Philmont stint.

My time this summer is only a little over 3 weeks, but I'm happy to be back.

My experiences at Philmont have allowed me to be with some amazing people over the years. Many have become good friends. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with great chaplains from other faith groups. Other than our evening religious services, only occasionally are there denominationally specific issues we need to handle.

I am consistently impressed with the quality of the seasonal staff. At no time is it uneasy to hold good conversations with any staff member and I am made to feel welcome any place I go while at Philmont. You people are amazing! You have so much to give and in giving you are blessed by God, and so bless others. I am also impressed with those who come to hike this wonderful place. The vast majority are prime examples of the goodness of youth, of our country and of the BSA.

I'm happy to be back, even for such a short time.

# Continued Training: First Round Sign-Up

Continued Training sessions are educational courses taught primarily by Ranger Leadership to improve the experiences our crews receive. They are held in the Walcutt Room of the SSSAC 6-7 p.m. every night of the summer. All staff members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Courses such as Geology, Flora and Fauna, Astronomy, GPS use and Navigation and Stove Maintenance are all taught. Each session is conducted twice to catch as many staff members as possible. If you are interested in teaching Continued Training session, contact Eric Martinez, Associate Chief Ranger, ext. 1222. Remember to stop in to visit with Eric at least 7 days before your first night of presenting to discuss your plans.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>RTs</u>
6-19 & 6-21	Astronomy	1. Baden Piland 2. James Cox
6-22 & 6-24	Geology	1. Caleb Burns 2. Justin Fletcher
6-23 & 6-25	Leave No Trace	1. Matt Leberknight 2. Angela Memory
6-26 & 6-28	Advisor Development	1. Michael Wimsatt 2. Chris Zapple
6-27 & 6-29	Crew Leader Development	1. Andrew Boyd 2. Jac Cottrell
6-30 & 7-02	Wilderness Pledge/Guia	1. Katie Heiss 2. Sarah Johnson
7-01 & 7-05	Philmont History	1. Matthew Hauser 2. Lauren Berger
7-06 & 7-08	Group Dynamics/Conflict Resolution	1. Anne Coglianesi 2. Nick Deacon

## Uniting Past and Present Philmont Staff

### Hope Kirwan Staff Writer

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) continues to serve Philmont Scout Ranch as it celebrates its 40th year.

Ned Gold, a previous Ranger and Backcountry staff member originally from Santa Fe, N.M., had the idea to start the PSA while on staff in 1959.

"Well, it took me 7 more years before I could write the proposal," said Gold. "But it was evolving all along."

On September 17, 1973, Gold and several other former staff members signed the PSA's constitution at the Villa Philmonte.

Gold and the other former staff members created the PSA as a way for previous Philmont staff to stay involved at Philmont, especially through connecting with current staff members.

"From the beginning, [the PSA's] concept was not to just be for former staff only but for the current staff as well," said Randy Saunders, the Executive Director of the PSA.

Any current or former Philmont staff or Philmont Training Center faculty member is eligible for membership in the PSA. Membership fees are primarily for the production of High Country, the PSA's newsletter that is published every other month.

Through new efforts by the PSA to be more sustainable and cut membership costs, members now have the option to receive a digital copy of High Country instead subscribing by mail.

The PSA has completed many service projects for Philmont since its start in September of 1973. In 1999, the organization raised \$300,000 to build the Staff Dining Hall that is still used today.

After the Ponil Fire in 2002, PSA

members helped to the Conservation department with several programs in the Backcountry, including work on contaminated streams in the affected area. The largest project so far was in 2008 when they raised \$1,000,000 to build the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center.

The PSA's most recent addition to the Ranch was a contribution to build the Hardesty Casa Central, a new advisor meeting room that is new for this summer.

The Hardesty Casa Central was just one tier of the PSA's Capital Campaign for Philmont. In addition to the new center, the campaign will go towards staff and participant scholarships, wheelchair accessible restrooms in the Philmont Training Center Dining Hall, and refurbishing Backcountry cabins in the Living History program with period appropriate furniture.

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# Stocking and Shipping Supplies: Keeping Philmont Filled

Joe Bruner  
Staff Writer

Every summer, the Merchandise Warehouse works hard to keep the rest of Philmont running, whether it is to deliver office supplies to Base Camp or living necessities to Backcountry.

The Warehouse is occupied with requests every day, but is particularly busy just before the start of the summer season.

The Warehouse is also busy at the beginning because many departments are placing large orders for the season, and they must work to meet those requests too. This keeps the Warehouse busy gathering supplies to get all departments ready for the summer.

"I like to make a big order to stock up the Warehouse usually once a year," Senior Merchandise Warehouse Clerk Leonard Montoya said.

As it stocks all the supplies for Philmont, the Warehouse plays a big role with the Backcountry scatter.

For all 34 staff camps, they

prepare crates filled with supplies the staff will need to live out in the Backcountry.

"Each staff goes through the de-hantaing process before they live in the cabins at the camp," said Merchandise Warehouse Clerk Josh Ford. "And so we supply them with the necessary things like masks and gloves."

The Warehouse supplies cooking equipment and other living goods such as toilet paper. Besides the Backcountry, however, they have to supply materials to Base Camp as well, such as office supplies or tools.

Before shipments and packing are processed in the early summer season, the Warehouse must make lots of copies for all Philmont arrivals, regardless of whether they are staff or participants.

Philmont recently replaced the printer at the beginning of the 2012 summer season. The new printer has already printed over 1 million forms since then, according to Merchandise Warehouse Clerk Darrel Cardemas.



Joshua Ford, Merch Warehouse Clerk, and Eugene Gonzales, Merch Warehouse Clerk, move supplies around the Merchandise Warehouse. Merchandise Warehouse provides almost all non-food supplies to Philmont. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Compared to the old printer however, that is a relatively small amount.

"The old printer had printed over 8 million forms," said Cardemas.

When not printing forms for staff and participants or preparing for the Backcountry Scatter, the Warehouse is kept busy with daily requests for supplies, all the way from toilet paper to batteries.

Often times a department places an additional order for supplies, but

individual staff members can place orders too, according to Ford. For example, if someone runs out of laundry detergent, they can stop at the warehouse, place an order for it and pay at the front desk.

The Warehouse also gets all packages delivered to it. Every day they make a run to the Mail Room to drop them off for delivery.

"Anything that has to do with packages, we deal with it," said Ford.

They have a second warehouse **Continued on Page 14, Stocking**

# Issue Two Sudoku Answers

Easy

3	9	2	6	8	1	7	4	5
6	5	1	3	7	4	2	8	9
7	4	8	9	2	5	6	1	3
8	1	4	7	9	2	5	3	6
5	2	6	4	1	3	9	7	8
9	7	3	8	5	6	1	2	4
1	3	7	5	4	9	8	6	2
4	8	5	2	6	7	3	9	1
2	6	9	1	3	8	4	5	7

Medium

8	5	3	7	6	9	1	4	2
2	7	9	1	4	3	6	5	8
4	6	1	5	8	2	3	7	9
6	1	4	8	2	7	5	9	3
9	3	8	4	5	1	7	2	6
7	2	5	9	3	6	4	8	1
3	9	2	6	7	5	8	1	4
1	4	7	3	9	8	2	6	5
5	8	6	2	1	4	9	3	7

Difficult

3	1	8	9	2	5	7	6	4
4	9	2	7	6	1	8	3	5
5	6	7	3	8	4	1	2	9
9	7	4	8	5	6	3	1	2
2	8	1	4	3	7	9	5	6
6	3	5	1	9	2	4	8	7
7	4	6	5	1	8	2	9	3
8	5	9	2	4	3	6	7	1
1	2	3	6	7	9	5	4	8

Very Difficult

8	2	6	4	5	7	9	1	3
7	5	1	8	9	3	4	2	6
3	4	9	2	1	6	5	8	7
1	7	5	3	2	9	8	6	4
2	6	3	5	8	4	1	7	9
9	8	4	7	6	1	3	5	2
4	1	8	9	7	2	6	3	5
6	3	2	1	4	5	7	9	8
5	9	7	6	3	8	2	4	1

The Philmont Museum-Seton Memorial Library's featuring:

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“[The Backcountry staff] do such a great job of presenting that lifestyle,” said Jim Lynch, the current PSA President. “We want to help them preserve that.”

In addition to maintaining the Ranch and its facilities, the PSA also strives to serve those who work at Philmont. The organization began giving out scholarships in 2005, and since then has awarded \$96,500 for seasonal staff members to pursue higher education. This year, the PSA plans on awarding \$50,000 in scholarships, which seasonal staff can apply for until August 31.

The PSA also provides scholarship opportunities for those participating in both the Rayado and the ROCS programs. The scholarships began as a way to provide Scouts the opportunity to participate in these programs and eventually come to work at the Ranch.

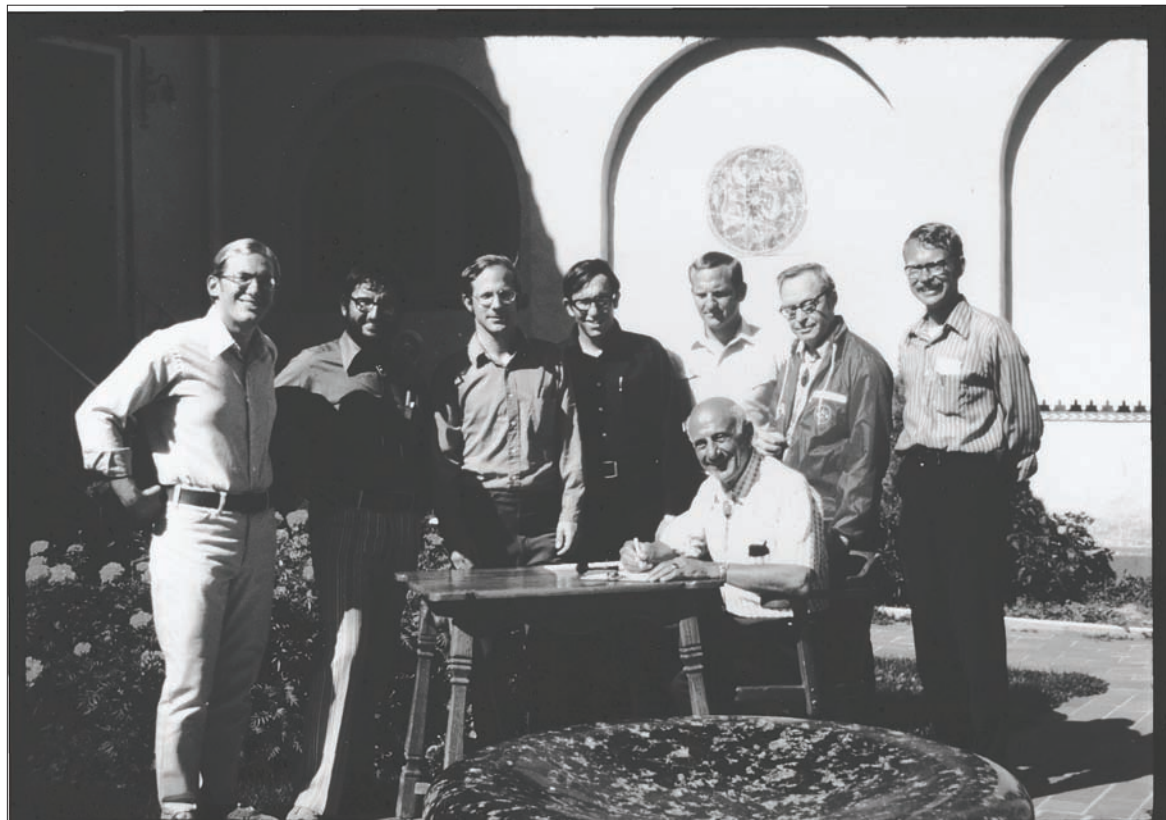
“[The PSA was] kind of helping to grow Philmont’s staff and we still do that today,” said Saunders.

Another great way that the

PSA serves Philmont’s former and current staff is through the Silver Sage Award, awarded to individuals who made a significant contribution working or volunteering at Philmont. This summer’s recipient will be Gene Schnell, the current Backcountry Distribution and Support Manager who has served 29 summers at Philmont.

The PSA provides many opportunities for former staff to stay involved at the Ranch. In addition to hosting a summer reunion, the organization also works with Philmont to provide former staff the opportunity to participate in a five day trek. This year the Celebration Trek has 120 participants.

As a way to directly connect with current seasonal staff, the PSA created the Staff Amigos program. Members can choose to sponsor a department or Backcountry camp, then send the group letters and even care packages. Some suggested items include “upgraded staples” such as



**Program Director Joe Davis signs the Philmont Staff Association Dedication in Septeember 1973 at the Villa Philmonte. The dedication officially started the PSA. PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY SAUNDERS**

nice toilet paper, “diet enhancements” such as cookie mixes and candy and “other diversions” like squirt guns and coloring books.

To Ned Gold and the other

founders, these acts of service to Philmont Scout Ranch are the reason that the PSA was formed.

“The major thrust of the PSA was to serve Scouting,” said Gold. “The

social aspect was always secondary.”

For more information on becoming a Staff Amigo or the Seasonal Staff scholarships, visit the PSA’s website at [www.philstaff.com](http://www.philstaff.com).

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devoted to large packages and items ordered in bulk, which is also the “spillover warehouse,” according to Ford.

This is where the Backcountry staffs go to pick up their supplies during scatter. It is also where extra items for Base Camp are stored, such as mattresses for the tents.

Between the two Warehouses, the staff consists of six people, some of whom are first year employees with Philmont, and other returning for their tenth.

The Merchandise Warehouse keeps the rest of Philmont running smooth to make sure the Philmont experience comes alive to each participant that comes through.



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which Logistics also manages. Logistics' third role is to manage the radio room. Filled with radios and maps, this room is alert 24 hours a day in the case of an emergency, whether it's a fire or a lost camper.

To help keep track of who is going where across Philmont, Logistics records every conversation over the radio by hand.

"Some describe us as the brains of the operation," Giugni said.

While Giugni does not necessarily agree, he does think that people "choose to work at Logistics because it helps give a broader view of the Ranch operations for the future."

Logistics is run by a total of 21 staff members. Five of them are returning staff. The returning workers include Rangers and Ranger Trainers, as well as Program Counselors and Camp Directors returning from the Backcountry.

"We've got some good experience," said Giugni.

Cassandra Rokita, Assistant

Logistics Manager of the Communications Department, is a previous Camp Director and has worked at a number of Backcountry camps.

"This is my seventh season. ... I wanted a different challenge. I just want to try different things," she said.

Whether they are new or they have been around Philmont for many years, the Logistics department has a staff with a variety of experience.

"We've even got a worker who's been here all the big anniversaries," said Giugni. "They have been here for the 25th, 50th and 75th anniversaries of Philmont."

Logistics has impressive numbers standing behind it, in miles driven, trips prepared and in years of experience.

It continues to manage all the Scouters coming through Philmont, whether it is to transport people to Base Camp or track crews' progress through the Philmont experience.

# Philmont Staff Association Announces Second Annual Writing Contest

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) is holding its 2nd annual writing contest for Philmont's seasonal staff members.

The deadline for submissions is July 20. The Philmont Staff Association will announce the winners on August 3. Winning entries will appear in "High Country," the magazine of the Philmont Staff Association. Composers of winning entries will also receive a gift certificate to the Tooth of Time Traders.

The judges for the contest will be a panel made up of the Publications Committee of the Philmont Staff Association. Warren Smith will chair the panel. Smith is a past editor of "High Country" and a writer for WORLD Magazine, one of the nation's largest news magazines. He has also written or edited 10 books, including "I Wanna Go Back:

Stories of the Philmont Rangers."

"Last year we got a lot of great submissions, and I'm hoping that this year we'll get even more," Smith said.

The Philmont Staff Association Writing Contest will recognize a winner in the following categories:

**Adventure Story:** Has something strange or unusual happened to you or someone you know at Philmont? A near miss or close call? A dream realized – or deferred? A crazy day-off road trip? Let us hear about it.

**Spiritual/Personal Memoir:** From Henry David Thoreau to John Muir to Annie Dillard, the "green world" has provided powerful settings for reflection on spiritual matters. What has Philmont taught you about your life or your God?

**Poetry:** All forms welcome.

**Fiction:** Lew Wallace, D.H.

Lawrence, Walker Percy, Willa Cather, and Zane Grey are just a few of the great novelists who have used New Mexico as a setting for fiction.

Smith offered this advice to those considering submission. "Philmont has such obvious beauty and because we love it so much, it is too easy to fall back on clichés and sentimentality," he said. "The trick to writing about Philmont – especially when you're writing for people who already know about Philmont -- is to take what is familiar and somehow make it new. That's what will catch the judges' attention."

All submissions must be submitted by email, as a Microsoft Word attachment to an email. Email all submissions to [wsmith@worldmag.com](mailto:wsmith@worldmag.com) by midnight, July 20, 2013. Please limit all submissions to 1500 words.



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# Philmont's 75th Anniversary Bringing the Ranger Spirit to Philmont

Hope Kirwan  
Staff Writer

There are 34 Backcountry staff camps, 35 different treks and almost 130,000 acres to explore, but every crew at Philmont shares one experience: the presence of a Ranger to help them begin their journey across the Ranch.

However, the Rangers have not always been a part of the Philmont program.

During the late 1940s, Philmont had three starting Base Camps that crews were divided among.

In addition to the original Base Camp at Ponil, there was a camp at Carson Maxwell and Cimarroncito.

Each crew was assigned a Philmont staff member from one of these camps to guide them through the entirety of their trek.

The Philmont staff members of the 1940s were mostly teenage volunteers, so the Ranch recruited a large staff to be able to accommodate the growing number of troops that came to the Ranch.

In 1955, Jack Rhea became the new Director of Camping and began making changes to the way that Philmont facilitated campers.

Rhea decided to begin paying staff members, which meant not as many could be hired.

However, the incentive of a salary caused many college

students and professionals to apply to work at the Ranch. Because of the decrease in staff that Philmont could hire, Rhea decided that each group would go on their trek unattended, with the staff serving as "Roving Rangers" that would checkup on crews throughout their trek. This change brought about

the end of the Wagon Train program and decreased the crews that participated in both the cavalcade and burro packing programs.

The new system was disastrous for the summer of 1956. Although most crews were composed of older Scouts and had adult leaders with them, Rhea and the rest of the Philmont staff quickly realized that Troops needed more guidance when camping at the Ranch.

In 1957, Rhea decided to bring back the policy of assigning a Philmont staff member to each crew. However, these Rangers would only stay six of the 12 days in the crew's trek. This schedule was in place until 1962, when Rangers began leaving on the morning of the fourth day, allowing Philmont to host even more crews.

The summer of 1957 marked the beginning of the Ranger Department that is still a vital part of the Philmont experience.

Jack Rhea was not the only man that played a pivotal role in developing the Ranger Department at Philmont. Clarence Dunn was appointed the first Chief Ranger and was very influential in the spirit of the Ranger Department.

"He was a father to all of the Rangers," said Ned Gold, a Ranger under Dunn beginning in 1959. "Just [the way he carried himself] caused us to respect him."

According to Gold, Clarence Dunn was very innovative and always seemed to be contemplating. A teacher from Texas, Dunn was crucial in educating the Rangers on how to instruct the participants.

This spirit of educating Scouts continues within the Ranger Department as it celebrates its 56th year as a part of the Philmont program. Steve Weis, Associate Chief Ranger, believes that teaching and helping the youth leaders is the most important task for a Ranger.

"I think the main [role of a Ranger] is empowering the crew leader."

"I think the main [role of a Ranger] is empowering the crew leader," said Weis.

"Building up leadership within an individual that they carry throughout the rest of their trek and hopefully bring back home."

However, this emphasis on empowering the Scouts would be nothing without the Rangers' attitude. To Ned Gold, this enthusiasm is how the Ranger Department has defined itself from the creation of the program.

"There's no question that the Rangers definitely bring a spirit to Philmont, to the campers, to the advisors and to the other staff," said Gold. "I think it's the toughest job on the Ranch, but the best job on the Ranch."

The Ranger Department has undoubtedly changed the Philmont experience. Instead of crews being led along their entire trek or left to fend for themselves, today's Rangers give the Scouts the knowledge they need to lead a successful trek.

"[Without the Rangers,] feel like it would be just another camping trip, especially if the adults kind of ran everything," said Weis. "I think that Philmont is more of a learning experience for everyone, even the advisors."

Information on the creation of the Ranger Department was found in I Wanna Go Back by Warren Cole Smith. This text and many others about Philmont's history are available in the Seton Memorial Library



# Sustainability at Philmont

**Katie Landeck**  
Staff Writer

As part of the Boy Scouts' Outdoor Code, a good Scout is "conservation minded." Being conservation minded is more than just participating in a three-hour clean up project, it's taking small measures everyday to reduce your impact on the environment.

While at Philmont Scout Ranch, try taking these six simple steps to reduce your impact on the environment and the Ranch.

## Conserve Water

For those of you who haven't heard, Philmont is in the middle of the worst drought since the Dust Bowl, making it a particularly important to conserve water this year.

One of most effective measure you can take as a staffer is to reduce your shower time, according to Conservation Sustainable Resource Specialist Kevin Roe.

"You want to be taking seven minute showers or less," said Roe. "Rinse off. Lather up. Then rinse off again."

If turning the water off between rinsing and lathering seems like too cold of a prospect, try setting an alarm on your phone to make sure you limit your shower to seven minutes.

In addition to cutting back your showering time, be sure to turn off the silver sage when brushing



**Conservation Sustainable Resource Specialist Kevin Rowe loads cardboard boxes from the CHQ dining hall into a cardboard bailer on Friday, June 14 in the Administration Complex. Cardboard is collected from both the CHQ and PTC dining halls two to three times a week, bailed, and then taken away to be recycled. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**

your teeth and shaving. If you see any leaky faucets, report them to maintenance.

## Go Meatless For a Day

Raising and shipping a pound of meat uses a lot of natural resources. According to the Water Education Foundation, by opting out of one pound of beef, you can save more than 1,000 gallons of water.

And according to Conservation Sustainable Resource Specialist Matt Wilder, skipping meat is not that hard.

"I had pretty awesome breakfast this morning with no meat. I had potatoes, eggs, yogurt, cereal and some fruit," he said.

Roe added, "You save a lot

of water, oil and other resources by changing one seventh of your diet."

But don't worry, you can still have bacon the other six days of the week.

"We're not taking away your bacon," said Roe. "We love bacon too."

## Clotheslines

Dryers are huge energy suckers, accounting for about 5 percent of all energy use in the average American household.

"There is no such thing as an energy efficient dryer," Roe said.

So while at Philmont, try skipping the dryer. The Conservation Department has clotheslines and pins available to those who want to them.

Cons will help you string the clothesline next to you tent, giving you a semi-private place to dry your clothes.

"It will save you 75 cents," said Roe. "Plus, your laundry will smell mountain fresh."

Opting out of the dryer will also help to keep your red shirts looking fresh for longer. And don't forget, always do full loads of laundry and to buddy up with a friend when possible.

## Turn Off the Lights

While we are on the subject of energy use, don't forget to turn off the lights when you leave a room.

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"It's wasting electricity," said Wilder. "If no one is using it then why is it on?"

But it's not just lights that are wasting electricity. Phone chargers, game consoles and laptop chargers are all "vampire electronics" and use electricity even when they are turned off.

To kill the vampires, plug all of your electronics into one power strip and unplug the power strip when you are leaving the tent for the day.

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The three R's have long been the poster child of sustainability. The idea is simple. Reduce what you use, reuse what you can and recycle what you can't.

"It gets thrown around a lot, but that is because it's important," said Wilder.

In Base Camp, everything except glass can be recycled. Plastics with the labels one through seven can be recycled at any of the recycling stations located around Base Camp, and corrugated cardboard can be recycled in a white trailer located behind the Dining Hall.

Even better than recycling is reducing, according to Wilder.

"Reducing is the first one because it is the easiest and more effective," said Wilder. "If you do have to buy something make sure it is recyclable."

## Carpool

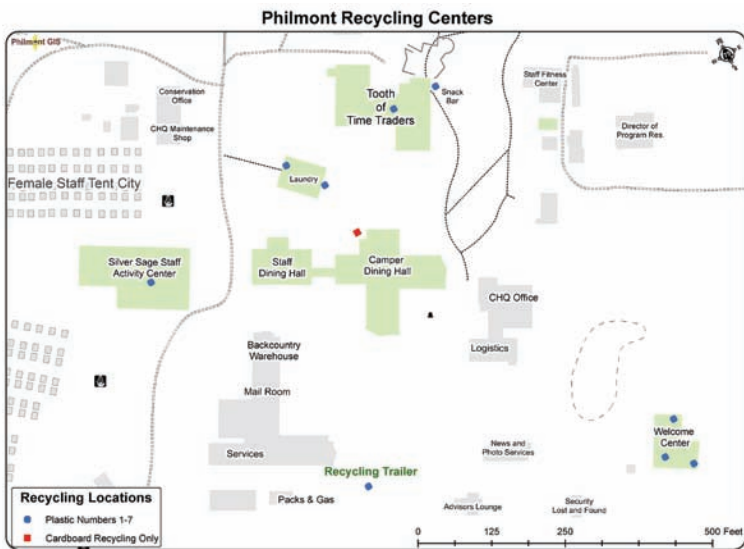
Whenever you need to catch a ride to Cimarron or even to Taos, think about carpooling or taking the bus. Even better, instead of driving to Cimarron think about walking the Santa Fe trail.

"Take some time and enjoy the hike," Roe said.

If you are making a longer trip, post your plans on one of the bulletin boards in the SSSAC to see if anyone else needs to get to the same place. This way you will have somebody to enjoy the ride with and chip in for gas.

And, remember the bus to Cimarron is free. Gas is not.

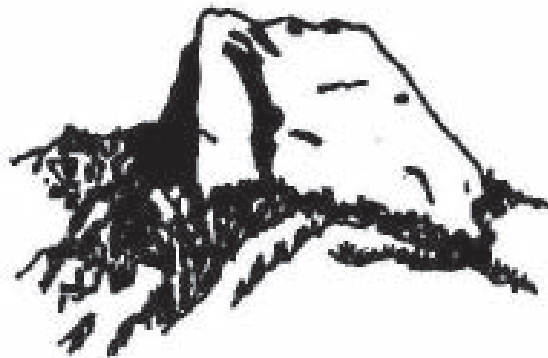
For more information on any of these tips, to get a clothesline or to offer suggestions, visit the Conservation Department or send an email to philmont.sustainability@gmail.com.



A map of Base Camp's recycling centers.

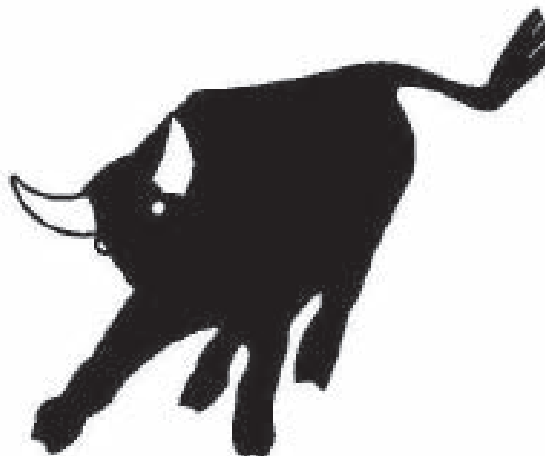


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## Chicken Fajita Pizza

### Ingredients

- 1 packet of Taco seasoning or Fajita seasoning
- 1 lb. (2) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 packet of pizza crust dough
- 1 can of tomato paste
- 1 diced tomato
- 2 cups Cheddar and/or Mozzarella Cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped bell pepper
- 1 15 oz. can black beans, drained
- 1/2 onion, cut into thin slices
- Sour cream, optional



### Directions

1. Prepare pizza dough according to directions on package. While the dough is rising, follow directions on seasoning packet to prepare chicken.
2. Place crust on baking sheet or pizza pan. Spread tomato paste over crust; top with chicken, cheese, tomato, bell pepper, black beans and red onion.
3. Bake in preheated 400°F oven 15 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Serve with sour cream, if desired.

Recipe adapted from [thecomfortofcooking.com](http://thecomfortofcooking.com)

## Reviews for Chicken Fajita Pizza

“The Chicken Fajita Pizza is the perfect blend of a classic Italian-turned-American dish suffused with spicy Southwestern flavor. An easy 9 on a scale of 10.” — Joseph Mocharnuk, Ponil

“The Chicken Fajita Pizza is one of the best things I have tasted. I really enjoyed the extra cheese on it. One a scale of one to 10, I would give it a ten. — Daniel Perginger, Tooth of Time Traders

## Queso Dip

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. (16 oz.) VELVEETA®, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 can (10 oz.) RO\*TEL Diced Tomatoes & Green Chilies, undrained

### Directions

1. Mix ingredients in 2-qt. microwaveable bowl.
2. Microwave on High 5 min. or until cheese is completely melted, stirring after 3 min.
3. Serve with assorted cut-up fresh vegetables, crackers or tortilla chips.

## Churros

### Ingredients

- Canola oil for frying
- 1/2 C. plus 1 Tbs. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 C. or 1 stick butter
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 C. all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs

### Directions

1. Add enough oil to a large saucepan or deep skillet to come to a depth of at least 2 inches; heat to about 350 degrees.
2. Mix 1/2 C. sugar and the cinnamon together on a large plate. Combine remaining sugar, butter, salt and 1 C. water in a saucepan over high heat, and bring to a boil. Turn heat to low, and add flour, all at once. Stir constantly until mixture forms a ball, about 30 seconds.
3. Remove from heat, and beat eggs one at a time into mixture, stirring until smooth after each addition. Spoon dough into a pastry bag with a large star tip (or simply drop spoons full of batter into oil). Press strips of dough about 4 inches long into hot oil. Cook as many as will fit comfortably at once, turning as they brown, 5-10 minutes each.
4. Remove churros from oil, and drain on paper towels, then immediately roll them in cinnamon-sugar mixture. Serve hot or warm.

Yield: 1 dozen 4- to 6-inch churros



# Art & Entertainment

## Parade Marks Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) -- Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her birthday Saturday with traditional pomp and circumstance, followed by a visit to her husband in the hospital.

More than 1,000 soldiers, horses and musicians took part in the parade known as "Trooping the Color," an annual ceremony marking the queen's official birthday.

With Prince Philip unable to attend the celebration as he is recovering from abdominal surgery, the queen invited her cousin, the Duke of Kent, to accompany her in a vintage carriage.

The monarch's actual birthday was on April 21, when she turned 87.

## Beauty Queens Vie for Miss USA Crown in Las Vegas

By Hannah Dreier  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) -- A group of 51 beauty queens from every U.S. state and the District of Columbia are preparing to smile and strut their way toward the 62nd Miss USA title.

Reigning queen Nana Meriwether will relinquish her crown and the posh New York apartment that comes with it and usher in her successor during the competition Sunday evening at the Planet Hollywood hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Most of the competitors will be quickly sent home.

Contestants will be whittled to 15 after the event's opening fashion show with judging decisions based on competitions and interviews done during the week before the telecast. The remaining contestants will vie for the crown in three arenas: swimsuit, evening gown and interview question.

Contestants cannot have been married or have children, and they must be younger than 27.

## Lawyer: Miguel Inviting Lawsuit Over Fan's Injury

By Anthony McCartney  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- The woman who was kicked by Miguel during a Billboard Music Awards performance continues to suffer cognitive difficulties and has yet to receive any assistance from the R&B singer nearly a month after the incident, her attorney said.

Doctors continue to evaluate Khyati Shah's injuries, but the exchange student from New Zealand has memory loss issues and has been unable to sit for final exams, attorney Vip Bhola said in an interview Thursday.

He said despite efforts to find out more about rehearsals for Miguel's performance and seek help for his client, representatives for the singer and the awards show are practically daring him to sue.

Miguel's representatives have said Miguel is concerned for Shah's well-being and reached out to Bhola to see if they could help.

Bhola said while he's talked with Miguel's attorney, no assistance for his client's medical bills or other expenses have been offered.

## 'Man of Steel' Takes Flight with \$125M Debut

By Derrick J. Lang  
AP Entertainment Writer

"Man of Steel" leaped over box office expectations in a single weekend.

The Warner Bros. superhero film earned \$113 million in its opening weekend at the box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Superman tale starring Henry Cavill and Amy Adams earned an additional \$12 million from Thursday screenings, bringing its total to \$125 million. Original expectations for the film ranged from \$75 million to \$130 million.

## Shrinking Soaps Vie for Daytime Emmy Awards

By Beth Harris  
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) -- It's survival of the fittest among shrinking soap operas at the Daytime Emmy Awards.

Sunday's ceremony pits the only four remaining soaps still airing on the broadcast networks against one that found new life on the Internet.

Top-rated "The Young and the Restless" takes on last year's winner "General Hospital," "Days of Our Lives," "The Bold and the Beautiful" and online refugee "One Life to Live" for best daytime drama honors.

Among daytime talk shows, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" had a leading 11 nominations.

"Good Morning America" weather anchor Sam Champion, along with HLN network's A.J. Hammer and Robin Meade, host the ceremony airing live at 8 p.m. EDT on HLN.

## Angel Fire Endurance Race

The 2nd annual Angel Fire Endurance Race is being held in Angel Fire June 22nd into the 23rd in the town and the surrounding National Forest. The race will have three distances: 50 Kilometers, 50 Miles, and 100 Miles. Anyone interested in running can register on [Utlasignup.com](http://Utlasignup.com). The deadline for registration is June 19th.

Philmont is also one of the major sponsors of the race this year, which includes stocking two backcountry aid stations and manning an aid station at Monte Verde Lake. Race support coordinator Diane Nelson is looking for volunteers to help feed, water, reload and encourage runners at the lake aid station for this race. The station would need volunteers for shifts of three hours from the evening of Friday the 21st until the conclusion of the race on Sunday the 23rd, probably midday. This would include early and overnight shifts.

If you are interested in volunteering and supporting the race and runners, please contact Diane Nelson at the Infirmery or call extension 1237.

The race is also open to spectators, so stop by and support local runners and friends!

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# World News

## North Korea Proposes High-Level Talks with US

By Jean H. Lee  
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) -- North Korea's top governing body on Sunday proposed high-level nuclear and security talks with the United States in an appeal sent just days after calling off talks with rival South Korea.

The powerful National Defense Commission headed by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un issued a statement through state media proposing "senior-level" talks to ease tensions and discuss a peace treaty formally ending the Korean War.

In Washington, a National Security Council spokeswoman said talks with North Korea would require that it comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions and live up to its international obligations.

Foreign analysts expressed skepticism over the North Korean proposal, saying the impoverished country often calls for talks after raising tensions with provocative behavior in order to win outside concessions.

The rare proposal for talks between the Korean War foes follows months of acrimony over North Korea's defiant launch of a long-range rocket in December and a nuclear test in February, provocative acts that drew tightened U.N. and U.S. sanctions. The U.S. and South Korea countered the moves by stepping up annual springtime military exercises that prompted North Korea to warn of a "nuclear war" on the Korean Peninsula.

However, as tensions subsided in May and June, Pyongyang has made tentative overtures to re-establish dialogue with South Korea and Washington.

## Turkish Police Crack Down on Revival of Protests

Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) -- Thousands of defiant protesters attempting to converge on central Istanbul's Taksim Square on Sunday were kept away by police firing repeated rounds of tear gas, as the government maintained a hard line against rekindled demonstrations.

Across the city, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's supporters gathered in their thousands for a campaign-style rally as he sought to galvanize his base after weeks of anti-government protests left his international image battered, and exposed deep rifts within Turkish society.

Police in uniform and plain clothes sealed off Taksim Square and adjacent Gezi Park, which riot police cleared of thousands of peaceful protesters in a swift operation Saturday evening. Crews worked through the night to remove all traces of a sit-in that started more than two weeks ago and became the focus of the strongest challenge to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan in his 10 years in office.

## Sunni Extremists Blow up Shiite Mosque

By Jamal Halaby  
Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) -- Sunni extremists blew up a Shiite mosque in a village in eastern Syria stormed by rebels earlier this week, another sign of the growing sectarian hatred in the country's civil war, activists said Sunday.

They said al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria carried out the destruction. It showed the determination of extremists to drive Shiites out of the village of Hatla in the Deir el-Zour region near Iraq. Last week rebels battled pro-regime militiamen there, killing more than 60 Shiite fighters and civilians, according to activists.

# U.S. News

## Bear With Head Stuck in Jar is Rescued in PA

Associated Press

JAMISON CITY, Pa. (AP) -- Four central Pennsylvania residents said they used only a rope and a flashlight during a wild chase to rescue a young bear whose head had been stuck in a plastic jar for at least 11 days.

The frightened but powerful bruin fell into a swimming pool at least twice during the ordeal, according to a report Saturday in the Press Enterprise of Bloomsburg. But the group eventually yanked off the jar and set the animal free.

"I thought, 'No one is going to believe us,'" said Morgan Laskowski, 22, the bartender at the Jamison City Hotel and a member of the impromptu bear-wrangling team.

Area residents first spotted the 100-pound bruin with its head in a red jar on June 3, but it eluded game wardens. The animal was attracted to the container because it appeared to have once contained cooking oil.

"He put his head in, and had a problem," said Mike Jurbala, 68, another rescuer. "He'd have died in a couple more days."

## Bites Derided as Unreliable in Court

By Amanda Lee Myers  
Associated Press

At least 24 men convicted or charged with murder or rape based on bite marks on the flesh of victims have been exonerated since 2000, many after spending more than a decade in prison. Now a judge's ruling later this month in New York could help end the practice for good.

A small, mostly unregulated group of dentists carry out bite mark analysis and their findings are often key evidence in prosecutions, even though there is no scientific proof that teeth can be matched definitively to a bite into human skin.

DNA has outstripped the usefulness of bite mark analysis in many cases: The FBI doesn't use it and the American Dental Association does not recognize it.

"Bite mark evidence is the poster child of unreliable forensic science," said Chris Fabricant, director of strategic litigation at the New York-based Innocence Project, which helps wrongfully convicted inmates win freedom through DNA testing.

## Affirmative Action Ruling Contest: Race Vs. Class

By Justin Pope  
AP Education Writer

In post-Great Recession America, which is the bigger barrier to opportunity - race or class?

A decade ago, the U.S. Supreme Court kept the focus on race as a barrier, upholding the right of colleges to make limited use of racial preferences to ensure a diverse student body. But in a ruling due this month, the court is widely expected to roll back that decision. Such an outcome would shift attention more toward a less constitutionally controversial practice: giving a boost to socio-economically disadvantaged students, regardless of race.

If that happens, it would reflect more than just a more conservative makeup of the justices. Over the last decade, clogged social mobility and rising economic inequality have shifted the conversation on campuses and in the country as a whole.

As a barrier to opportunity, class is getting more attention, while race is fading.

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# Sports

## Rask too Tough for Chicago in Boston's 2-1 OT Win

By Nancy Armour  
AP National Writer

CHICAGO (AP) -- After giving up a goal and withstanding another 18 shots in the first period Saturday night, the Boston Bruins goalie, Tuukka Rask, may as well have hung a "Not Open" sign on his net. While he stymied the Blackhawks, his teammates regrouped and found enough offense for a 2-1 overtime victory that sent the Stanley Cup finals to Boston tied at one game apiece. Rask finished with 33 saves, including stopping Game 1 winner Andrew Shaw cold in OT. Game 3 is Monday night in Boston.

## Bruins Beat Blackhawks 2-1 in Overtime

By Jay Cohen  
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) -- Daniel Paille scored at 13:48 in overtime and the Bruins shrugged off a sluggish start to beat the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 on Saturday night and even the Stanley Cup finals at a game apiece.

Three days after a three-overtime thriller in the opener, Boston and Chicago once again were tied after regulation. The Bruins then turned up their play and finally cashed in after goaltender Corey Crawford had singlehandedly kept the Blackhawks in the game.

## Phil Mickelson Leads After 3rd Round at US Open

By Doug Ferguson  
AP Golf Writer

ARDMORE, Pa. (AP) -- For all those runner-up finishes, with so much heartache chasing the major he covets, Phil Mickelson has never had a better chance to win the U.S. Open.

It's the first time he has ever had the outright lead going into the final round. Of the nine players within five shots, only one has the experience of winning a major. And Tiger Woods went from contender to middle-of-the-pack by matching his worst U.S. Open score as a pro.

Despite a bogey on the final hole at Merion - the 18th was so tough it didn't yield a single birdie in the third round - Mickelson was the sole survivor to par Saturday with an even-par 70 that gave him a one-shot lead over Hunter Mahan, Steve Stricker and former Masters champion Charl Schwartzel.

## Woods Matches his Worst US Open Round as a Pro

By Jim Litke  
AP Sports Writer

ARDMORE, Pa. (AP) -- Tiger Woods made birdie at the first hole, only to watch his day go racing downhill from there.

By the time it was over, Woods skidded to seven bogeys and a 6-over-par 76 Saturday, tumbling down the leaderboard and matching his worst round as a pro at the U.S. Open. That left him 10 strokes behind third-round leader Phil Mickelson, the only player under par at the short but devilishly tough Merion Golf Club.

Despite leading the PGA Tour in putting in recent weeks, Woods needed 36 putts on the severely undulating greens. He blamed his inability to gauge the speed of those baffling putting surfaces for his three days of uneven play - and he was right.

Woods is tied for third in fairways hit and 22nd in reaching the greens in regulation. But he's averaged 32 putts per round, which left him tied for 53rd in the field of 73 players.

## American League

AL East	W	L	GB
Boston	42	28	-
Baltimore	39	30	2.5
NY Yankees	37	30	3.5
Tampa Bay	36	32	5
Toronto	31	36	9.5
AL Central			
Detroit	37	28	-
Cleveland	33	33	4.5
Kansas City	32	34	5.5
Minnesota	29	35	7.5
Chicago Sox	28	36	8.5
AL West			
Oakland	41	28	-
Texas	38	30	2.5
Seattle	30	38	10.5
LA Angels	29	38	11
Houston	24	44	16.5

## National League

East	W	L	GB
Atlanta	40	28	-
Washington	33	33	7.5
Philadelphia	33	36	8.5
NY Mets	24	39	13.5
Miami	20	47	20.5
Central			
St. Louis	44	24	-
Cincinnati	41	28	4
Pittsburgh	40	28	4
Chicago Cubs	28	38	14.5
Milwaukee	28	39	15.5
West			
Arizona	37	30	-
San Francisco	35	32	1.5
Colorado	36	33	1.5
San Diego	33	34	6
LA Dodgers	29	38	7.5



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Sudoku Instructions: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).





Participants look to see the smoke from forest fires south of Philmont property on Thursday, June 13 at Base Camp. Although having not crossed onto Philmont, the South Country programs and staff have been relocated, causing many crews' itineraries to change. **CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



Abreu Camp Director Julia Hoss updates Base Camp on which crews her camp will help evacuate during the first day of the Whites Peak fire on Thursday, June 13 at Abreu. All crews, staff and livestock were safely relocated. **KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER**



Scouts are relocated to Base Camp tent city due to the relocation from the Whites Peak fire on Friday June 14. The 600 participants and staff of south country was relocated within 6 hours of the fire starting. **KEVIN BOUCHER/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



Smoke from the Whites Peak fire looms over Urraca Mesa on Thursday, June 13 at Base Camp. **CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**