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Re-Scatter to South Country



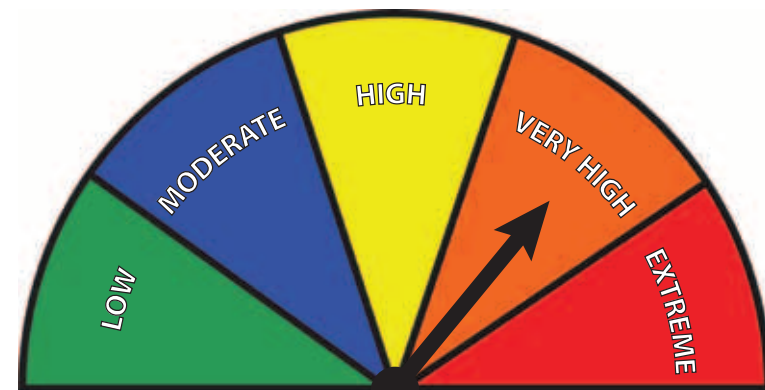
Fish Camp Program Counselor Taylor Morgan unloads a truck at Hunting Lodge during the re-scatter of South Country on Friday, June 21. As a result of Whites Peak Fire on June 13, most of South Country was temporarily relocated to North Country. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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 #5

On average, 14% of indoor water use is due to leaks. If you have a leaky faucet or showerhead be sure to let maintenance know right away.

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.

Mary-Kate Smith Staff Writer

South Country staff camps scattered for the second time this season.

After a lightning strike ignited the Whites Peak Fire on June 13, Philmont quickly relocated the South Country staff and reroute itineraries.

According to John Celley, Conservation Field Manager, the relocation required bringing 45 crews into Base and sending them back out with new itineraries, rerouting 65 crews on Backcountry trails, and

modifying itineraries for crews arriving in the next six days.

In addition to relocating crews, over 90 staff members were relocated from 11 different South Country staff camps.

By June 19, the fire was 80 percent contained, and the re-scatter back to the south began.

"We are sending them all back," Celley said. "There are 16 in the Conservation department, and Conservation is handling their relocation. There are 74 Backcountry staff [persons] that are relocating through the re-scatter process. Then there are

the Beaubien wranglers. The Ranch Department is handling their re-scatter."

Celley and Director of Conservation Michael Serio played a large part in the 10-70 planning team, or emergency management team, in response to the fire. They, along with Chief Ranger Christine Salisbury, were put in charge of re-scatter for the South Country which began at noon on June 19.

"This[re-scatter] includes a multitude of picking up staff, moving them, leaving some

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June 29-July 5

Saturday 29	Sunday 30	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5
7 p.m. Trip to Ponil; meet @ SSSAC	11 a.m.-1 p.m. Brat Day @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Movie Night: Jack Reacher @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Magic Tournament @ Walcutt Room	9 a.m. Day hike to Abreu; meet in front of SSSAC	All Day Snack Bar Fourth of July theme	8 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee game @ Health Lodge lawn
8-10 p.m. 'Stache Bash theme at Snack Bar		Photo Contest begins; submissions will be accepted in the SSSAC office		7 p.m. Yoga @ PTC Small Fry	11 a.m.-1 p.m. Independence Day BBQ @ Baldy Pavilion	

Weather

 Friday, June 28 Partly Cloudy High: 86 Low: 52	 Saturday, June 29 Partly Cloudy High: 84 Low: 51	 Sunday, June 30 Partly Cloudy High: 84 Low: 51	 Monday, July 1 Partly Cloudy High: 85 Low: 51
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Corrections

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

“We should all realize that every right implies a responsibility, every opportunity an obligation, every position a duty, and that the most effective sermon is expressed in deeds instead of words.”

--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. 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.

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Mark's Minute



SAMANTHA WAIDLER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER 2011

For more than 40 years, participants have been asked to abide by the five principles of the Wilderness Pledge during their trek. These five principles have focused on specific needs of Philmont Scout Ranch. They also apply in all outdoor activities. Through the years each person has been asked by their Ranger to commit to the Wilderness Pledge:

1. An absence of litter and graffiti.
2. Respect for Philmont's wildlife.
3. Conservation and proper use of water
4. Respect for trails and trail signs.
5. Proper use of campsites.

I know that this commitment has

made an impact with our stewardship of the Backcountry.

Leave No Trace has become the universal set of ethics for backcountry use. The Boy Scouts of America has endorsed the program and encourages everyone to learn and follow the seven principles. Each point has a broader definition than the Wilderness Pledge which allows it to be applied in a variety of situations.

In 2010, Philmont added a new crew position called the Wilderness Pledge Guia (Guide). This person is asked to help the crew understand the Wilderness Pledge and Leave No Trace. They lead discussions about each of the seven principles on seven days of the trek, they encourage the crew to follow the principles each day of the trek, they help the crew follow the camping methods of

Philmont during their trek, they guide the crew to strictly follow Philmont's bear and wildlife procedures and they help the crew earn the Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award.

Philmont is very fortunate to be allowed to use some of our neighbor's lands in our summer operation:

- John and Charlotte Kimberlin's Ponil Ranch (North Ponil)
- Valle Vidal, Questa District, Carson National Forest
- Elliot Barker Wildlife Area, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
- Greenwood and Heck Tracts of the Vermejo Park Ranch

In the special use permit that Philmont has with each of these land owners, Philmont pledges that each participant and staff will follow the seven principles of Leave No Trace. The Wilderness Pledge Guia helps us meet this special use requirement by insuring that each crew is prepared and trained as they enter our neighbor's land.

Each staff member is eligible to earn the Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award. The requirements are found in this issue of PhilNews. During our staff training each of us was asked to participate in an introduction to LNT. Many went even further with a few staff members becoming Leave No Trace Educators or Master Educators.

If you have questions about Leave No Trace or would like help earning the Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award please talk to one of the 34 Leave No Trace Master Educators who are serving on the 2013 Staff. During May, Philmont conducted a Master Educator Course. The participants were: Caleb Burns, Nicholas Deacon, Mary Godwin, David Keegan, Matt Leberknight, Ian Melunus, Angela Memory, Jonathan Sims, Austin St. George, and Jon McNeill (USFS –

Questa Ranger District).

Leave No Trace needs to become a part of how we use the outdoors. It should be a part of our planning and preparation as well as a part of each step of our journey. For this to happen, we must fully understand each principle.

In 1910, Theodore Roosevelt believed that each of us had a responsibility in our use of the outdoors. He said, "The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turnover to the next generation increased, and not impaired in value."

With the drought that has a grip on Philmont this summer, it is critical that we follow all seven principles. Our backcountry is stressed and fragile. It needs each of us to do our part to protect and care for it as we enjoy our summer.

I hope you will earn the Wilderness Pledge Achievement Award and learn the seven principles of Leave No Trace for reducing the damage caused by outdoor activities:

1. Plan ahead and prepare

- Educate yourself – know the regulation and special concerns for any area you visit
- Plan for your group
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use
- Use proper gear
- Plan your meals
- Develop the skills
- Take responsibility

Travel and Camp on durable surfaces

- Recognize durable surfaces
- Concentrate use in popular areas
- Stay on designated trails
- Use established campsites
- Good campsites are found, not made
- Disperse use in pristine areas
- Avoid creating trails and campsites

- Break Camp
- Protect water resources

3. Dispose of waste properly

- Pack it in, pack it out
- Practice good sanitation
- Human waste – facilities/outhouses, cat holes, latrines, carrying waste out, urine
- Wastewater
- Soaps and lotions
- Dispose of game entrails

4. Leave what you find

- Preserve the past
- Leave natural features undisturbed
- Avoid spreading non-native plants and animals

5. Minimize campfire impacts

- Use a stove
- Build a minimum impact fire
- Use an established fire ring.
- Use dead and downed wood
- Manage your campfire

6. Respect wildlife

- Observe from a distance
 - Avoid sensitive times and habitats
 - Never feed animals
 - Store food and trash securely
 - Control your pet
- ## 7. Be considerate of other visitors
- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience
 - Yield to others
 - Keep a low profile
 - Let nature's sounds prevail

I encourage you to follow the Wilderness Pledge and to learn the principles of Leave No Trace and make all of them a part of your outdoor experience. Each of us can make a difference! By using the land carefully today we can focus on the future and insure that this special "Pile of Rocks" will continue to connect and become part of each person that enjoys.

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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!

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staff, moving some staff to cover where we have overcrowding and so forth along the way," Mark Anderson said at the Wednesday 10-70 meeting. "There is a lot of traffic going to happen."

During re-scatter, drivers using eight vehicles brought the 74 Backcountry staff member back into Base Camp before taking them to their camps.

"They will have about an hour and a half where they are here in Base Camp, so if they need anything cut those people in line each time they travel through if they have some business to do at your department," Anderson said.

Celley said their main goals for re-scatter were to get everyone moved back 24 hours before crews enter their area of responsibility and to minimize disruptions of day to day operations.

"I've already secured all the vehicles that we need for this, and we are going to be staging out of Mark's driveway here," he said. "We are trying to move the camp staffs as one unit."

On June 19, Zastrow, Abreu and Crater Lake returned home followed by Carson Meadows, Beaubien, Black Mountain and Fish Camp on June 20. On June 21, Apache Springs, Clear Creek, Crooked

Creek and Philips Junction staff all returned to their camps. On June 22, the South Country officially reopened.

"The Ranch Department is taking animals out one day after the camp staff arrives," Celley said. "So Abreu will get their animals on the 20th, and Crooked Creek will get their animals on the 22nd."

Bob Ricklefs, Ranch Superintendent, explained they would transport the goats and burros back by trailers. Chickens and horses were not evacuated.

"We left the horses at Beaubien," Ricklefs said. "We didn't move them. We just went up there every day to feed them." Anderson said the re-scatter is "Operation Back to the Future."

"We are moving forward into the future, and we are going forward today starting as usual."

today starting as usual." Celley and the rest of the planning team are still advising

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"We are back to where we started," Anderson said. "We are moving forward into the future, and we are going forward today starting as usual."

Backcountry staff to limit the use of wood burning stoves and Dutch oven cooking during red flag warning days. Red flag is a weather condition involving high temperatures, low humidity and fast gusty winds.

"We are distributing a set of propane tanks and propane stoves to camps that are dependent on wood for cooking, so during red flag from lunch

through dinner, they are cooking on propane," Celley said. "But for breakfast they need to cook on their wood burning stoves because propane is expensive and hard to move around."

The Commissary focused on redistributing the necessary supplies for cooking programs. The also sent food orders out to the staffs in the South Country.

Each department worked to help the re-scatter process be as effective and efficient as possible.

"It's awesome, and I just think that this whole process been a great example of interdepartmental cooperation," Celley said. "Everyone from Backcountry, Rangers, Base Camp, Commissary, the full time Maintenance staff have had really excellent team work that last few days. We couldn't have done it with all of those groups helping with contributions."

Unclaimed Money Waiting to be Found!

By Jo Duran and Amanda Martinez

Seasonal Personnel and Payroll Staff

While it seems too good to be true, there are thousands of dollars just waiting to be picked up at Philmont's Camping Headquarters (CHQ)! Even though CHQ is open 7 days a week, many individuals have been paid and just haven't picked up their paychecks yet.

While many staff are now receiving their salary through Automatic Payroll Deposit, many of these same staff have their first checks (which are "live" checks - ready to cash) still awaiting pickup.

One man's recent story illustrates the power of picking up your paycheck. Jonathan B. found over \$1,000 waiting for him that he didn't know he had. He was able to immediately pay for his mother's earlobe surgery.

Another amazing story comes from Susan Q., who had over \$750 she

was able to claim from her unclaimed paychecks. With her newfound wealth she was able to send her uncle Bob on his dream trip to BronyCon, the fan convention dedicated to the animated show "My Little Pony".

Be sure to stop by CHQ or your department office and pick up your unclaimed paychecks. Even if you are having your paychecks automatically deposited, you will still want to make sure your deductions are correct, and your paycheck is for the correct amount.

Owen's Corner



KATY MOONEY/PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Owen McCulloch

Associate Director of Program, Unit 4

Are you looking for some adventure? Are you avoiding leaving God's Country?

Are you afraid you'll never see squeeze cheese again? Applications are now being accepted for fall and winter staff positions.

Positions available include: Autumn Adventure program staff, PTC Conference, Food Service, Trading Post, Horse Department and Maintenance. In addition, a small number of staff members are employed to support the winter and early spring operations for Camping, PTC and Trading Post operations.

If you would like to be considered for one of these staff openings you need to complete a Philmont Seasonal Employment Application and submit it to the Personnel Department at Camping Headquarters.

The deadline for applications is Thursday, July 25, 2013, 5 PM. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Offers for fall and winter employment will be extended after July 31. Only applicants who are employed in the immediate previous season are considered for these second-season positions.

The Autumn Season runs September 3 through November 15, 2013, (end date varies depending on

the position). The winter/spring season runs from December 27 through March 31, 2012. A few positions will run through April until the start of next year's summer season.

Autumn Adventure is a fall program that allows a crew to plan a customized itinerary and hike the backcountry with a staff guide. Winter Adventure is Philmont's cold-weather camping program, and includes ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, hiking, snowshoeing and the use of winter tools and equipment.

Serving as a member of the Second Season Staff is a great opportunity to be part of the "behind the scenes" action that makes the Philmont magic come alive year round. Applicants should understand they will be expected to perform many different duties if hired for these positions.

A number of staff positions are available from August 22-30. These staff will help close Base Camp and prepare for the fall programs.

The Ranch is happy to extend a summer contract to cover this additional time; it is also a good way to earn a little more gas money for the return trip to home or college.

Please contact the Personnel Office at CHQ for an application or for more information.

Silverados See the Sights

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

For the Silverados at the Philmont Training Center, a week at Philmont is all about the experience. The Silverados program was designed to provide activities for the spouses of Training Center Participants while they are in conferences. Over the years, it has evolved to include a multitude of activities.

"The participants that come to the Training Center will bring their spouses," said Dave Solce, Silverados Coordinator. "What we do is we come up with a set program for them for the week including a large array of things ranging from just hikes to going white water rafting in Taos to historical art tours."

Other programs the Silverado can do include Dutch oven cooking, fly fishing, hiking, welding, handicrafts, book club, COPE and shooting sports.

"We do things all across the board to keep them active all the time," Solce said. "It's all based on what they'd like to do. We have signup sheets were they

can choose to participate in an event ... and plan out their day."

This year Solce has worked to create a more efficient program.

"We've added more programs," he said. "We've added more tours. We've altered the hikes, and we've rearranged our schedules so we can better fit demographics."

The number of Silverados varies each week. The average number of participants is about 40. On LDS week, the number of Silverados peaks at around 100.

"A lot of the activities we have this year are the same as last year; however, we have changed some things," Solce said. "I think all the changes that we have made have had a drastic benefit. The things that we've added have gone really well."

According to Dave's Assistant, Jim Sawyer, several new museum tours have been added. Also, welding is a new program added for Silverados

"Last Wednesday some people came and taught some of us how to weld," Sawyer said. "That was a new skill."

Sawyer helps to run the Silverados book club which attracts a handful of participants each week.

Shooting sports, hiking and white water rafting are some of the participants' favorite activities. The Silverados also do day hikes and a sunrise hike that many of their spouses also participate in. Another favorite activity is High Tea.

"The High Tea is kind of a dip into the Wait Philips lifestyle," Solce said. "It's kind of a ritzy time where they serve certain things the Dining Hall never serves like chocolate covered strawberries ... It's kind of a way to relax, and we just talk about what High Tea actually is and how in the old days they just relaxed in a social atmosphere."

Stephanie Stanley, a first time Silverado from Sulfur, La., enjoyed shooting sports and High Tea.

"High Tea was just a very unexpected and cool event," Stanley said. "Like they've got to keep that in there. The High Tea is an absolute. Don't even think about taking it out. It is so cool and unexpected and different."

John McKnight, a long time Silverado, finds joy in fly fishing while his wife teaches a class.

"I'm not a regular fly fisher," McKnight said. "I fly fish once a year, and that's here at Philmont."

Many Silverados enjoy having new experiences while at Philmont.

"Just talking to a lot of the participants," McKnight said. "A lot of the stuff they've never done ... I seldom see a Silverado who is not thrilled with their experience."



Silverados get a belt stamped by a Ponil staffer on Tuesday, June 19. Silverados are spouses of PTC participants and partake in activities including whitewater rafting, shooting, Backcountry hikes and museum visits. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Presents:

Photos on Canvas by award winning photographer, Mark A. Dierker.



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Mark spent 3 summers on staff at Philmont and frequently travels the Southwest photographing landscapes, ruins and Americana.

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Along with the works of local artists from around Colfax County.

Astronomy, Folk Weather and Catching Food

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

The staff of Ring Place strive not only to teach Scouts something new and useful for their trek, but look for new ways to present the ordinary.

Ring Place is located in the Valle Vidal, a 102,000 acre section of the Carson National Forest that contains no trails and few roads. Philmont has three staff camps located in the Valle, with Ring Place serving as a commissary for the area.

But the Ring Place staff doesn't just pass out food to crews that come through.

Trail meals flying through the air, the staff have made a game out of equipping participants with food. A staff member quickly tosses meals at the Crew Leader while the rest of the members work to keep the meals in orderly lines. Shouts of "Lunch 10!" and "Breakfast 4!" are heard from the entire crew as they work to beat the fastest time.

Keeping even the most mundane tasks fun is how Ring Place keep crews' spirits up after a long day of hiking.

"They have a really fun time [picking up food]," said David Danker, Program Counselor at



Program Counselor Katherine Sheppard throws trail meals to crews as they make a food pick up on Tuesday, June 18 at Ring Place. Ring Place has an astronomy program at night, but during the day the staff make food stops more fun for participants by making it a game. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Ring Place. "It's kind of fast pace and they've been hiking slow all day and all of a sudden they have food thrown at them."

Ring Place also hosts several different types of program including meteorology, folk weather and astronomy. Meteorology and folk weather are taught to any crew that stop at the camp, especially when the weather is not ideal for hiking.

"A lot of time crews have to shelter on our porch from the rain," said Katherine Sheppard, Program

Counselor at Ring Place. "So we tell them why it's raining and why they're trapped on our porch."

The staff teach participants how to recognize weather patterns while on the trail. This is not only important for planning the day's activities but also for keeping Scouts safe.

"We try to make it relevant to them on their trek so they can actually use it," said Bobby Root, Camp Director of Ring Place.

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The Rich Homestead Life

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

If you have the urge to chop wood, milk a cow or run around with a baby burro, then Rich Cabins is the place for you. One of several interpretive camps at Philmont, this cabin is frozen in the year 1907 and tells the story of the Rich family.

When a crew arrives, the staff at Rich Cabins ring the yard bell.

In the afternoon, crews have the option to take a cabin tour. A staff member guides the crew and talks about how it was used as a Ranch home over 100 years before.

The tour is given by a staff member in costume, portraying members of the Rich family who lived in the cabin.

"It's fun to connect to people through character," Cabin Restoration Crew Member Charlie Dingus said.

After dinner, the camp breaks up evening program into two parts: experiencing homesteading chores and an evening campfire.

The first hour allows Scouts to try their hand at homesteading. Different activities include milking a cow or goat, petting and taking photos with the burro and her baby,

grinding corn to feed to cows and chopping wood.

Also at the camp is the Cabin Restoration crew working to maintain and restore the cabin to its appearance in 1907.

"We'll have campers help with our work, if it's not too dangerous," Dingus said.

It allows the Scouts to put a little bit of work into maintaining the history of Philmont, according to Dingus. "We like to have the campers be a part of the legacy."

Every evening the staff reminds the campers of the homesteading history in evening program by entertaining them through a kerosene lantern campfire filled with music and stories.

"Working at an interp camp is unique," Dingus said.

"You have 50 to 60 staff members at all of Philmont who work interp," said Cabin Restoration Foreman Dave Byrne. "There's western lore camps, and then there are interp camps."

The difference is the interpretive camps allow the Scouts to see how the people would have lived in the actual house and on the family ranch.

"Working interp is a special way to work at Philmont," Dingus said.

Hiking, Biking and Preserving Nature

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

The staff of Whiteman Vega offers Philmont crews the opportunity to mountain bike through the Valle Vidal.

The mountain bike trail at Whiteman Vega contains several technical elements that staff use to teach participants new skills or improve pre-existing ones.

"When we go out with a crew, we try to teach them how to attack the element carefully and safely but also in a way that they are confident," said Jon Ignatowski, Program Counselor at Whiteman Vega. "Whether it be a jump or a drop, we stop and train them. Its educational mountain biking."

A very important part of the mountain biking program for the staff of Whiteman Vega is making

the course accessible to participants of all skill levels.

"We run a program where we take any biker/nonbiker with any skill set and we bring them to the next level, no matter what it is," said Sean Murphy, Camp Director at Whiteman Vega.

This attention to improving skills on an individual level provides a unique opportunity for the staff to teach Scouts. To Andy Ross, a Program Counselor at Whiteman Vega, Scouts' improvement on a personal level is the most rewarding part of his position.

"[My favorite part] is seeing kids that are frustrated at the beginning of the ride, finish the ride and say its the funnest thing they've ever done," said Ross. "And they're not focused on being good, but they're focused on having fun."

Individual improvement is not

the only unique part of the camp's mountain biking program. The staff also hope to encourage Scouts to learn more about bike maintenance by teaching them maintenance for mountain bikes. While Whiteman Vega's yurt is equipped with many tools necessary for bike repair and maintenance, the staff hope to use firsthand experience as a way to teach Scouts how to care for their own bikes.

"We've already had several flats while we've been on the trail, and when that happens we just stop and everyone sits down and we talk about 'ok, let's fix this,'" said Emma Black, a Program Counselor at Whiteman Vega. "Teachable moments, that's what we call it."

These teachable moments are what Whiteman Vega staff hope that Scouts take home with them from their experience at Philmont.



A participant from Crew 613-1 mountain bikes on Monday, June 17 at Whiteman Vega. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

"Its not just mountain biking in the Valle Vidal for one day of their trek and then going home and doing nothing," said Murphy. "Hopefully it makes them want to go home and fix that old bike in the corner of the garage ... and get out there and mountain bike."

The Valle Vidal is a 102,000 acre section of the Carson National Forest that contains no trails and few roads. One of three Philmont camps on this land, Whiteman Vega gives crews the chance to use their map and compass skills to find the large yurt that serves

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The Seally SAR Legacy Continued From Page 6, Biking

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

The staff at Seally Canyon work to provide Philmont participants more than a knowledge of Search and Rescue (SAR) theory.

Hosting several interactive SAR games, participants have the opportunity to test their deductive skills and search for a member of the staff that pretends to be lost or injured in the surrounding area.

"They'll go out and they'll find the [staff member]," said Paul Klein, Program Counselor at Seally Canyon. "We'll teach them the first response medical situations and how to get them back to more advanced medical personnel."

These activities are not only important for learning the tactics of a SAR, but also provide staff with the opportunity to learn other skills.

"It demonstrates the importance of communication and teamwork because without proper communication you really can't do any of the [program activities,]" said Bruno Harvey, Program Counselor at Seally Canyon.

Staff members look to encourage quieter members of the crew to take the lead in other teamwork oriented SAR activities such as directing a litter carry.

Not only is Seally Canyon's

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Program counselor Bruno Harvey helps a crew play tug-of-war on Tuesday, June 18 at Seally Canyon. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

as the camp's main building.

A circular tent originally used by nomadic people in central Asia, yurts are used at each of the Valle camps because they are temporary structures.

Because of Whiteman Vega's location in the Valle, the camp provides a great opportunity for crews to complete their three hours of conservation work at Philmont. Scouts can work to maintain the mountain bike trail while learning about the importance of conservation at Philmont and in their own community.

"We get a little bit philosophical about environmentalism and conservation," said Erin Jones, Valle Vidal Specialist. "Like conservation versus preservation and the difference between those and why they think its an important for them to spend three hours doing the work."

Beginning this summer, work will begin on a new mountain bike trail that will be added to Whiteman Vega's program. Plans for this trail have been discussed for several years but are just now becoming a reality because of the regulations surrounding the Valle Vidal.

"We have to work with a lot of different people to figure out where we're going to put a new trail," said

Jones. "We have our interests, which is to make a sustainable, cool, fun mountain bike trail. And then since this is Forest Service land, we have to put that to the public to see how the public feels about making this mountain bike trail on public land."

This conservation work is important for maintaining the beautiful area in which Whiteman Vega is located. "Vega" is a Spanish term for a large, grassy meadow, and this description is perfect for the green meadow where the camp's large yurt sits.

"This is a really healthy ponderosa forest, which you don't see at Philmont very much," said Jones.

While the natural beauty of the Valle Vidal and the lifestyle that comes along with living in a national forest is a unique experience, the staff recognize that there is something more rewarding about working at Whiteman Vega than the location.

"I don't want to say Yurt Life is the coolest thing [about Whiteman Vega] because it's not what we're here for," said Murphy. "It's definitely seeing these kids, who've all been mountain biking or they have a mountain bike back home, but they've never actually done it in the mountains and that's really cool."

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Outfitting the Ten Essentials

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

Perhaps the most critical stop for crews heading out the trail, Services supplies all essential gear to crews and staff hoping to spend time out in Backcountry.

"All 23,000 Scouts come here," said Outfitting Services staff member James Van Hecke.

Each Scout is supplied with at least three days of food to get started on the trail.

Preparing that amount of food is impressive. Outfitting Services staff must keep in mind food allergies as well as religious preferences.

"We do our best to assist the Scouts with what we select for meals," Hecke said.

With no nut-free, dairy-free or vegan meal options, it can be challenging to try and support dietary preferences, but Outfitting Services will support Scouts the best they can to help create the best experience possible.

Along with the food, Outfitting Services also supplies gear for cooking and campsite set-up.

"We have 1200 tents and 500 pot sets," Hecke said. "We will supply tents and dining flies if they need them. Often times, however, crews will bring their own

equipment."

Outfitting Services also rents stoves to crews and sells white gas so crews don't need to worry about traveling with gas.

They also offer backpacks to crews, if they were unable to bring them or if a Scout needs a bigger pack. Outfitting Services offers five different brands, and rent both internal and external frames.

The other item Outfitting Services charges for are fish licenses

"We can provide the crews [and staff] with everything they need to be successful on the trail," said Hecke.

Another service they provide for Base Camp, which many staff members enjoy is the Food Wall.

Often times, by mid-summer the favorite options have run low, but "we try to keep it exciting," Hecke said.

To keep ahead of its visitors, Outfitting Services places limits on some items on the Food Wall, as well as encouraging crews to drop by in the morning rather than the afternoon.

"In the afternoons we get slammed," Hecke said. "Mornings are slow and so we try to encourage crews to come by in the morning so they don't have to wait as long."

Along with trying to space out crews more efficiently, Outfitting Services tries to get crews through quickly in general. There used to be separate speeches given to the crews when they picked up food and equipment, but now Rangers are trained to give those speeches, to help cut down the wait time for crews.

"We are always looking at ways to improve the process," Hecke said.



Members of Crew 619J5 organize their trail food on Wednesday, June 19 at Outfitting Services. Outfitting Services provide crews their meals for the ten day trek. CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

to those who want single or multi-day licenses along the trail.

All items rented to crews are loaned to staff as well, free of charge.

For staff, "we expect a Scout to be trustworthy when handling our gear," said Hecke.

Outfitting Services has all the necessary equipment to supply anyone for Philmont's requirements to camp in the Backcountry.

Crews and Customer Service



Bob Albauer and Tyler Seever from Crew 608-L, sign out on Wednesday, June 19 at Registration. Albauer and Seever are from Oklahoma City, Okla. and they just finished itinerary 14. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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Staff Writer

For Betty Pacheco, Camping Registrar, working at Philmont is all about customer service. Pacheco has worked in varied positions in the Office of the Registrar for over 25 years.

"I make reservations for crews, handle all of their finances, take payments, take questions from crews when they call and manage the shuttle service for individual participants coming this summer," Pacheco said. "I manage four seasonal and three fulltime employees."

Registration handles between two and three years' worth of reservations at a given time.

"In August, we'll be registering our 2015 reservations," Pacheco said. "At some points we are working with three years at a time. Right now it's 2013. We are booked for 2014, and we'll be starting reservations for 2015 in August."

Vicky Harper, the Camping Transportation Clerk, often helps out in Registration.

"I assist in checking in staff and checking in crews," Harper said. "Some days I'm out here helping and other days I'm back in my office, just depends on my work load."

Harper explained the process for checking in crews.

"We get certain documents from them," she said. "We start with their crew roster. We then ask for their tour permit and their talent release form. We check to be sure that they have at least one person in their crew that has both CPR and wilderness first aid. We do that at the front counter and then they meet

with one of the registrars, and they finalize any money issues."

After checking in with a registrar, a crew goes to logistics and plans their trek. They then visit the Health Lodge for medical recheck and go to Services to get necessary gear. They meet their Ranger and go out on the trail the next morning.

On any given summer day, as many as 35 to 40 crews will check in, said Pacheco.

"The most rewarding part is seeing the advisors that come in and are grateful for all the help we're giving them and we are very patient with them," Pacheco said. "We get calls on a daily basis with the same basic questions over and over but then we have to think this group has only asked this question once."

Registration works closely with all the camping departments to ensure crew get all the help they need. For summer 2013, the total crew count for Philmont will be around 2200.

"I just love the enthusiasm of the crews as the come in," Pacheco said. "They've had this reservation for almost two years, so to see them actually get here ... That's the whole deal. They had a reservation. They are finally here. It's finally time. That's the rewarding part of the job."

Pacheco said once she had an advisor cry because he was so grateful for all the help Registration had given him prior to his arrival.

"You know I do this as customer service, but I guess I didn't realize how I impacted his life as well as the youth he was bringing on the trek," she said. "That is probably the most fulfilling part of the job."



\$15 Haircuts Every Wednesday

Every Wednesday at Philmont, Ruben's Barbershop is offering \$15 haircuts for men and women. Ruben will set up his barber shop at Philmont's Silver Sage Staff Activity Center. He will be set up and ready by 7:30 a.m., and will stay into the afternoon until the last person comes. No reservations are required, and cash payment is preferred.

Thunder Ridge: The Easier Life

Katie Landeck

Staff Writer

There is only one place in the world where Scouts have the opportunity to use a Thunder Ridge Tent: that place is Philmont.

The Thunder Ridge Tent was custom designed by

MSR in 2011 to fit the needs of a Philmont camper.

Designed with simplicity and durability in mind, the tent was created to withstand wind, dust, rain and the learning process of inexperienced Scouts.

The first of these tents went out with campers last June. Over the course of the 2012 summer, Philmont gathered feedback from staff and campers regarding the tent.

The Philmont team along with the MSR tent designer then used that information to further customize the model.

In the fall, a sea of 100 tents were erected for the MSR tent designer to study at Philmont. The tent city enabled the program team, tent repair team and MSR designing to team to reconstruct how tears in the fly and issues with the poles happened. They then used this

information to correct the problems.

One of the main concerns was poor ventilation. The 2013 version features a slightly bigger rain fly to put more space between the fly and the tent. In addition, more mesh was added to increase airflow and different ventilation ports were added.

The entrance to the tent has been tweaked to prevent future zipper issues, fly door rip issue and make it easier to get in and out.

The previous model used a hub system for poles. However, the constant use constant use the tent received made that structure unfit for life at Philmont. The new model has three poles.

"This tent is comparable to any other tents available in the outdoor industry," said Casey Migacz, TOTT Store Inventory Manager.

Prior to the Thunder Ridge, an A-frame model has been in use since the 1970s. These are still in the Philmont fleet and will continue to be used as Philmont builds up the Thunder Ridge inventory.

To make assembling the tent easier,



The MSR Thunder Ridge tent is only available to Philmont participants and staff through Outfitting Services. MSR designed this tent custom for Philmont only and cannot be purchased at any store. BRYAN HAYEK/NEWS AND PHOTO MANAGER

directions are silk-screened into the top flap of the tent so they can never be misplaced.

The "Bearmuda Triangle" was silk-screened onto the bottom of the tent to reinforce our Bear Procedures.

A light green color, the tents are designed to blend into the Backcountry in keeping with Leave No Trace principles.

"We wanted to keep the environment as natural looking as

possible," Migacz said.

Last year, Philmont brought in 300 tents to rent to crews and this year, another 500.

The tent weighs about 5 pounds 12 ounces, making it a little lighter than the A-frame model.

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Working to Protect the Landscape

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

They don't sign their names in sloppy cursive on trail signs or even neatly etch them into a rock on the side of the trail. Instead, the Conservation Department leaves trails.

"Every summer, participants get the chance to put their own dashed line on the map that will be here for 40, 50 or 60 years," said Tim Riedl, Associate Director of the Conservation.

The Conservation Department, commonly known as Cons, is one of the largest departments at Philmont, with more than 90 employees. The department is divided into many autonomous sub-departments that address different aspects of conservation ranging from invasive species to recycling to trail building.

But they are united in their love of the Ranch and hopes to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

"In general, the Conservation Department is working to protect the landscape," said Conservation Sustainable Resource Specialist Kevin Rowe.

Each subdepartment protects the landscape is differently. Sustainability, for instance, protects it by reducing the human impact on the Ranch through programs such as recycling. Others protect is through restoration, such as the Invasive species team. And other departments, such as the Work Crew, reduce it by maintaining trails and campsites.

Work Crew

"Work crew is behind the scenes," said the Associate Director of the Conservation Work Crew Zach Harris. "We do anything that requires skilled labor."

The work crews, which make up about 1/3 of the department, are responsible for maintaining Backcountry. They set up bear cables, fix sumps, put in fire rings and "do the dirty jobs," according to Harris.

In previous years, the five work crews would hike around the Ranch and do projects as they came up. This year, Harris decided to streamline the system

and created a regional system.

In his office, Harris has an oversized map of the entire Philmont property. The map is color coded to create the North Country, South Country and Central Country. The three regions he has assigned work crews to for the summer.

"If something happens in one of those areas, those guys will take care of it," he said. At the start of the season, Harris set several broad goals for Work Crews including maintaining the more than 360 miles of trail particularly those of high priority and installing a new bear cable system that is better for the trees.

However, the lists of jobs is constantly growing throughout the summer.

"If one of the other departments finds something that has to be done, it gets added to my list," Harris said.

The Work Crews work fairly closely with the other departments, and frequently step in to lend a helping hand, whether it is fixing a map for GIS or helping out the conservationists.

"We all work well (with all the departments)," said Harris. "If they need some help, I'll use my own time or allocate a work crew."

Conservationists

Every Scout who comes to Philmont participates in a three hour conservation project.

"It's pretty cool that every Scout that comes here works," said Harris. "They get to leave a bit of their physical energy ... They didn't just come here and take from the land. They gave back."

This summer there are six sites where crews will stop during their trek to work. Of the six sites, five of them are trail building sites. The sixth one, located at Beaubien, is a timber stand improvement

project. At this site, Scouts selectively take out trees to improve the view and reduce fire hazards.

For the Conservationists, the project in a chance for Scouts to interact with the trail and really think about what principles went into building what they are walking on.

"We want them to be excited when they arrive," said Riedl. "It's another program element."

The first 35 to 40 minutes of the program are devoted to teaching the Scouts how to properly use tools and about the environment they are working in. After that, they are handed the tools and set to work.

"Hopefully crews get the knowledge they need to solve problems," said the Coordinator of the Conservationist Andy Schmit. "We want them to see a problem and say all we have to do is grab this tool and start working on it to fix this problem."

Environmental Education

For some Scouts, three hours of conservation work is not enough, which is why 30 years ago the Cons department started offering conservation based treks.

"We have three distinct programs that are all equal," said Marc Nutter, the Associate Director of Environmental Education. "But I will always have a special place in my heart for ROCS"

Nutter was a participant in the Roving Outdoor Conservation School program in 2004, before taking a job in the Cons department. The other two programs are Trail Crew Trek (TCT) and Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC).

"In a lot of ways, I think we train future staff members," Nutter said.

In all of the programs, it is not uncommon for participants to become staffers. OATC assistant foreman Nathan Coney was happy to see that one of his former participants, Wyatt Whicker, had returned to OATC as an assistant foreman this season.

"It's a great feeling when you come back and see participants back on staff," Coney said. "We are fostering staff members in all of our programs. We offer them a slice of the Philmont pie."

OATC is a two week program where participants build trail and then spend a week doing a customized itinerary. Over the years, OATC participants have build nearly seven trails and hope to start working on the eighth this summer.

The program focuses on service. "There is a lot to be said for meaningful service," said Coney. "You can paint fences and that's service but it's not as meaningful as creating a trail for 100,000 people to use."

TCT is also a two week program where the first week is spent building trails and the second week is spent on a trek.

The ROCS program is slightly longer. It's a three week trek that is



Associate Director of Conservation Marc Nutter instructs participants in Philmont's first Trail Crew Trek (TCT) of the season on proper trail creation techniques on Tuesday, June 11 at Whiteman Vega. TCT creates new trails for Philmont usage and also maintains existing trails. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

designed to showcase the different resources on the Ranch. The crews stop in different forests and receive lectures from different people who work in outdoor jobs, including Ranch Superintendent Bob Ricklefs.

"We are trying to create hands on learning and a culture of curiosity," Nutter said. "We hope to inspire all of our participants to be curious, to ask the unasked question."

The hope is that by creating this sense of curiosity Scouts will learn to appreciate the trail and see that as part of the program.

"We are inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards," said Nutter. "Because, to use my favorite quote 'in the end we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught.'"

GIS

If anyone needs a map of anything, GIS is the place to go. Located in the Cons building, the GIS subdepartment uses computer software to create detailed maps of Philmont.

"When maps are wrong, we fix it,"

said Stephanie Teeter, Conservation GIS staff.

While they make trail maps, the group also creates more intricate maps that are designed to display information about the land.

"I am working on mapping the groundwater," said Teeter. "And Chris is working on mapping the solar radiation to find the best place for solar panels."

The GIS department has also helped to map archeological finds and set up the geocaching.

The Invasive Species Team

In 2010, another subdepartment was added to the Conservation matrix: the Invasive Species Team.

Invasive species are species that have come into a foreign environment and spread, frequently at the detriment of other plants in the environment. These plants are commonly transported via humans, putting the Ranch with its thousands of annual participants at risk.

"The more participants that come to the Ranch, the more threat of spreading," said Aileen Dalton, the plant specialist on the Conservation Invasive Species Team.

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"We are trying to create hands on learning and a culture of curiosity."

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On the Ranch, there are several invasive plants including leafy spurge, hounds tongue, Canadian thistle and bull thistle.

In order to control the invasive population at Philmont, the team treats the affected area with pesticides or by pulling the weeds out by hand.

"We prefer mechanical pulling," said Aileen Dalton, the plant specialist on the Conservation Invasive Species Team. "It isn't as harsh on the environment."

Because invasive species tend to thrive in atypical environments, such as drought, the invasive species group is particularly concerned about the threat of spreading this year.

"The trees don't have enough energy to produce leaves, and since there are not enough leaves, there isn't enough shade to keep the invasive down," said Dalton.

The Invasive Species Team is not limited to work at Philmont. They also travel to nearby ranches to monitor the invasive species population on their land.

"We have this partnership because we know that it could be a problem for us," said Dalton.

Sustainability

Sustainability is one of the few sub-department of Cons where the focus is not on what they leave behind, but on what they take with them.

"A lot of our focus is on the

immense undertaking of Philmont recycling," said Rowe. The sustainability crew looks to recycle everything they can

get their hands on, from leftover trail meal bags to tin. The recyclables are then delivered to a recycling center in Raton. "It's basically free money," said Conservation Sustainable

Resource Specialist Matt Wilder. "We aren't paying for the cardboard, we are paying for what's in the boxes."

The department, which was created in 2007, diverted more than 100,000 pounds of landfill waste last year.

In addition to recycling, they sustainability crew looks for alternative ways to reduce the Ranch's impact on the environment.

"We research and determine what the best practice is for Ranch sustainability issues," said Rowe.

This year, they are looking into clotheslines, water efficiency and the placing of solar water heaters.

Field Management

The Field Manager and the two Field Coordinators are the glue that holds all of the subdepartments together. Their job is to provide the technical support

and oversight for any job that the Cons department undertakes.

"I work with all the program areas in

Cons and provide technical support, project guidance and training opportunity," said Conservation Field Manager John Celley.

Celley regularly checks

in with all of the subdepartments to see how they are doing. If they need any help, he's ready.

"I'm prepared to do any project and can train people," said Celley. "Mostly I do project planning and design."

Celley is one of the many members of the Cons department that has been working there for many years. In Cons, people generally love their job too much to leave.

"In the late 70, one of the directors wrote in his final report that the big problem was that 'people don't want to be promoted. They don't want to be in the office,'" said Riedl.

The problem still stands, according to Coney, and everybody loves their job.

"You wake up and go to bed with the sun," Coney said. "And you totally enjoy it ... this is one of the more fun jobs here."

"We research and determine what the best practice is for Ranch sustainability issues.."



OATC Foreman Miguel Salazar helps a participant build trails on Wednesday, June 12 in Flume Canyon. OATC is a two week trek in which participants spend one week building and restoring trails and the second week hiking. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



An advisor talks to Susan Norris, a visiting local artist, on Wednesday, June 19 at the Seton Memorial Library. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary-Kate Smith Staff Writer

A new exhibit of artwork lines the walls in the museum.

"It's not just art," said David Werhane, Philmont Museums Director, referencing the new museum existed. "It's about how Philmont inspired ... You know 75 years ago when Waite Phillips gave us this property, one of his hopes and dreams was that youth would come, and while they were using his property, they would discover their natural talents and be inspired to pursue them to greatness. This is a sampling of former Philmont staff who have done just that."

Werhane and the other museum staff compiled an exhibit of former Philmont staffs' art work for summer 2013. To accompany this new exhibit, the museum is starting a new program.

"At various times throughout the weeks over the summer, they [artists connected to Philmont] will be doing some of their work in the courtyard or inside if the weather makes it necessary," he said. "It is just a chance for the folks who are coming through here to talk to our artists about what they do and how they do it and their relationship with Philmont. It is very similar to the artists in residence programs that we find in national parks."

The first artist to participate in this new program was Susan Norris, a local artist who lives in Cimarron. Though Norris never worked at the Ranch, she is currently working with Philmont to create three life-sized bronze figures that will stand in front on the museum after the expansion project. The figures include Lobo the wolf, Ernest Thompson Seton and a Boy Scout.

On the afternoon of Wednesday June 19, Norris sat in the Seton Memorial Library and displayed her sculpting abilities. She worked on a curvy, clay giraffe figure.

"I do this kind of humorous stuff," Norris said. "Fun stuff, so I like to experiment with different things but it's usually animals and animal related things like that. The natural world I would say"

The giraffe is part of a series of animal figures Norris is working on which will likely also include an elephant and rhino.

"It's fun," Norris said. "It's kind of free. Actually, it's a clay sculpture that will eventually be a bronze."

Norris was the first of several artist planning on visiting the museum to do a workshop. All of the artists are volunteering their time and coming when available. The programs will include a painter, woodworker, sculptor and photographer.

"Most of these artists ... live all over the country, but with this exhibit all of these artists were staff at Philmont and were inspired by Philmont to pursue their career or their talents in art and have become successful using that inspiration," Werhane said. "Some of the other artists that are coming in are connected with Philmont in one way shape or form. They are living in the area in Cimarron or Springer but they have a connection with Philmont and the Philmont Museums."

According to Werhane, Waite Phillips' dream has come true in a multitude of ways.

"Waite Phillips' gift has not only changed peoples' lives, but has inspired them to have the lives of which they always dreamed," Werhane said.

Keeping Bear Watch

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Staff Writer

More than 1,000 staff live on Philmont's property during the summer months. Throughout the course of the season, the staff will share their home with PTC participants and around 2,200 crews and about 150 black bears.

The Philmont Bear Researchers play an important role as part of the Ranch Department.

Whitney Zerr, a wildlife biology major from Gunderson, Colo., is one of two Bear Researchers working for the Ranch during the summer 2013. Zerr explained their daily routine.

"We get the mail," Zerr said. "We see if people left us reports. We ... go back and pin them on the map."

Zerr and her coworker Kevin O'Brien map the relative population of bears in each area of the Ranch based on reports they receive from Scouts, advisors and staff. The Bear Researchers have seen about five bears first hand this season and have received about 40 bear sighting report forms. If a bear is spotted by anyone on the Ranch, that person is responsible for filling a bear report form for the Bear Researchers.

"We've changed the bear reports this year," O'Brien said. "We've added a silhouette picture. If there is any distinguishing marking, they can put it on there. That way we are keeping track of that bear in an easier way. Because some people would describe it as well it's a brown bear with a little bit of black in it. That little bit of

black could be anywhere, but when they draw it on here that's letting me know where the marking actually is on the bear."

O'Brien and Zerr do not tag the bears. Their work mostly revolves around bear safety education and prevention of bear incidents.

"We pay attention to the bear reports, learning which bears are active and where they are, and trying to identify them, visiting camps and making sure camp directors know who we are. We are doing educational talks to ROCS and trail crew and NAYLE people," said Bob Ricklefs, Ranch Superintendent.

Ricklefs is charge of all animals both domestic and wild on the Ranch; therefore, bear research falls under his jurisdiction, though according to Ricklefs they have not had any nuisance bears yet this season.

"I would say one of our main goals would be not having a nuisance bear," O'Brien said. "If there is a nuisance bear, then we have to put it down, so we'd rather not kill a bear ... If there is a nuisance bear, then New Mexico Game and Wild comes and puts the bear down. We don't want any nuisance bears because we don't want any dead bears."

According to Ricklefs they did not have to put down a single bear last summer.

Zerr said a large part of their job is learning about the behaviors and characteristics of black bears in the region.

"In the very beginning before

people scattered we read a lot of reports, scientific papers, books," Zerr said. "We read a lot of that just to kind of get up to date on all the bear stuff."

According to O'Brien, there are blonde and cinnamon color morphs of the black bears. These color morphs are more common at Philmont because of the habitat.

"The blacker bears are in the dark forests with a really thick canopy, so there is not a whole lot of light getting in there," Zerr said. "Here the canopy isn't quite as thick so the light goes through. The bears have to blend in with something, so it might as well be the dirt."

O'Brien said they have not had a report of a jet black bear yet this season.

Over the years the female bears have become more habituated to people, reports Zerr.

"If a female is born on Ranch it stays on Ranch," she said. "Males that are on the Ranch came from somewhere else. If a male is born here it has to leave to find its own home country, and so if nothing else, the females are more used to the people."

Last year, the Ranch was part of a bear hair snare DNA study run by the state of New Mexico to determine how many bears there are per square hectare.

This year, the bear researchers are focused on education.

"We try to come up with little things to give out to camps as a reminder of bear procedures and education, so that they're aware all the time," Zerr said.

They try to make the reminders silly so that they are memorable, but so that they still express a serious tone.

"I think the most rewarding thing so far is when the crews come up to talk to you, and they find out you're the Bear Researcher," O'Brien said. "They ask you different questions about different bear biology things."

Over the season, the Bear Researchers will focus on reminding crews and staff of bear procedures. They would like to remind all participants "a fed bear is a dead bear."

Agriculture at Philmont



Farm and Heavy Equipment Foreman Tom Mondragon cuts this season's first crop of alfalfa hay on Monday, June 17 at the field behind Administration. After one cut of hay is raked, baled and collected, it can feed up to 300 horses. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Behind the Administration office, lies a green alfalfa field where Tom Mondragon, Farm and Heavy Equipment Foreman, cuts hay. The green tractor, the green crop and the green trees lining the field exude life even during a time of drought.

From mid-June through mid-October, Mondragon works with two other Ranch hands to cut, dry and bail alfalfa hay.

"The first part is the irrigation part," said Mondragon. "That's step number one and then when we do get ready for the harvest. We'll cut the hay or mow it. Then we'll take it with an inverter rake, hay rake. Then we'll bail it with the hay bailer ... Then once the bail is made then our last step is before it goes to the barn is I'll pick it up with the hay wagon."

In mid-June, they were in the midst of this process, cutting the hay for feed.

"We are turning hay so we can bail it," said Bob Ricklefs, Ranch Superintendent. "Turning hay, means fluffing it up and putting rows together and getting air in it so it can dry. You can't bail it wet."

The Ranch uses a bailer to make small bails to take to livestock throughout the property.

"It's easier for them to haul out [small bails] because you take [it to] camps like Beaubien that are way up there in the mountains. It's harder to take the big bail without it falling apart," Mondragon said.

The Ranch takes care of the grassland for cattle grazing and grows two main types of feed crops: alfalfa hay for the horses and sorghum for the cattle.

According to Mondragon, the Ranch uses alfalfa hay to feed horse because it is richer in nutrients than

other types of feed

"As far as feed it's the best," he said. "The alfalfa hay, once we plant it, ... will probably be good for like 10 years. That's the good part about alfalfa hay. Now you take the sorghum that's planted over there that's seasonal. That's a manual process. You have to re-plow it and disk it and level it and then reseed it. That's just a seasonal crop."

Alfalfa isn't rotated because it fixates nitrogen back into the soil.

The Ranch raises a hay grazer as a filler for cattle especially because the drought has limited forage. If the drought conditions did not exist, the cattle would graze naturally.

"If it was a normal year when we would have plenty of moisture, then that answer would be 'no we wouldn't have to be buying hay,' but ... we are in the drought," Mondragon said. "On a good year we try to shoot between 250 and 280 ton [of alfalfa hay]. This year we'll be lucky if we make 200 ton ... unless we start getting a lot of rain."

Though their crop is smaller this year, Philmont has the advantage of being located near the Eagle Nest reservoir.

"We run agricultural water out of Eagle Nest," Ricklefs said. "That's our main water source."

Water is brought to Philmont from Eagles' Nest through a gated pipe. According to Mondragon, everything depends on irrigation.

"If we have water then we can do a lot with it," he said.

The Ranch uses three different types of irrigation systems based on the type of equipment they have available at each field.

"There is what we call a flood irrigation which consists of tarps and open ditches," Mondragon said. "A

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Bear Researchers Whitney Zerr and Kevin O'Brien inform participants on proper bear procedures on Fri June 21. The Bear Researchers travel throughout Backcountry inspecting campsites and training participants on proper bear safety procedures. KEVIN BOUCHER/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Chaplain's Corner: Meet the Chaplains

Father Ed Erb (Fred)

Protestant Chaplain

Greetings from northeast Pennsylvania!

No, not Scranton of “The Office” fame, but 30 miles northeastern in Honesdale, the home of “Highlights for Children Magazine” where my wife has been Copy Chief for 14 years.

First, I have to explain the name. I’m an Episcopal priest, which means I’m a Protestant chaplain here at Philmont, but my title is “Father.” That doesn’t ring true to many Protestants and about 15 years ago my youth group realized that Fr. Ed quickly becomes “Fred” and I’ve been known like that since. Even my Bishop calls me Fred! Grace Episcopal Church in Honesdale has been my home for six years, after filling out almost ten years in my first parish. Prior to that I was a classical Church musician full-time for 15 years in Lutheran and Episcopal parishes.

I was never a Scout growing up (taking music lessons instead). Yet when our oldest son came home from first grade with an invitation to a parents’ meeting about this brand new thing called Tiger Scouts, I came home a den leader and have been a Scouter for 25 years. As such, I’ve had the pleasure of being at Philmont a few times, notably as a summer-long chaplain in 2005 and last year as an adult advisor to a Cavalcade trek with my Scouts. One of my sons is an Eagle and that first one, well, he only made Life, but my wife Sue and I are proud of them both. My greatest goal is that three generations of Erbs will come to Philmont some day on a trek.

I am a member of Troop One in Honesdale, which is the oldest continually chartered troop in America. We celebrated out centenary one year after BSA! We also own Dan Beard’s own cabin, which he used with the Wilderness Boys before merging them into Boy Scouts. One parent in our Anniversary Cookbook made me a leader of the Troop’s “Extreme Team.” I take them, not only on the Cavalcade, but skiing/boarding in New England every year. My cyclists rode 100-miles in a day in honor of our anniversary (beyond the 50 for the merit badge) and the next year several Scouts will be going with me on 550 miles of the Appalachian Trail ending on top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire.

The greatest joy I have had in Scouting, besides all the fun activities and seeing my son receive his Eagle, was last year watching one recently-turned 15 year old Crew Leader turn into a man in the course of eight days as he accepted and lived into his responsibilities. It was a slow and challenging transformation, but speaks to me about what Philmont really is.

Independence Day

By Father Ed Erb
Protestant Chaplain

It’s the Fourth of July and we celebrate our independence for sure. But really?

I’m patriotic and proud of our country. Even when we argue and disagree, because we can argue and disagree! For it is in these struggles that we are able to fight for true justice among all of God’s people.

But independent? Most teens crave independence, but at heart they know they rely on their family and friends more often than they’d like to admit. Deep down, we really are dependent creatures. And that’s a good thing.

I just finished a book on Christianity and the “Emerging Universe.” In it, the author, Cletus Wessels, argues that the Earth, the universe and humanity are all on the verge of moving from adolescence into adulthood. At the heart of that emergence is a transition to what he calls the “Ecozoic Era,” when we humans will become, as

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Issue Two

Sudoku

Answers

Easy

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

Medium

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

Difficult

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

Very Difficult

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

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.

Dates	Topic	RTs
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 Coglianese 2. Nick Deacon

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second method is gated pipe irrigation ... The third method is the pivots, they run on electricity, all the water comes from pipes underneath and then it comes up and flows out of it.”

The pivot irrigation fields are circular to accommodate the irrigation method. The whole process, not just the irrigation method, is cyclical. When they are done bailing hay, they irrigate. When they are done with irrigation they go back to bailing hay. They do three cuts on each field each year.

This alfalfa hay is grown on about 200 acres and helps feed the nearly 300 horses owned and cared for by the Ranch.

Mondragon has worked for the Ranch fulltime for 38 years in the same position his father held before him. Each year he and the other Ranch hand continue to irrigate, cut and bail hay to feed the horse and promote growth even in a time of drought.

The Construction of Stockade Ridge Trail Camp

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

The campsite was already on the map and had been since February. Crews were scheduled to stop there starting in June.

The only thing was the Stockade Ridge campsite didn't exist yet. The Conservation department still had to build it.

So, the new camp became the training project for the 90 or so workers in the Conservation Department. They had five days to finish it.

"It was the first time that we had to get the job done during Conservation training," said Tim Riedl, the Associate Director of Conservation. "The previous projects were all open ended."

The camp was being constructed to replace the old Stockade camp. Located to the east of the new Stockade Ridge campsite, it was situated in the floodplain of the Philmont reservoir and needed to be moved.

"This is actually a far nicer location," said Conservation Field Manager John Celley. "It has good

shade trees and pretty spectacular views of the Tooth of Time."

The construction of the camp which has seven sites went extremely smoothly, according to Celley.

"It was super fast," said Celley. "It's really rare to implement a project this fast ... Everything went the way we hoped it would."

Since it was the training days for Cons, the new workers were also being taught proper policy for site construction, which includes tasks like how to set up bear bag cables.

"We learned to work fast and do

it right," said Riedl, who has worked in Cons for six years.

Although, "I've never been so tired after conservation training" he added.

To make the site accessible, Celley, with the help of Conservation GIS coordinator Zach Seeger, had to reroute the bottom two thirds of

"It has good shade trees and pretty spectacular views of the Tooth of Time."

the Stockade Ridge trail. The duo took it as a chance to take what they had and make it even better. Planning for the project started last year giving Celley ample time to plan out the trail. At Philmont, trails are designed to last for decades, which means they are carefully designed based on the waterflow of the surrounding area to try to minimize erosion.

But equally important to the trail's durability is the experience one gets from hiking on it. The reroute utilizes approximately 2,500 feet of trail built by the NAYLE program over the last four years. Another 5,000 feet of trail was constructed by the Cons department in a 10 day period before construction began on the camp.

"It opens up awesome views of the plains to the east and views from under the Tooth of Time," said Celley.

In addition to improving the views, the new trail will make hiking in the part of Philmont even safer. The trail is designed to accommodate a liter team, making it easier to carry out an injured hiker.

"It will dramatically improve search and rescues," said Celley.

With the trail and camp complete, the only thing left to do is and enjoy it.

"It's a really cool trail," said Celley.

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God intended in Genesis, stewards of a universe in which we are one with the cosmos, with each other and with God. That resonates with my appreciation for the Celtic and Native American sensitivity to the Earth.

Last year scientists, tentatively at least, confirmed the existence of the Higgs Boson, that micro-sub-atomic particle which is the unifying basis of all of Creation termed by some as the "God Particle." This is nothing new to people of faith. We have believed in the God Particle, which is the basis of all of Creation - from the Big Bang (explosion of energy/light on day one of Genesis) to the expansion of the Universe, to

the focusing of God's attention on the living things of Earth. Tielhard de Chardin, a French Jesuit, even spoke of the earth as a living creature, still evolving as the movement of tectonic plates, as one example, might suggest. Maybe the Earth itself is feeling the teenage growing pains!

That God Particle, the concept of a living and growing universe and other theories remind me that we are all in this together. We strive to be independent. Part of the American sin over the centuries is to want to, as one famous singer put it, "Do it My Way." We can't. We do it "Our Way." Which when we really consider it, joining together in relationships, the "our" of "our

way," is really the God particle in that God took one handful (well, maybe more than that) of dirt, plain, blowing, dusty, brown dirt (don't we know it well!) and made all of us. How can we be separate? How can we be independent of one another, of God?

So, I encourage you to celebrate this Fourth of July. I'll be back home with my family, helping my son and his family move into their new home and celebrating my mother's 89th birthday with my sister and brother and their families, and my cousins and nephews at the annual family picnic, and fireworks and...

Well, there is NO WAY that I can be - or want to be - Independent. Thanks be to God!

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Staff also teach astronomy to those Scouts who camp at Ring Place. Participants can look through the camp's telescope at the clear Valle sky while listening to the legends behind the constellations.

Whether it's recognizing a storm or a constellation, the staff at Ring Place really focuses on teaching every participant something new.

"I like being able to answer the questions that kids always asked their parents, and their parents never really knew so they said 'Magic,'" said Sheppard.

Ring Place is located on the grounds of an old settler's cabin. While the cabin is currently condemned, restoration team's hope is to begin repairing the piece of American history in the Valle Vidal.

These old structures provide Ring Place staff a chance to further educate Scouts on the history of the land.

"I like the history of it," said Danker. "[I like] being able to give them the history of the area and then being able to talk about more modern stuff like the weather."

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program a unique experience for participants to carry out an actual SAR, the camp is located in the Valle Vidal. This section of the Carson National Forest contains some of the greenest and healthiest landscapes in the area, which Scouts have the opportunity to experience.

"It is vastly different from being on Philmont properties," said Brian Hutzler, the Camp Director of Seally Canyon. "One person described it as being on the moon, just because everything is so much greener than even North Country of Philmont."

While the Valle provides beautiful scenery for Philmont participants, the land also presents special challenges. With no roads or trails to guide them, Scouts have to utilize their map and compass skills to navigate across the lush terrain. While these skills do present challenges that can frustrate participants, the staff at Seally Canyon try to make the experience as positive as possible.

"My staff and I sit down with every crew and kind of trip plan with them and talk to them one-on-one, the crews and the advisors, about how they are going to get to where they're going the next day while they are in the Valle," said Hutzler. "First of all, it helps us track them in the current fire danger.

And two, it allows us to interact with the crews and get to know them a little bit better."

Working to make crews' experience in the Valle the best it can be doesn't end at planning the next day's hike. To Hutzler, being hospitable to both participants and staff is important and involves going the extra mile to make everyone feel at home at Seally Canyon.

"We'll have hot coffee for them, we'll have hot water, and if we have a really tired crew, we'll throw them some fresh fruit or some Snack Packs, just to bring their spirits back up," said Hutzler. "Crews do get frustrated because they're aren't trails so they do tend to get a little more lost than other crews on Philmont."

While making each crew's trek a great experience is important to the staff at Seally Canyon, one staff member expressed the group's hope for influencing participants' futures.

"What we really want is for at least one kid to go home and say, 'That's cool. That's what I want to do,' because you've impacted somebody in a positive way," said Estevan Castillo, Program Counselor at Seally Canyon. "You've gotten somebody into that field of choice that could be another person that could be working with you."

Philmont's Whites Peak Incident Command Center

Joe Bruner

Staff Writer

Firefighters from New Mexico and as far as Texas gathered at 6 a.m. Sunday, Jun. 16 for a briefing on the fire south of Philmont.

The briefing was held at Fire Base Camp for the Incident Command Center, just off a dirt road.

Dozens of cars including fire engines holding 300 gallons of water and about 100 workers sat under a looming plume of smoke, indicating that the fire was simply smoldering at the time.

The briefing consisted of a series of announcements made by various officers to alert firefighters of pertinent information.

This included a fire weather report where wind conditions were addressed, as well as possible thunder storms for both the morning and evening.

The weather concern was for the wind that accompanies thunderstorms, regardless of the precipitation.

"The biggest variable for this fire is the wind," Safety Officer John Morlock said.

"Wind is something you become very aware of," according to Public Information Officer Deanna Younger. "I'm always conscious of what the wind is doing. I'm always conscious of what the



Safety officer John Morlock speaks to Philmont Conservation staff about wildfire management on Sunday, June 16 at the Whites Peak fire command post, which is located about eight miles south of Base Camp. Morlock, who has worked for the National Park Service for 32 years, was once a Philmont staffer. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

clouds are doing. It begins to change the way you see the world in your everyday life."

Next, the Air Operations were announced, which was a run down on all available air vehicles for releasing retardant over the fire. The difficulty

with using air resources is the demand for them has grown high with multiple wildfires across the country.

The last of the fire reports came from Morlock, who reported zero injuries to date in the fight against the nearby fire.

After the fire reports, Fire Base

Camp updates were given to direct staff to everyday needs.

Logistics reported where trash needs to go, where water could be picked up, and how to conduct proper cleaning of Base Camp.

The Communication Officer

informed the firefighters how radio communications would work for the duration of the task.

The Medical Officer announced the location of the medical supplies, in the case of an injury.

The Finance Officer reported the need for time reports both for payment purposes and for reporting the cost of the fire fight to date.

The last to come up was the Public Information Officer, who informed workers of the presence, scope and concerns of Philmont.

After the briefing, Morlock spoke with Philmont staff from Conservation and Maintenance about what it means to be a firefighter, both about the work and the community.

"For this fire, we've broken the fighters into two teams, Alpha and Zulu, in order to be more mobile around the fire," said Morlock.

"Now, the general idea with a fire is to get it out, or as we like to say, put the wet stuff on the red stuff," he said. "This is a lot harder than it sounds. There are a lot of risks."

There are three types of firefighters. Each level deals with progressively more difficult fires.

Type 1 fighters combat fires in the

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Excavating Philmont's Home History



The Maxwell-Abreu house, built in the mid-1850s, was lived in by many different people from 1856 to 1990. Inhabitants included the Maxwells, the Abreus and even Philmont staff. Though the interior of the house is currently closed to the public, renovations are planned so the building can be opened up to the public. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Joe Bruner

Staff Writer

It is well known that Philmont has a rich history, but many do not realize the extent of that history or that some structures on Philmont property date back to the 11th century and artifacts to the 4th century.

"We've got architecture that dates back to about 1200 A.D. and corn that pre-dates that to 385 A.D," said Museum Director Dave Werhane.

Some may be familiar with the Jacal House, known also as the "slabhouse" at staff camp Indian Writings. The structure is assumed to have been inhabited around 1150 – 1250 A.D.

The slabhouse was discovered in 1956 by archaeologist Gene Lutes. Within two years, the structure was excavated. The pottery discovered has a similar style to pottery made near Taos and other local

neighborhoods, which indicates the house dates back to the 12th century.

While the Jacal House is one of the oldest structures on the property, it is not the only one with an extensive history. There are several adobe structures on the Ranch, according to Werhane.

"You've got all the buildings in Rayado. They're all adobe. The building at Abreu, but that one is new. Philmont built that one. John Clark's house, Mark Anderson's house and the Merchandise Warehouse are all original adobe buildings," he said.

A notable building that few participants encounter is the Maxwell/Abreu House in Rayado which has been around since the 1850s.

Created approximately in 1851, the house has undergone five eras in its history, shifting through numerous owners along the way.

The first era is called the "Early

Abreu Period," in an extensive report done on the house to identify every change made to the house since its creation.

The house at that point consisted of two main sections: east and west, with a solid wall dividing the two. Both sides had three with a "placita," which means an open meeting area, behind the east end.

The placita was removed for good in the "Late Abreu Period" from 1880 to 1911, in a period where the structural changes reflect much of what is visible today.

A number of external doors and windows were added, along with a wing on each section pointing south. Porches that wrapped around the house were also added at this point. These were the last of the additions for two decades.

The third era is the "Transitional Period," where there were no significant changes. The house traded a number of

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Preserving Seton's Contributions to Scouting

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

The history of the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library began with a man who worked to change America's relationship with nature.

Ernest Thompson Seton was an influential part in the creation of the Boy Scouts of America. Having already created his own program called the Woodcraft Indians, Seton provided many concepts that aided in the creation of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910. Seton was named the first Chief Scout of the program and continued to remain active in Scouting until 1915, when he resigned his position.

During the time Seton was a leader in Scouting, he worked with BadenPowell to print the first official handbook, which sold almost 70,000 copies.

Seton died in 1946, yet his gifts to the Boy Scouts of America continue. An avid wildlife illustrator, Seton left behind a collection of several thousand sketches and a library of 20,000 books on natural history, in addition to other historical items.

These collections were all given to the Boy Scouts of America by Seton's wife, Julia, with the qualification that the collections be properly cared for and displayed. L. O. Crosby donated the funds to build a museum, and the building was officially dedicated on June 25, 1967.

Originally called the Seton Memorial Library and Museum, the first exhibits were exclusively from Seton's many collections. However, by the 1980s the museum was featuring not only items gifted by Seton, but artifacts relating to the history of Philmont and Scouting, as well as many of the Native American artifacts found on the Ranch. The museum was renamed the Philmont Museum to reflect this change, with the library remaining dedicated to Seton.

From the start, the museum and library have allowed participants, staff and other visitors at Philmont to learn about Seton's remarkable accomplishments.

"[Seton] knew the importance of nature in the way that Waite Phillips knew the importance of nature," said Dave Werhane, Director of Philmont

Museums. "And they both saw at different times the value of coming out here and being in this place...can have on you as a developing young person."

The Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library have also helped to bring former staff and participants back to the time of their trek or summer on staff.

"Philmont does something for everyone who comes here... that has been highly memorable and influential to them to the point where sometime in their lifespan they'll come back and visit this place...and this is their ticket," said Werhane about the museums. "We're the place where they can walk in the door, they can tell us their story, and they can look around and kind of reminisce about their time here, but also see how far we've come and what we're doing for the future."

Recent plans have been released for the expansion of the museum and library that feature more space for research and hosting classes and conferences. Werhane hopes that this expansion will allow the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library to serve not only Scouts coming off the trail, but those outside of Scouting as well.

"Philmont does something for everyone who comes here..."

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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 by midnight, July 20, 2013. Please limit all submissions to 1500 words.

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most rugged, difficult spots for ground fighters, which is practiced even in relatively smaller fires such as the present one. Type 2 and 3 fight farther back respectively. Types 1 and 2 are also more likely to get called into more bigger and more complex fires.

Morlock, who was once Philmont staff, also talked about the variety of jobs in the Fire Department.

"You have jobs ranging from Conservation to Maintenance to the dining hall to those out on the trail who host Scouts. There are that many jobs in the Fire Department as well."

"It makes a support system with all the workers critical," he said, "the Fire Department is like a big family."

The support system is more important the bigger the fire is. The size of the current fire "is about middle in complexity," said Morlock.

Dealing with mid-sized fires or larger in New Mexico is challenging because of the scarcity of water in the region. Firefighters have to be very careful with making sure its use is efficient.

"They put water here, and there, and there. It's using it almost surgically," said Morlock.

To draw water, the neighboring town Miami handed over the rights to 10 square acres worth of water from its Lake. The effort has not come close to drawing nearly that much water, according to Morlock.

Another water factor includes considering the relative humidity throughout the day.

"The fire is lowest in the night and early morning when it is cool out, and has the highest relative humidity," he said.

At night, the fire reduced to smoldering coals, rising back to open flames during the day when the heat returns along with the wind. With the subdued nature of the fire, the firefighters are given time to map out a strategy of where and how to combat it, and to set goals for containment.

"Our goal is to have 16 percent of the fire contained by the end of the day today," Younger said for Sunday, Jun. 16.

Meeting goals are only accomplished through the close communication of all the workers whether in Fire Base Camp or at the location of the fire.

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owners at this point, as businesses traded properties for profit. This period lasted from 1911 to 1929.

In 1929, Waite Phillips annexed the whole Ranch. The house was included in the Philmont Ranch he had started to develop in 1922. Phillips added modern day conveniences to make it practical to live in. He installed internal plumbing for the first time. Electrical wiring was also put in, and rooms were changed and re-walled to create more rooms than before.

The final era is "Philmont Scout Ranch," from 1941 to present. Philmont has covered the house walls with cement stucco, a fine-grained and rough cement when dry, as well as constructed three bathrooms and plastered seven rooms.

A report found this era to be least aligned with the house's original intent, and so set the ideal goal for the house to be restored to the Late Abreu Period.

The report was used to collect research about the history of the house, so that a restoration plan could be made. The Late Abreu Period was chosen because it is believed that the design in that era reflects the most historical period for the house, and best captures Philmont's spirit.

Collecting the Rain

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

There is no natural water on top of Midnight Mesa at Black Jack Camp, and the nearby water sources where Scouts can fill up their Nalgens are unreliable at best. This is a problem that has been exasperated by the drought.

However, a new water catchment system located at the trail camp offers a solution to the problem.

The catchment is a simple structure. An inverted roof made with two 30 by 30 pieces of roofing, it collects rainwater and stores it in a large tank, where it can then be used by participants. Extra water is diverted into a different storage basin for livestock use.

"We're obviously in extreme drought conditions so any potential to harvest rainwater for domestic, agricultural or wildlife use should be taken advantage of,"

said Compliance Manager Dave Kenneke.

The catchments at Philmont will store about 1,000 gallons of water for every inch of rainfall.

Water catchments systems are an increasingly popular solution to water shortages.

The private contractor who installed the catchment at Black Jack will be installing catchments at several other local ranches, including the UU Bar, according to Kenneke.

"It's a trend, we're going to see," said Kenneke.

"People are looking for better ways to manage resources."

For the livestock in Backcountry, the water catchments are one of few sources of water. With many streams dried up, the horses, cattle, bison and burros are limited in where they can forage for food. Even

if there is plenty of grass, if there isn't a water source, they can't stay there.

"If there is no water, they can't use the feed," said Kenneke. "The animals have to hang out by the water, and they will just hammer the available feed in that area."






In addition to livestock use, the water catchments can be used by participants who need to fill up. However, before Scouts drink the water, they need to purify it.

There are three other water catchments at Philmont: one at House Canyon, one at Horse Canyon and one at Urraca Mesa. They were built in the 1980s to alleviate dry conditions, according to Kenneke.

In the fall, Ranch Superintendent Bob Ricklefs plans to build another water catchment at Deer Lake Mesa.

"We put them in areas that need livestock water but have no wells," according to Ricklefs. He noted that the water catchments are considerably cheaper to construct than wells.

"Water catchment systems are an increasingly popular solution to water shortages."



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Backcountry Apple Pie

Ingredients

- 5 Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced
- ½ c. firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ c. sugar
- 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 1 pie crust
- 6 tbsp. butter
- 1 c. graham cracker crumbs



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. In large bowl, stir together the apples, brown sugar, sugar, flour, salt, cinnamon and lemon juice. Set aside.
3. With a rolling pin, roll out the pie crust in a large circle. Be sure to roll the dough from the center outward. Place the dough into a pie plate.
4. Place the apple mixture on crust. Cut 2 tbsp. of butter into smaller pieces and distribute throughout the pie.
5. Melt the remaining 4 tbsp. of butter. Pour over graham crack crumbs and mix until crumbs are slightly moistened. Sprinkle crumbs over the top of the pie.
6. Bake until the filling is golden and bubbly, 30 to 40 minutes. If the graham cracker crumbs appear to brown too quickly, cover the top with aluminum foil for the remaining baking time.
7. Allow pie to cool. Drizzle with caramel sauce before serving.

Reviews for Backcountry Apple Pie

If you're looking for an apple pie that tastes good an isn't too sweet, this is it! The crumble on trop of the apples is delicious and surprisingly aesthetically pleasing. Delicious! — Katie Heiss, Ranger

This pie put a smile on my face after a long day. The only way to make it better is to add vanilla ice cream. — Tom Greene, Ranger

Perfect Baked Pie Crust

Ingredients

- 1 c. all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1/3 c. plus 1 tbsp. shortening
- 2-3 tbsp. cold water

Directions

1. Heat oven to 475°F.
2. Mix flour and salt in medium bowl.
3. Cut in shortening, using pastry blender (or pulling 2 table knives through ingredients in opposite directions), until particles are size of small peas.
4. Sprinkle with cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, tossing with fork until all flour is moistened and pastry almost leaves side of bowl (1 to 2 teaspoons more water can be added if necessary).
5. Gather pastry into a ball. Shape into flattened round on lightly floured surface.
6. Wrap flattened round of pastry in plastic wrap and refrigerate about 45 minutes or until dough is firm and cold, yet pliable.

Easy Caramel Sauce

Ingredients

- 1 packed c. brown sugar
- ½ c. 2% milk
- 4 tbsp. butter
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tbsp. vanilla extract

Directions

1. Mix the brown sugar, milk, butter and salt in a saucepan over medium-low heat.
2. Cook while whisking gently for 5 to 7 minutes, until it gets thicker.
3. Add the vanilla and cook another minute to thicken further. Turn off the heat, cool slightly and pour the sauce into a jar.
4. Serve hot or refrigerate until cold.

Arts & Entertainment

NY Congressman Says Bravo Promotes Bigotry

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- A suburban New York congressman who represents the area where Bravo films its series "Princesses: Long Island" says the show is "the most objectionable thing I've ever seen on television" and promotes stereotyping of Jews.

The network should show a disclaimer before every episode to say there's nothing real about the nonfiction show, said Rep. Steve Israel, a New York Democrat.

Bravo said Friday the new series has averaged just over 1 million viewers over three airings on Sunday nights, which is considered a very successful start. "Princesses: Long Island" is reminiscent of MTV's "Jersey Shore" in focusing on a small subculture, in this case six young, unmarried women who are generally of comfortable means with plenty of idle time.

'Monsters' Beats Zombies, Superman at Box Office

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Turns out zombies and Superman are no match for monsters.

Disney's "Monsters University" is the weekend box-office winner, according to studio estimates released Sunday. The animated family film, which reunites the cast and characters from the 2001 hit "Monsters, Inc.," debuted in first place with \$82 million. It beat out Paramount's Brad Pitt zombie romp "World War Z," which opened in second place with \$66 million.

Warner Bros. "Man of Steel" was in third place, adding another \$41.2 million to its coffers and bringing its domestic ticket sales over \$210 million in just the second week of release.

The Sony apocalyptic comedy "This Is the End" finished fourth. The magic-heist thriller "Now You See Me" held onto fifth place in its fourth week of release.

'Family Ties' Creator Gary David Goldberg Dies

By Frazier Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Gary David Goldberg, who created the 1980s sitcom hit "Family Ties" and expanded into feature films, has died.

Goldberg died of brain cancer in Montecito, Calif., on Saturday, days before his 69th birthday, The New York Times reported.

Goldberg's TV successes also included the ABC comedy "Spin City," which in 1996 reunited him with "Family Ties" breakout star Michael J. Fox as the deputy mayor of New York City.

"With a full heart I say goodbye to my mentor, benefactor, partner, second father and beloved friend," Fox said in a statement on Monday. "He touched so many with his enormous talent and generous spirit. He changed my life profoundly."

'Under the Dome' Helps Break the Summer Rerun Spell

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- There's no summer break anymore for broadcast networks, with overachieving cable competitors regularly airing new series instead of succumbing to rerun laziness.

That's why NBC has "America's Got Talent," Fox is airing "So You Think You Can Dance" and ABC scheduled the flirty "Mistresses." Over at CBS, star students have teamed up for the ambitious "Under the Dome."

The 13-episode drama series debuting Monday is based on the best-selling Stephen King book and includes heavyweights Steven Spielberg, Neal Baer ("ER," "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"), Jack Bender ("Lost") and comic-book and TV scribe Brian K. Vaughan as executive producers.

Food Network Won't Renew Paula Deen's Contract

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) -- The Food Network said Friday it's dumping Paula Deen, barely an hour after the celebrity cook posted the first of two videotaped apologies online begging forgiveness from fans and critics troubled by her admission to having used racial slurs in the past.

The 66-year-old Savannah kitchen celebrity has been swamped in controversy since court documents filed this week revealed Deen told an attorney questioning her under oath last month that she has used the N-word.

The Food Network, which made Deen a star with "Paula's Home Cooking" in 2002 and later "Paula's Home Cooking" in 2008, weighed in with a terse statement Friday afternoon.

"Food Network will not renew Paula Deen's contract when it expires at the end of this month," the statement said. Network representatives declined further comment. A representative for Deen did not immediately return phone and email messages seeking comment on the decision.

Louisiana Man, 36, Accused of Killing Teen Rapper

Associated Press

WINNFIELD, La. (AP) -- Police in north Louisiana say a 36-year-old man is accused of killing the 18-year-old rapper known as Lil Snupe in an argument that broke out during a video game at a friend's apartment.

A news release says Winnfield police got a warrant Friday to arrest Tony Holden of Winnfield in the death of the rapper, whose actual name is Addarren Ross of Jonesboro.

Ross died Thursday morning at an apartment in Winnfield. He had been shot twice in the chest.

Ross had recently signed a recording deal with the Meek Mill's Dream Chasers label.

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World News

Wanted US Leaker Snowden Believed to be in Moscow

By Lynn Berry and Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) -- A former National Security Agency contractor wanted by the United States for revealing highly classified surveillance programs was believed to have landed in Russia on Sunday - possibly as a stopover before traveling elsewhere - after being allowed to leave Hong Kong.

Edward Snowden was on an Aeroflot flight from Hong Kong that arrived in Moscow on Sunday afternoon and was booked on a flight to fly to Cuba on Monday, the Russian news agencies ITAR-Tass and Interfax reported, citing unnamed airline officials. The reports said he intended to travel from Cuba to Caracas, Venezuela.

Snowden did not leave Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport with the other passengers. Interfax reported that he was spending the night in the transit zone of the airport because he did not have a visa to enter Russia and had rented a room in a capsule hotel.

Rivers Receding in Calgary, 3 Dead in Flood

By Associated Press

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) -- As water levels dropped in the western Canadian city of Calgary, residents returned to muddy, waterlogged homes on Sunday to assess the damage from flooding that has devastated much of Alberta, causing at least three deaths and forcing thousands to evacuate. People in the eastern part of the province headed for higher ground as the flood threat remained.

In Medicine Hat, Alberta, thousands of people have left their homes as water levels rose on the South Saskatchewan River. The river isn't expected to peak until Monday morning.

Some of the 75,000 flood evacuees from more than 24 neighborhoods were returning to properties spared by the flooding, but many are facing extensive repairs to homes and businesses.

Militants Kill 9 Foreign Tourists, 1 Pakistani

By Zarar Khan and Sebastian Abbot
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) -- At least a dozen Islamic militants wearing police uniforms shot to death nine foreign tourists and one Pakistani before dawn Sunday as they were visiting one of the world's highest mountains in a remote area of northern Pakistan that has been largely peaceful, officials said.

The foreigners who were killed included five Ukrainians, three Chinese and one Russian, said Pakistani Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan. One Chinese tourist was wounded in the attack and was rescued, he said.

The local branch of the Taliban took responsibility for the killings, saying it was to avenge the death of a leader killed in a recent U.S. drone strike.

The shooting was one of the worst attacks on foreigners in Pakistan in recent years and is likely to damage the country's already struggling tourism industry. Pakistan's mountainous north - considered until now relatively safe - is one of the main attractions in a country beset with insurgency and other political instability.

Afghanistan Seeks Explanation for Taliban Office

By David Rising and Rahim Faiez
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) -- Afghanistan's government reaffirmed support Sunday for possible talks with its Taliban foes, but demanded full explanations on how the group was allowed to raise its flag in Qatar and display other symbols that have stalled the U.S.-led effort.

The ongoing dispute over the Taliban compound in Doha - which the Afghan government said appeared as something akin to an embassy in exile instead of just a political outpost when it opened - underscore the extreme difficulties in just trying to launch dialogue after nearly 12 years of war in Afghanistan.

U.S. News

Crews Work to Save Colo. Town as Wildfire Grows

By Jeri Clausing
Associated Press

DEL NORTE, Colo. (AP) -- Authorities say a colossal wildfire near a popular summer retreat in southern Colorado continues to be driven by winds and fueled by dead trees in a drought-stricken area.

The conditions have prevented fire crews from making containment lines around the blaze, which grew overnight to 108 square miles, up from 100 on Saturday.

No structures have been lost in the fire, and no injuries have been reported.

Officials say the fire burning near South Fork is the largest the region has seen. They say it is doubtful fire crews could establish any containment lines until there's a break in the weather, possibly Tuesday.

The blaze's rapid advance Friday prompted the evacuation of hundreds of visitors and the town's 400 permanent residents.

Detroit Bankruptcy Endangers City's Cultural Gems

By Corey Williams
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) -- When Johnathan Shearrod gazes at Van Gogh's "Self Portrait," Bruegel the Elder's "Wedding Dance" or any of the other treasures at the Detroit Institute of Arts, he can't help but fear for their future.

If Detroit falls into bankruptcy, those masterpieces and other prized artworks could go on the auction block to help satisfy the city's staggering debts. Though the auctions would also strip the city of its cultural riches, including paintings by Rivera, Renoir and Matisse, and maybe even zoo animals and historic automobiles.

"The art here is just as important as any of the structures connected to the auto industry," said Shearrod, a grant manager for a local nonprofit, during a recent visit to the museum. "The DIA is the spirit of Detroit."

Promise of Price Cut on Hospital Bills is in Limbo

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Huge list prices charged by hospitals are drawing increased attention, but a federal law meant to limit what the most financially vulnerable patients can be billed doesn't seem to be making much difference.

A provision in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul says most hospitals must charge uninsured patients no more than what people with health insurance are billed.

The goal is to protect patients from medical bankruptcy, a problem that will not go away next year when Obama's law expands coverage for millions.

Because the Affordable Care Act doesn't cover everyone, many people will remain uninsured. Also, some who could sign up are expected to procrastinate even though the law requires virtually everyone to have health insurance.

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Sports

Police Again Search the Home of Patriots' Hernandez

Associated Press

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) -- State police officers and dogs searched the home of New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez again Saturday as they continue to investigate the killing of a semi-pro football player whose body was found about a mile away.

The search of Hernandez's sprawling home and vehicle in

North Attleboro began in the afternoon and lasted for more than three hours. Locksmiths and several officers were involved, including one with a crowbar.

Detectives and uniformed officers who searched the home, its backyard and playhouse did not comment to reporters on what they were looking for or what caused them to return to the house located not far from where the Patriots practice and about a mile from where a jogger found the body of Odin Lloyd on Monday.

Hawks Beating Bruins at Their own Game

By Jim Litke
AP Sports Columnits

After a decisive 3-1 win by the Blackhawks on Saturday night in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Finals, the Bruins apparently couldn't get out of town fast enough. Whether they'll make it back to Chicago for Game 7 rests on the slim hope that they'll be able to generate more offense than they managed in the third period, or the rest of the series for that matter.

"We had some momentum there," Boston goaltender Tukka Rask said afterward. "We just ran out of time."

More troubling, though, the Bruins are down 3-2 and fast running out of options.

Coach Claude Julien's plans to slow the high-flying Blackhawks and win another slugfest, the way the Bruins hemmed in and outhit the similarly offensive-minded Penguins, is in need of serious adjustment. It has been since the Blackhawks rolled out to a 3-1 lead in Game 4 three nights ago, forcing the Bruins to chase the game and leave more and more space open behind them to the opportunistic Chicago attackers.

Wade Needed Knee Drained to Play Game 7 of Finals

By Tim Reynolds
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) -- Dwyane Wade's knee problems were more troublesome during the playoffs than he ever acknowledged.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Wade revealed Saturday that his right knee pained him so much that he contemplated asking to play limited minutes in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals, and that his left knee was drained and required about eight hours of game-day therapy just so he could play in Game 7 of the NBA Finals.

"I went through a lot," said Wade, who's now a three-time NBA champion. "But I'm at peace now."



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Detroit	41	32	-
Cleveland	38	35	3
Kansas City	34	38	6.5
Minnesota	33	38	7
Chicago Sox	31	41	9.5
AL West			
Texas	43	32	-
Oakland	44	33	-
LA Angels	33	42	10
Seattle	33	43	10.5
Houston	29	47	14.5

National League

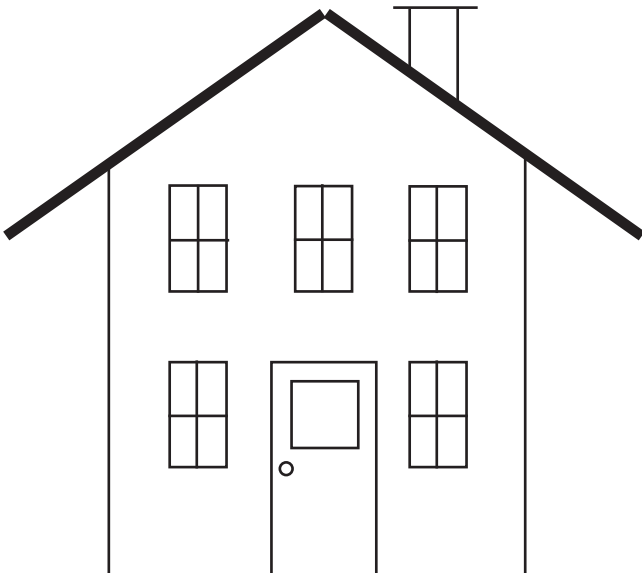
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Miami	24	47	20.5
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St. Louis	47	28	-
Pittsburgh	45	30	2
Cincinnati	44	32	3.5
Milwaukee	31	42	15
Chicago Cubs	30	43	16
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Ken Nyhus, a staff member of Whiteman Vega, leads crew 613-H3 through the mountain bike course. Trail Crew Treks and Conservation Work Crews are currently re-routing and adding new sections to the bike trail. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



OATC participants build trails on Wednesday, June 12 in Flume Canyon. OATC is a two-week trek in which participants spend one week building and restoring trails and the second week hiking. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



News and Photo Services videography team interviews Program Counselor Griffin Davis at French Henry on Saturday, June 22. Also accompanying the videographers were the marketing team and PhilNews staff. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Tom Bright, a member of the American Chuck Wagon Association, cooks up biscuits on Friday, June 21 at Rayado. The biscuits were cooked in traditional Dutch ovens. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Nancy Burch (center) of Roadrunner Tours in Angel Fire gives free carriage rides to children on Saturday, June 22 downtown at Cimarron Days. Jock and Ace, Burch's two Belgian draft horses, pull the carriage. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER