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Philmont Hosts GPS Unit in Tooth Ridge

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

The Tooth of Time is more than a famous landmark for Philmont and the Santa Fe Trail.

Tooth Ridge also hosts one of the University Navstar Consortium's (UNAVCO) many Global Positioning System (GPS) sites throughout the Southwest. UNAVCO is a non-profit geoscientific research organization that maintains many of these sites that continuously collects data about its position.

"The station monitors

movement along the Rio Grande Rift and its part of a larger system of GPS stations that run apparently from like northern Colorado all the way down to the Mexican border," said John Celley, Conservation Field Manager.

The station was installed in 2006 after Philmont was approached by UNAVCO because of the Tooth's prime location along the Rio Grande Rift. Since that time, the information produced by the site has contributed to not only Philmont's records but also national research.

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Former Philmont Staff Member Carves Native American Flutes

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Artist Russ Wolf and his wife Carol Wolf visited Philmont from Saturday July 20 through Saturday June 27 as part of the Philmont Museum's artist in residency program.

Russ, a wood worker from Lewisville, Texas served on seasonal staff for eight summers from 1978 through 1987. His artwork is featured in the Philmont Museum's gallery in the "Gift of Inspiration" exhibit.

Russ began building Native American flutes in 1993 after a seeing a flute on a trip to Mesa Verde.

"It was one of the first times in my life I thought maybe I had enough money to buy a souvenir or something and take that home with me," Russ said. "I saw this flute in the display case, and I thought, 'Wow that would be great. That looks cool. I'd like to have that.' Then they told me how much it cost. I was like, 'No way.' I thought I could probably make that. I was a wood shop teacher at the time ... That got me started researching Native American flutes and how to build them."

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OATC Provides Unique Opportunity

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Order of the Arrow (OA) Trail Crew is a Philmont special trek program that works to provide cheerful service to the Ranch by building trail throughout the summer. This summer the participants worked on a trail from Flume Canyon to Bent Camp.

"It goes up to Wilson Mesa and connects with the road that will either take you over to the lake and down, kind of into Pueblano, and the other side of the road takes you right into Bent Camp," OA Trail Crew

Coordinator Jay Minton said. "Our crews have been staying up at Flume Canyon all summer, working there and working on the trail.

During the summer, OA Trail Crew ran nine sessions with a total of 150 participants. The first session hit the trail on June 8, and the last one will leave for the Backcountry on August 3. All of the August and June sessions were full for this summer.

The OATC is structured very similarly to Trail Crew Trek. There is one full work week and then one full trek week.

"We will do 20 people who work at the worksite for the first week, and then whenever they go off for their trek week they split into two crews of 10 with two foremen for each crew," Minton said.

The foremen play an essential role on the trail crew trek.

"You are acting as a Ranger," Foreman Nathan Coney said. "You are acting as a mentor as a conservationist, and then as you go into the trek week you are acting more as an advisor."

Many of the current foremen, such as Coney, were

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Participants from 713-OA-01 and 2 carry up a boulder to the trail on Thursday, July 18 at Flume Canyon. The OA Trail Crew constructed a rock wall to support a trail that is between ten and twelve feet. CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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August 9-August 16

Friday, 9	Saturday, 10	Sunday, 11	Monday, 12	Wednesday, 14	Thursday, 15	Friday, 16
8 p.m. Smore's Night and horseshoe tossing @ Baldy Pavilion	11 a.m.-1 p.m. Last Brat Day of the season @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Ice Cream Float Night @ SSSAC	8 p.m. Dodgeball gam @ Baldy Pavilion	7 p.m. Yoga @ PTC Small Fry 8 p.m. Ernest Thompson Seton's birthday; "Lobo" movie showing @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Philmont Open Mic Night @ Staff Dining Hall	8 p.m. Smore's Night and horseshoe tossing @ Baldy Pavilion

Weather

 Friday, August 9 Scattered T-Storms High: 76 Low: 53	 Saturday, August 10 Mostly Sunny High: 83 Low: 54	 Sunday, August 11 Mostly Sunny High: 80 Low: 54	 Monday, August 12 Partly Cloudy High: Low:
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End of Summer Staff Check-Out Process

Jo Duran

Seasonal Personnel Secretary

As the end of the season is drawing near, do you have the email addresses, cell phone numbers, and Facebook friend requests of all the terrific new friends you now have? In September we will compile the final 2013 Staff Roster and email it to all staff members.

As you are preparing for life away from Philmont, remember that every staff member must check out

at the Seasonal Personnel desk. You may start your check-out process after 1 pm on the afternoon of your last working day. The check-out process is not as long as the check-in. It is a little bit of a scavenger hunt as you walk around basecamp, but it is an opportunity to say good-bye to your fellow staffers. Please pick up your paychecks/stubs. Verify that the address on your check is the correct mailing address for your final check and your W-2 earning statement at the end of the year. In

most cases your final paycheck will be mailed to your address of record.

If you need transportation to Raton, please come to CHQ and pay the \$10.00 staff shuttle fee. You will then register with Logistics for the bus ride to Raton. If you are taking a shuttle to Albuquerque, Colorado Springs or Denver, make sure you have made your reservation and paid the appropriate fees as soon as possible. Shuttle reservation forms are available at the Seasonal Personnel desk.

Last but not least, make sure you pick up a staff application for 2014. As returning staff you are not required to have the reference form completed or a letter of recommendation. Hiring managers will use your mid-season and final evaluations and recommendations for the 2014 hiring process. It has been a pleasure to see so many of you back this summer and to meet so many new staff members. I hope that I'll see you all again.

Happy Trails.



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Mark's Minute: Last(ing) Impressions

Mark Anderson
Director of Program, Unit 2

Every day of the summer, many last(ing) impressions are made. We greet someone and say good bye. We help someone at our work site and they leave heading to the next stop along their Philmont Journey to have yet another last(ing) impression. We see something and continue on or someone sees something and continues. Over and over this takes place in lots of different ways to each of us and to each participant and visitor to Philmont.

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

As I read evaluations, receive messages and letters, and talk with participants, visitors and staff I know that every one of us have had “most intense moments” during our Seventy-fifth Anniversary 2013 Philmont Adventure.

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

Many of my “most intense moments” have involved you, the 2013 Philmont Staff. Through the emergencies of the summer (including fire, drought and floods), the day to day delivery of a world class program, being in service to your peers and your internal and external customers and enjoying time with new friends, you have demonstrated the concepts that we talked about at the first of the summer as we examined the “brand” of Philmont (the pile of rocks, the unique history of the land, Waite and Genevieve Phillips, the lasting journey of each participant and the passion displayed by each staff member.)

Now we come to the last(ing)

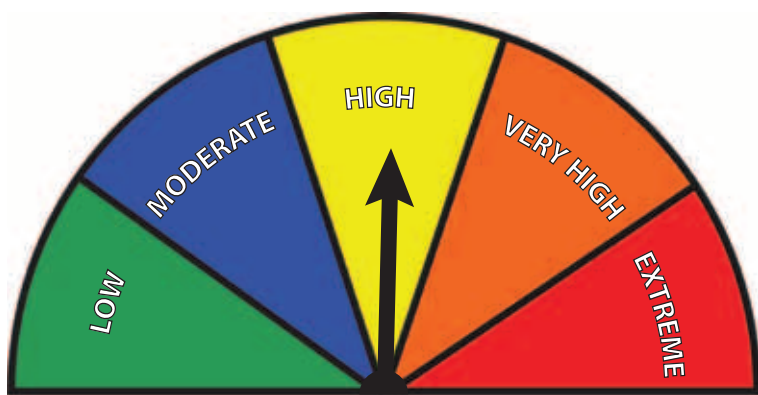
impressions. What will they be? We certainly don't want anything to go wrong as everyone experiences the exit door of their 2013 Philmont Adventure or for that fact a normal conclusion of an encounter with us during these final days. Consider those last impressions: tear them apart, tiny step by tiny step by tiny step. They must be memorable, compelling, emotional, “aggressively right” and above all “obsess on the endings!”

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

Thank you for a great summer! I am proud of the job each of you has done throughout the summer. You've heard me say this quote from Theodore Roosevelt several times this summer, “Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

Make and enjoy “lasting impressions” as your 2013 adventure here at Philmont comes to an end. I look forward to 2014 when we gather again for “the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

Fire Level Warning



Water Conservation Tip #10

Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.

Attention all staff! Philmont has experienced a below average snow and rainfall over the past 60 months. We are currently at a level three fire risk level.

As a result, staff and participants are prohibited from doing the following:

- Setting off fireworks
- Smoking except for in designated areas
- Starting open fires

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

How to Ship Your Belongings Home

Linda Anderson
Mail Room Manager

Days are getting shorter, crowds are thinning and sunflowers are beginning to bloom; sure signs that the 2013 Summer Season is beginning to wind to a close. Most of you are turning your thoughts toward home, school or jobs in the outside world. Unless you arrived at Philmont by car, you may also be thinking about how you are going to get your gear home. Here are some basic guidelines to keep in mind for shipping your stuff:

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

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

- Weight limit is 70 lbs.
- Items which are shipped UPS and are not ‘stackable’, such as backpacks and duffle bags, require an additional \$8.50 for special handling... so it is advisable to put these items in a box. We and the ToTT are collecting large boxes for this purpose. Stackable items such as footlockers, storage tubs and trunks do not require the special handling charge.
- Shippers do not like duct tape because of its stickiness, and may refuse to pick up packages sealed with it. We have plenty of clear plastic packing tape which is free for you to use.
- All matches, lighters, compressed gas canisters, bear spray and other hazardous materials (if in doubt,

ask us) must be removed. White gas fuel bottles must be washed out with hot, soapy water and air dried for at least 12 hours. Stoves with permanently attached tanks must be purged/burned until they sputter and go out, then aired with the cap off of the tank for as long as possible.

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

- We now accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover for payment, in addition to cash or check.

Shipping is possible at the Summer Mail Room through noon on Monday, August 26. Shipping after that date may be done through the Tooth of Time Traders or Administration. Remember: NO DUCT TAPE! Please travel safely and come back next year!!

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past participants.

"We've had a lot of continuity over the years with our participants and foreman with participants coming back on staff," Associate Director of Conservation for the Conservationists Tim Riedl said. "I think that really strengthens the program, especially those foremen that come back year after year, and they have ideas about how they did program elements in years past and they bring that with them."

OATC stands out because it is the only special trek lead by foreman. Additionally each night during the work week, the crews eat bulk food.

"The guys are out there working really hard," Minton said. "We like to give them a good hardy meal at the end of the day so that they can rejuvenate themselves and have the energy to get up there tomorrow and put in some good work. Also during the work week, the crews sit down together, and they are able to kind of plan out what they want to do for their trek week. They get together and say where they want to go and get to kind of plan an itinerary that previously didn't exist."

OATC is the only special trek on which participants plan out their itinerary while in the Backcountry. It costs \$250, making it the cheapest backpacking experience on the Ranch.

"You are able to provide one week of cheerful service to the Ranch," Minton said. "It is one of the only ways to leave your



An OA Trail Crew Foreman and Ryan McGunn, a participant from 7130A1, work together to dig out the hillside for the trail on Thursday, July 18 at Flume Canyon. After working on trail, the OA Crews hike on a personal made itinerary through Philmont. CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

mark on the Ranch. We practice Leave No Trace so much out here that we take pride in being able to go somewhere and not leave any mark that we were there, but with OA Trail Crew, you can have an impact on the Ranch. So many years down the line whenever we finish a trail. You can buy a Philmont map and participants are able to look at a dotted line that wasn't there before and point at it and say, 'I put that there,' which is really cool."

Service is something greatly emphasized on the OATC Treks, and service helps them to see the Ranch in a different way.

"Our boys tend to do service at the Backcountry camps," Coney said. "Our boys, through their service, see just how thankful the staffs are, but also how easy it would be to come out here and be a staffer. This isn't just a fantasy. This could totally be a reality for their lives

... We are only creating this catalyst for these young men to come out here and have an even better wilderness adventure in their future."

Coney has been a foreman for three years and a handful of his previously crew participants are working on staff.

Minton, who was a foreman in 2011 and 2012, found the opportunity to spend two weeks with a single crew to be extremely rewarding.

"By the end of those two weeks you get to see the change that happens in them," Minton said. "As a Ranger you only get to spend the three days with the crew, and maybe if you are lucky you will be able to see them when they get off the trail, but as a foreman you get to see them grow and the way that Philmont impacts them. You are able to kind of send them home a completely different person than whenever they showed up."

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

- Your Last Working Day is specified on your Terms of Seasonal Employment. It is the last day you are working in your job. With your manager's approval, you begin your check out process at CHQ after 1 pm on your last working day, and leave Philmont late in the afternoon upon completion of your work assignment, or check out and leave the next morning.

- You must secure a Staff Check Out Procedure card from the CHQ Personnel office. It will direct you to necessary places to complete all responsibilities of forwarding addresses, returning checked out items, turning in keys, etc. Check-out cards are not available until after 1 pm on your Last Working Day.

- Make sure your living area is clean, that all items have been removed from it, and that it is ready for occupancy by the next person. Please remove all personal items from the area. You will not be allowed to complete your checkout until your living area is clean and empty of your personal belongings, even if you have a roommate still there. Also, make sure no trash/food/smellable items are left, as we are particularly concerned about attracting bears and other wildlife this year.

Late Employment Staff

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

We will be taking Friday, August 23 as a day off, with the exception of our Dining Hall staff who will continue on their regular time-off schedule. All staff will meet at the PTC Staff Dining Hall at 8 AM on Saturday, August 24 following breakfast to receive their assignments. On Saturday, August 24 you will be asked to provide Philmont with any departure needs. If you will need a shuttle to the airport or train station, this is the time to let Philmont know your needs so we can schedule accordingly.

Additional dates to be aware of:

- If you are in tent city housing, you will need to relocate to the Health Lodge Tent City between 8/21 and 8/24,



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PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER**

completing your relocation no later than 8/24 (Staff City tents will be taken down).

- If you are in roofed housing you may have to move to other units to facilitate the cleaning schedule. Specific information will be provided to those affected.

- The last meal served in the Camping Staff Dining Hall is lunch on Thursday, August 22.

- Beginning with dinner on Thursday, August 22, all meals will be served in the PTC Dining Hall.

Dining Hall and Commissary Operations

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

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

Other changes include:

The last day for Commissary or Wall draws is Thursday, August 22.

The last meals provided for full-time staff are on Thursday, August 22.

Meal times are changing starting Friday, August 23

- Breakfast is from 7 to 8 a.m.
- Lunch is from noon to 1 p.m.
- Dinner is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Information on New Year's Eve gathering

Every year, the Philmont Staff Association hosts a Philmont New Year's Eve party. Housing, meals and backcountry tours are part of the multi-day event. More information will be available this fall, but don't forget that coming to Philmont for New Year's Eve is an opportunity available to you!



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A Tour of Philmont's Past PTC Services

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Each day an average of 200 to 250 people pass through the Villa Philmonte.

Originally built in 1926 as Waite Phillips' summer home, the building now serves as museum that welcomes Philmont visitors into the history and story of the both the Boy Scouts of America and the Phillips family.

"When it was originally built, it was more of a house and a home," Villa Assistant Curator Amanda Allred said. "Today, we are here to give the history of Philmont and the story of the Phillips and their generosity."

Tours begin at the Villa at 8 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. There is a tour at every half hour and hour throughout the day except at 11 a.m., 11:30 and noon. Most days there are 16 tours. Tours are free, but donations are accepted.

In 2012, 19,103 people visited the Villa.



Villa Curator Nancy Klein demonstrates the player piano for the Sideblazers on Monday, July 1 at the Villa Philmonte. The Villa is home to many of Wait Phillips treasures. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

"Last year was our highest year," Allred said. "This year we have been close to last year. It is hard to tell yet if we will beat it."

To the many people that come to visit the Villa, several features of the home stand out as main attractions. These include: the shower with seven shower heads, Waite's trophy room, the Ford Model Ts and Model N and the piano.

The piano is valued at a round \$250,000. Tour guides typically let a visitor on each tour play the piano.

"I love seeing everyone's musically talent when they come through here, and when I show them it is a player piano, all of them think it is so cool," Villa Tour Guide Erin McCallon said. "I say that it is a ghost playing

it, so that's pretty fun."

The Villa was built at the same time as the Philbrook, the Phillips's home in Tulsa, Okla. Both were completed in a year, and both were designed by the architect Edward Delk. The Villa Philmont is 28,000 square feet while their home in Tulsa is 32,000 square feet. The gardens surrounding the Villa take up 12 to 20 acres and take two gardeners to maintain.

At the time it was built, the Villa with all of its furnishing was worth half a million dollars.

"We've tried to affix a [contemporary] number to it, but those who have guided us in that way just come back time and time again to say, 'We can't do that it is priceless,'" Villa Curator Nancy Klein said.

The Villa was given to the Boy Scouts as part of Waite Phillips's second gift in 1941.

"He gave the land and the house to the Scouts when he was only in his 50s," Allred said. "He was still pretty young when he gave it to them. He could have had a lot more use of it out here, but he wanted to give it to the youth and have them have that experience of getting out here."

The Villa was used as a Training Center by the Boy Scouts of America until it was restored into a museum in the 1970s. Today, restoration is an ongoing process. In 2003, the electrical and heating systems were restored.

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Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

PTC Services works to create an excellent experience for PTC visitors by cleaning, setting up for events and providing various other services to guests at the Training Center. The PTC Services department also holds responsibility for managing the tent cities.

"Our basic morning is to get up, pick up trash out of the classrooms, out of the bear boxes, and then start cleaning the shower houses," PTC Services Manager Johnny Ulibarri said.

Each tent city has 36 shower rooms that are cleaned each morning. PTC Services sets up the chairs and other equipment for the big opening and closing meetings.

"For the most part we keep the bathrooms clean," South Tent City Manager Gabe Abeyta said. "A lot of my coworkers do stuff for AV for the opening and closing programs. We all do ... the bathrooms and keeping things clean and pretty. We do anything and everything that they ask us to do, and we are pretty happy about doing it."

PTC Services does a large amount of work behind the scenes. If a faculty member needs something for a classroom, Services will figure out how to set that up for them. Their primary job is preparing the Training Center for the participants that will be using it each week.

"In the evenings, two nights a week we have cobblers in at least one of the tent cities," Ulibarri said. "Our staff along with some of the other PTC staff makes cobblers in the evening for the participants, Mondays and Thursdays."

On different nights of the week, PTC Services fills different roles. They set up for movie nights, Western nights, faculty receptions in the Seton and graduations.

"On Fridays the faculty, for every week, has a dinner cooked for them at our pavilion," Ulibarri said. "My group does the cooking for that and gets the picnic tables and other chairs that have to be set up ... It is a varied job. It isn't just janitorial work."

Besides event set up and janitorial work, the PTC Service department will help with whatever ever other odd and end jobs need to be done.

"It's been great," Abeyta said. "It's been fun actually. It's a multifaceted job with a lot of changes, but it is fun to say the least. The people are great. The staff is fun. We meet all these individuals from different states. They have a lot of different experiences than what I am used to."

Abeyta said he thoroughly enjoyed working in Services during both LDS weeks.

"It was quite busy," Abeyta said. "It was fun. I'd rather be busy than not busy for sure, and sometimes being too busy is a good thing. It lets you know what you are cable of."

Ulibarri said it can be a very fun and rewarding job.

"You meet a lot of people from all over," Ulibarri said. "Most of them are very polite, and I hope we are too ... What I've tried to explain to some people that say that this is not fun work is that I don't care what job you take in the world, any job you have, you are providing a service. We all provide service, no matter what job we have."



A tour is underway on Monday, July 1 at the Villa Philmonte. Tours at the Villa happen year-round and are open to both participants and the general public. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



PTC group leader Jake Halter assists group leader Sibil Cox with dishing out "Monkeybread" for the Mustangs on Friday, August 2 in East Tent City. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Keeping up the Maintenance of the Training Center

Mary-Kate Smith

Staff Writer

Training Center Facility Manager Jeff Ogata has worked full time in the PTC Maintenance for 10 years now.

"I oversee the maintenance for the Training Center and Rayado," Ogata said.

Over the years Ogata has worked with staff to repair and

maintain the grounds, buildings and other needs of the Philmont Training Center.

The PTC Maintenance department has three full time staff members and between one to four seasonal employees, depending on the needs of year and the needs of the Ranch.

The PTC Maintenance department differs from the CHQ

Maintenance department in both the type of people they serve and services they provide.

"We deal more with families and young children," Ogata said. "They have a different expectation than 14 year-old-boys."

According to Ogata, CHQ requires more camp type maintenance which differentiates it from PTC.

"Here we have a lot of duplexes," he said. "A good function of what we do is more hotel oriented. Like our bathrooms, they are all individual versus gang bathrooms."

In addition to the standard maintenance jobs, the PTC Maintenance department will also do odd and end jobs to fix whatever is broken or needs replacement.

"It can be anything from plumbing to construction to cleaning to working on kitchen equipment," Ogata said. "We all have that little phrase in our contracts that says, 'And duties otherwise not specified.' It covers quite a bit of things that we do here."

The department will do anything from snaking a sewer to rebuilding a roof. They take care of PTC from top to bottom, year round.

PTC Maintenance also takes care of the welding and machining for the entire maintenance department. Ogata explained that people may not realize the extent of what PTC Maintenance can do in terms of welding and machining. They fix anything that is broken, and they have light duty machining capabilities. If something is needed, they will build it.

"One time, there were some very old locks in the Villa," Ogata said. "We couldn't get parts for them, so we made the parts."

Ogata's favorite memory from working in PTC maintenance was when they had to remove the marble fountain at the Villa for refurbishing.

"We had to build a special device to grab it so we wouldn't break it," Ogata said. "It required a lot of machining to building

it so it would grab it in multiple places and lift it up. We didn't realize the pipe was mortared all the way in through the center into the ground. We lifted it up with a forklift. The device grabbed it. We grabbed the device with a forklift and then went to lift it. We had to use so much pressure. When it broke, the front wheels of the forklift came off the ground, but the device worked so well we didn't break the marble fountain."

While PTC Services tends largely to program and participant needs, PTC Maintenance uses their time and expertise to tend to the infrastructure of PTC, the Villa Philmonte and Rayado.

Ogata said he likes it when the shop is empty because that means PTC maintenance is out fixing things.

"They should be either fixing something, maintaining something, doing some maintenance services or looking for something that needs to be fixed," Ogata said. "So we try not to be in the shop too much."



PTC Maintenance Technician Byron Spratt splices wood at the PTC Maintenance Shop for fall projects on Friday, August 2. When asked why he enjoys his job, Spratt said, "I like to fix things and make them better." KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

PTC Food Customer Service

Amanda Push

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For the staff at Philmont, every day is an opportunity to add to a Scout's experience. The staff at PTC Dining Hall has the opportunity to do that by providing excellent meals and by going out of their way to serve those who pass through their doors.

The PTC Dining Hall is broken into two parts: the kitchen staff and the dining hall staff.

The kitchen staff is responsible for making and preparing the food. Preparing good food is important because it adds to the experience of those who eat at the dining hall.

"Food is huge," said Training Center Kitchen Manager Summer White. "Joey Fernandez told us at the beginning of the summer 'if the food is good and the staff is good, then people will come back' ... I think it makes or breaks an experience here."

Prep Cook Adam Clendenen is responsible for making sure that all the food is ready by the day it is served. He prepares food both the day that it is being served as well as several days in advance, thaws food from the freezer and helps the lead cook when needed.

"I'm the only one that preps the food ... I'm the one that figures out how much I need to prep or thaw out for that day," said Clendenen.

For example, when making meatloaf from scratch, on the first day, the ingredients are mixed together then made into loaves. The loaves sit overnight in the cooler, then the next day they are put into ovens and cooked. Afterward, they are sliced, put into pans and then put in the cooler overnight again. On day three, the meatloaf is re-cooked then served at the dining hall.

"We get comments all the time on how great the food is,"

said Clendenen. "It's part of the experience."

The dining hall staff serves the food, washes the dishes, and cleans and restocks the dining hall.

"We make sure everything is in order," said George Barber, Training Center Dining Hall Staff.

The staff rotates between duties to make sure the dining hall runs and looks pristine.

The staff at PTC Dining Hall enjoys having the chance to interact with participants. Because PTC is family oriented, it gives staff the opportunity to interact with participants of all ages.

"We interact with them and ask how their trek was," said Training Center Dining Hall Staff Kezia Cox.

"It's fun to see participants come in and out ... it's fun to see the families in here too," said White.

When interacting with participants and staff, the dining hall always tries to incorporate



PTC Dining Hall Staff Austin Bricker and George Barber serve food to PTC Services Staff Nicholas Hung at the PTC Dining Hall on Thursday, August 1. In addition to their regular duties, the PTC dining hall staff also put on a Western-themed dinner every Tuesday evening. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

excellent customer service.

In one instance, Cox spoke about a woman sitting with her leg propped up. Cox asked if she needed ice for her leg to which the woman was appreciative of.

"You anticipate people's needs," said Cox. "We get a lot of interaction with people ... we make

people feel at home. We make them feel welcome."

Aside from great customer service, PTC Dining Hall tries to make the atmosphere comfortable and friendly for all who choose to eat with them.

"We keep everybody full and happy," said Barber.

The Rocky Mountain Fur Company

Joe Bruner

Staff Writer

Isolated from much of Philmont and nestled under the silhouette of Mount Phillips, Clear Creek is set in 1831 and hosts the interpretation of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company.

"I think the most exciting thing about Clear Creek is you're really far away from everything," Camp Director Paul Marsh said. "We have to rely on ourselves to be creative and to make a really good experience for the crews."

To help offer a good time, Clear Creek has a lot of activities to keep Scouts occupied.

"Nobody gets bored, because you can do so many different things," said Program Counselor Scott Felder.

"[We have] the .50 caliber black powder rifles, the tomahawk throwing, the lead smelting, the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, talking about the beavers," said Marsh. "I really enjoy the big variety of program."

"We open up the shooting range at 8 o'clock," Felder said. "Normally we'll have one or two crews shoot and once they're done, we'll come down. After that they'll come do tomahawks."

Just as much a part of the program are the porch welcomes.

"It's not a porch talk, it's a porch welcome. We tell them everything about Clear Creek and Rocky Mountain Fur Company," said Felder.

It gives the staff a chance to introduce their interpretive characters and to chat with the Scouts.

Following the porch welcome,

crews will often take a tour of the cabin.

"We usually show them the finished furs in our cabins because we have a couple tanned hides. We have a couple buffalo hides, bear hide, deer hide, and we just teach them about the hides," said Felder.

After learning the cabin tour, the staff will then take crews down to the beaver dam at the pond and talk about trapping beavers, just like the Rocky Mountain Fur Company would have done in 1831.

"We usually take them down and give them a beaver talk and how to catch a beaver," said Felder. "We teach them about the different parts to a beaver, the hide, the teeth, the paws. Teach them how to trap them... how to bait a beaver, where to set the trap, when to check the trap, anything you need to know to trap a beaver and make money off of it. We teach them how to tan it, and how to preserve it. We usually do that at the beaver dam over by the pond."

For Felder, the porch welcome and beaver talk are his favorite times to interact with the Scouts, and is something unusual he does not normally have the opportunity to do.

"My favorite is probably the beaver talk and the porch welcome because you get to introduce yourself and have a lot of fun talking to people and talking to them about the Fur Company at Clear Creek," he said. "The beaver talk is cool because people are like, 'I can trap a beaver now.' It's cool because it's not something I get to do back in California."

Other program includes lead smelting, which is melting metals to get

usable lead, and tomahawk throwing.

"Lead smelting is really cool because you're working with molten metal," said Felder.

The tomahawk throwing is open during the day for Scouts to entertain themselves with. For evening program, casual throwing turns into a tournament.

"At night we have a tomahawk tournament," said Felder. "Whoever is running it pretty much makes up the rules for it."

When Scouts are not busy with program, the area offers a chance to take in some of Philmont's more lush natural beauty.

"I like being out here, getting a little solitude. It's really our camp," Marsh said. "It's beautiful, I love the area. I'm from Colorado, so I love being up high in the altitude and love being near these dense trees. We've got Mt. Phillips. It's a hard hike, but once you get to the top, it's beautiful."

With Philmont's second tallest mountain just two miles away, it allows staff to hear some incredible stories from the crews, and a chance to connect with the Scouts.

"What's memorable for me is getting to know people. What makes Philmont, Philmont is the people. There would be no program without the people," said Felder.

For Marsh, his goal as Camp Director was to interact well with the Scouts to give them the best experience possible.

"[My goal is] to do our best to teach the participants about some history that they don't know about.

Clear Creek is a learning experience. You have a lot of participants that come out here that have never shot before or have never thrown a tomahawk or have no idea about beaver trapping. So it's really cool to be in a role where we're able to teach them and I think just being able to accurately tell people about the Rocky Mountain Fur Company and to hopefully accurately portray everything and to make it a very welcoming camp so that you almost feel at home."

Crooked Homesteading



A Program Counselor talks with participants about the Casey homestead on Tuesday, July 30 at Crooked Creek. Crooked Creek's program has goats, chickens, burros, and cows. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe Bruner

Staff Writer

Crooked Creek offers Scouts a taste of homesteading life in 1875, and how a family moving from Tennessee would have lived in the New Mexico territory during the Homestead Act of 1862.

During the day, Scouts are entertained by animals, candle making and cabin tours. For the cabin tours, Scouts hear stories about different parts of the cabin.

One interesting cabin story the staff likes to share is about a single window pane set in a wall of the house. What makes the window interesting is due to requirements in the Homestead Act, each house had to have at least one window pane in it. During the time of the Act, when the government inspector would come by, a horseman would carry the window to the next house to be inspected and so nearby houses shared one window, according to Program Counselor Andy Horner.

Other parts of the program that capture the Scouts' interest is working with the animals.

"I'm always surprised by how excited the kids get about being here," Program Counselor Lindsey Hickman said. "We get crews from the city who have never interacted with the livestock animals before. So they get to come in and they

get to touch a cow or milk a goat, and that's an extraordinary experience for them."

For those who prefer to stay away from animals, Crooked Creek also offers candle making and wood chopping.

The evening program consists of the infamous "poo fling." The Scouts group up and each group must be as creative and precise as possible. Groups must come up with a Scout-appropriate skit from any movie, song, pop-culture or an original idea that they must then enact and then, from a drawn line, accurately fling poo into a hole. At the end, groups are evaluated on both creativity and accuracy.

Aside from offering Scouts the taste of homestead living, it also gives staff an opportunity to experience homesteading life on a daily basis.

"It's fun," Hickman said about working homestead. "It was definitely an adjustment at first because we have to get all of our water from the creek and figure out how to eat all of our food so it doesn't spoil in the cold room."

Since then, they have worked out a routine.

"I wouldn't say that it's a challenge at all," Hickman added. "I don't feel the lack of amenities anyway."

For Horner, it's a learning opportunity to see what he might

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Two Rayado participants throw tomahawks on Wednesday, July 30 at Clear Creek. Clear Creek offers black powder rifle shooting and tomahawk throwing. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The Natives of Apache Springs

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

With a thud, the arrow hit the top right corner of the target, ending the tic-tac-toe game.

The other team of Scouts had been one shot away from clinching the game, when the arrow hit. They were a little disappointed, but were good sports about it as they congratulated the other half of their crew before heading off to Conservation.

The tic-tac-toe archery game is a favorite on the Apache Springs archery range, which also has 3-D targets of native animals.

"We had a crew go into triple sudden death once," said Apache Springs Program Counselor Hall Miles. "I like it because they might get to shoot more than eight shots."

Apache Springs is a Native American lore camp. Staff present the history of the Jicarilla Apache, a tribe of Natives that lived in between the Rio Grande, Pecos River, Arkansas River and Canadian River.

Strongly influenced by the neighboring Plain Indians and Pueblo Indians, the tribe practiced both nomadic hunting and seasonal agriculture. To try to capture their complex history Apache Springs offers archery, a sweat lodge, teepee tours and a sunset hike to Scouts.

"We try to convey how they lived, what their life was and some of the hardships they would have come across," said Miles.

Before Europeans settled the Americas, the Jicarilla had a thriving economy and relatively stable life. However, the combination of Manifest Destiny and the Indian Wars in the 1800s strained their resources and almost wiped out the tribe.

The Jicarilla were dependent on arrows as a form of weaponry well into the 1800s. Made desperate by the encroachment on their land, the Jicarilla were one of the fiercest tribes on the Santa Fe trail and frequently attacked travelers. Tensions built until they culminated in the Battle of

Cieneguilla in 1854, when U.S. troops fought the Apache. While the Natives had some rifles, they were still using arrows.

The staff at Apache Springs is a mix of seasoned archers and beginners. Program Counselor Luke Giannoulas has been shooting since he was six, whereas Program Counselor Ashley Valle started when she was assigned to Apache Springs.

"I'm a beginner," said Valle. "But I know the form."

At the camp, Scouts use recurve bows. They are not modeled precisely like the ones used by the Jicarilla, as not enough is known about their bows.

The staff help the Scouts improve their form, offering pointers about how to aim or where to position an elbow.

"You fire off a couple of shots and they realize you know what you are doing," said Giannoulas. "Then they listen."

The sweat lodge also is an important part of fighting cleansings.



Participants from Troop 64 in Fort Worth, Texas shoot at the archery range with Program Counselor Hall Miles on Friday, July 26 at Apache Springs. Apache Springs' program includes archery and a sweat lodge. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

"The sweat lodge is what they used to cleanse themselves, especially after scalping," said Valle.

According to Valle, the Jicarilla believed that when they killed someone, they would inherit all of the other person's sins. To cleanse themselves of the other person's sins, they would use a sweatlodge.

"Scouts get excited for the sweat lodge or archery," said Valle.

The teepee tours don't have

the same spark as archery and sweat lodge, but they offer a lot of insight about the history of the Jicarilla. Additionally, they give Scouts the chance to try their hand at flintknapping, the technique used by Jicarilla to make arrowheads.

"You learn how hard flintknapping really is," said Miles.

More than that though, by spending a night at Apache Springs Scouts learn about the life of the Jicarilla tribe.

Come and get Your Food at Phillips Junction

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As one of Philmont's commissary camps, Philip Junction's main offering to participants is food.

One of the camps in the South Country, PJ supplies food to all of the Scouts going through southwest Philmont. In addition, they have a trading post where they sell everything from chocolate to new hiking boots.

"We are the service hub for the South Country," said Camp Director Chris Waters. "We are strategically located near Fish Camp, Beaubien, Crooked Creek and Crater Lake so we can provide them with food and supplies."

The commissary's formal hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., but the staff will help out a crew

regardless of when they arrive on the porch.

"We will keep it open as long as necessary," said Waters, whose dad worked at PJ in 1976.

However, the light crew load and lack of program leave the staff at PJ with plenty of time to do what they do best: cook.

"When it comes to a good backcountry meal, you have to come to PJ," said Waters.

Commissary Manager



Participants from Troop 1849 in Mission, Texas browse the walls of the trading post wall on Saturday, July 27 at Phillips Junction. Phillips Junction is a south country commissary staff camp. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Calvin Walton has turned backcountry cooking into an art form. At PJ, the staff routinely feasts on gourmet

dishes as bacon wrapped steaks, chicken wrapped in bacon, and just plain old bacon.

"I like to see how many things I can incorporate bacon into," Walton said. He guesses that PJ has eaten at least 60 pounds of bacon this season.

Walton can cook more than bacon. Some of the other dishes he has

whipped up this summer include fried chicken, orange chicken and an entire Viking meal.

"The way a Viking meal works is there are no utensils, no plates and lots of meat. You saran wrap the table, pile the meat on the center of the table and eat," said Walton.

Most Viking meals usually exclude vegetables, but Walton added some because he likes them.

Right before the Viking meal, the staff grabbed axes, slammed them into a stump on the front porch and then ran into the table to eat.

In addition to the Viking meal, the staff also had a pirate meal.

"There's a lot of silliness here," said Walton. "Lots of silliness."

A Waite Phillips Yearly Vacation

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Staff Writer

For two weeks every year, Waite Phillips would disappear, taking his family and close friends with him.

Heading deep into the backcountry, he would go to where the Agua Fria and Rayado Creek meet and become the Rayado River: Rayado Cabin.

Today, Rayado Cabin is more commonly known as a Fish Camp, one of the more popular destinations in the south country.

"I can understand why this is Waite Phillips' favorite spot on the Ranch," said Program Counselor Brooke Jackson, who plays Genevieve Phillips.

The cabin, which would more accurately be described as a house, has been preserved almost perfectly since Phillips built it in 1910. All of the furniture is original, assembled on the cabin's front lawn from felled Ponderosa Pine. The door was built extra wide so the couches and beds could easily be carried inside.

The only things that aren't all original are the accessories.

"There's a handful of things that aren't original," said Camp Director Scott Hamilton. "Like that radio, we don't know the full story behind it. We know it's from the right time period, but we are not sure if it is original."

But, for the most part, the staff knows the full story of every piece in the house.

For example, in the Phillips'



A participant from Troop 888 in San Jose, Calif. ties flies for fly fishing on Saturday, July 27 at Fish Camp. Around 150 flies are tied by participants every day at Fish Camp. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

bedroom, the bed on the right is Waite's because there is a natural ace of spades in one of the wooden legs.

And "Waite is the ace of Philmont," said Jackson.

The fur rug on the floor is a bear that Waite shot himself while testing rifles for Remington. It was the last bear shot in the state as of 1927, the year it is at Fish Camp.

And then, there is the dining room table. Big enough to comfortably seat six and made with impeccable craftsmanship, rumor has it the Philmont has received

offers as high as \$100,000 for it. It's a legend the staff likes to joke about when they sit down to play a game of cards with the Scouts at it.

"People are surprised because we actually use the cabin," said Hamilton. "We don't lead them through it and kick them out. When it's cold, we light a fire and warm them."

The hope is that by letting the Scouts into the house for cards and just to hang out they get a taste of what the Phillips' vacations were like. They can see his rustic but chic lifestyle for themselves.

"Tours are a lot of fun," said Program Counselor Nathan Wright. "It's cool to see the expression on their face."

But to really understand what Waite's vacations were like, Scouts have to go flyfishing. Phillips loved the sport so much that he had the creeks outside the house stocked with rainbow trout, a non-native but beautiful species. Today, they are so plentiful they can be seen playing in the deep pools of the creek from the kitchen window.

In addition to the rainbow trout, there are several other species in the cool water including brown trout.

Despite their plentifulness, catching them can be tricky.

"I haven't caught a fish all summer," said Jackson. "I'm just bad luck with fish."

Before Scouts start fishing, they participate in a fly tying program where they make a woolly bugger fly, which is supposed to look like a Dobsonfly nymph but looks more like a frayed and broken pom pom.

They then use that fly to fish.

"I think it's real neat to see a kid who has never fly fished before or even regular fished before catch their first fish with a fly they tied," said Hamilton.

"It's always really cool to see that little spark," said Jackson.

On average, about one person from each crew catches a fish.

But the focus is never on catching fish. It's on recreating a Phillips' family vacation and making Fish Camp's guests feel at home.

"When you are portraying someone who is highly respected ... you don't have as much freedom to be a character," said Hamilton. "You have to interpret the mindset and actions of that person. I interpret Waite by being a caring, generous, kind and hospitable to the guests."

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Additionally people on tour are asked to remove their shoes to help preserve the carpet.

Villa Tour Guide Patrick Breedlove loves interpreting history, especially of the Phillips.

"It is a magnificent place," Breedlove said. "I have not found one person who has been disappointed ... You can make an impact on everybody. You educated them about the story of the Phillips ... it gives them a great appreciation of the family, I think, after you take them through."

According to Allred, a huge part of the tour is trying to express and emphasize the generosity and story of the Phillips, but also their humility.

"They didn't want the publicity," Allred said. "They didn't need to be acknowledged for what they gave. The main point that we are trying to get across is the generosity of the Phillips family. They had all of this and gave it away for other people to use."

According to Klein, the staff at the Villa places an emphasis on education.

"It is more a center of education right now," Klein said. "I offer an architecture tour now. It is just outside for an hour, it is just architecture and landscape design together ... We are teachers. I think that there is an emphasis on teaching now that is just part of our fundamental ideology here."

Klein admires the teaching aspect of the museum and the Phillips themselves.

"I admire Waite Phillips so much," Klein said. "The older I get, the more I appreciate him."

Allred hopes each Scout takes away an important message from their Villa Tour.

"Hopefully, they go away seeing the impact they could have on people and on the world," Allred said. "They don't have to have a lot of money like the Phillips did to have an impact ... There are people out there who are good people and who are very generous with what they have."



A participant from Troop 888 in San Jose, Calif. fishes on Saturday, July 27 at Fish Camp. Fly fishing is Fish Camp's main program, along with fly tying. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

What to Bring Home to Mom and Dad

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Staff Writer

Let's face it. After being away from family and friends for almost three months, they are going to expect that you bring them back a souvenir or two.

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Now, you know your loved ones best, but here are some ideas for the people on your shopping

list.

The Sentimental Mother

Mom's love capturing a moment in time: your first steps, your first day of school, your first date, etc. So, when picking out a gift for your sentimental mother find a way to give her back all the moments she missed over the past three months: your first uniform, your first time on top of the Tooth of Time, your first Red Roof, etc.

The best way to do this? Buy your mother a Philmont photoframe at the TOTT and fill it up with memories. The TOTT sells frames ranging from 3x4

inches to 8x10 inches.

"You could do a collage or just one photo," said Casey Micagz, the Store Inventory Manager.

And then, there's always jewelry.

The Goofy Dad

The thing about Dad's is that they love to be kids. There gray hair is no indication of their mental age, so buy them something that reminds them of what it is like to be young.

"We sell a lovely book in the Trading Post called 'What Shat That?'" recommended Branding Specialist Andrew Ivey.

The Former Staff Member

If you have any friends or family members who were previous staff members, a gift is a good way to remind them of their time here. Therefore, it stands to reason that anything you buy them should have some combination of the word Philmont, a Philmont bull, the Tooth of Time or the 75th anniversary symbol on it.

The ideal present, however, would be a Philmont 75th anniversary belt buckle. It's unique, limited edition and holds all of the legacy of Philmont. It's remind them of their Philmont days and is small enough to easily pack on a plane.

The Outdoorsman (or woman)

The TOTT is full of quality outdoor gear that any outdoorsman would love to have in their collection. They have backpacks, camping chairs, cookware, knives, trekking poles, socks, waterproof bags and more.

The trick is thinking about what you can easily bring home with you.

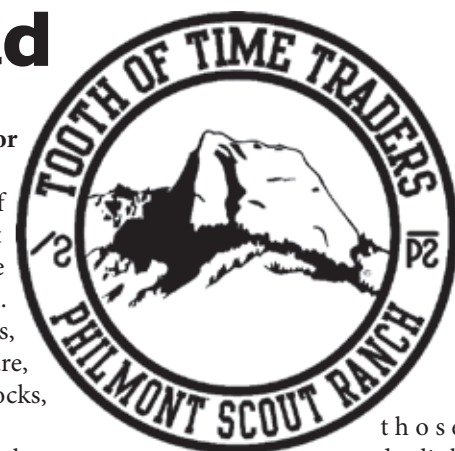
"Don't bring home matches," said Micagz. "And don't get canister fuel, they won't let you bring that on the plane."

Instead Micagz recommends getting one of the Crazy Creeks with the Philmont 75th anniversary logo on it. It's the perfect combination of Philmont charm, practicality, comfort and packability.

The Girlfriend

Yes. Your girlfriend is in fact expecting you to bring something home for her. And yes, you will be in trouble if you fail to do so.

If you want to get her a gift that will make gift giving easy in the future, consider buying her a charm for a charm bracelet. The TOTT sells woodland badge charms that have Philmont inscribed on them. Buy her one of



those

and a link

bracelet, and you can add a charm for the holidays, anniversaries, her birthday and just because.

The Siblings

This is the place to keep it simple. Think about whatever your siblings bought you for your birthday last year, and match that level of quality. Or buy them something a little nicer, to try to guilt them into giving you a nicer present this year.

If your sibling is younger, consider buying them a stuffed mini-bear (and then try to refrain from rolling your eyes when your family exclaims over how cute mini-bears are).

If they are in their teens and just got their license get them a keychain and a compass to help them navigate the roads.

And if they are over 21 years old, everyone needs a good toothpick holder.



Gifts for family and friends are always a nice gesture, try some of these to take home from your journey. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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Keeping up with the Philmont Tent Repair

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Throughout the summer the tent repair staff works to ensure that each of the near 1,100 canvas tents on Philmont property serve as functional and suitable housing for staff and participants.

On a typical day, the tent repair staff fixes tents and checks to see what tents needed to be repaired.

"We make sure there are no holes, locker holes, door rips, anything like that,"

Merchandise Tent Repair Associate Matt Murray said. "We also take the tents from services, and we fix those as well. We fix the Scout tents ... We just go around and inspect them

and make sure everything is fine."

Tent Repair staff covers most tent holes by ironing on a patch and then sewing it to seal it.

"The largest problem I would say would be locker holes because people keep their lockers too close to their tent," Murray said.

The staff not only repairs Base Camp tents, but they also serve

all of the Backcountry staff. If a tent is too badly damaged they will take it down to try to repair it or replace it.

Fulltime Maintenance Technician Albert Nolan serves as the Assistant Manager of Tent Repair. According to Nolan it is difficult to take down such a large tent, maneuver it within the shop

and stick it under a sewing machine, but tent repair gets the job done.

"We just maneuver the tents to fix them and stuff," Murray said.

The participant tents, both homebound and trail bound, are seven by nine feet at the base. Staff tents are 10 by 12 feet. According to Nolan the staff tents are valued at about \$700 and way about 60 pounds each.

"We basically take care of a lot of tents," Murray said. "We do, do other things like we've fixed arbor wears. We do some odd jobs for Backcountry staff. If they need canvas cut or something like that, we can do that. We've fixed Arborwears. We've fix backpacks ... Pretty much anything that can be sewn, we'll fix it."

Last year they brought in nearly 400 tents to be repaired, said Nolan.

"We just keep it [the Ranch] going," Nolan said. "If it wasn't for us, they wouldn't be here ... We do

housing, keep everybody happy."

At the start of the summer, available staff helped with tent set up. Now that the summer is drawing to a close the tent repair staff prepare for tent take down. Set up and take down are the two times summer staff really get to see Philmont in a different way.

"I mean, seeing Philmont with just bare bones and tents, it was kind of weird from now versus early on," Murray said. "It was just all these frames sitting there. It was really cool."

Just like all the tents had to be set up at the start of the summer, all the tents have to be taken completely down at the end of the summer. Health lodge tent city

will be left up to house all the staff that stays to help with take down.

Rangers, Backcountry staff and other available staffers will all come together to help with take down as a final conclusion to the summer.

As the summer draws to a close, Murray reflects on the most rewarding parts of his work.

"I like helping people when they come to us," Murray said. "If they've got a huge hole in their arbor wears, and we fix it. They are so grateful for it. I like that. That is really cool, but also just being able to help the people out whenever their tent is leaking. It is like you are their savior for their stuff, and it's just really cool just talking to the people."

"We basically take care of a lot of tents ... pretty much anything that can be sewn, we'll fix it."

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Good Fences, Good Neighbors: the Fence Crew

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On a typical afternoon, Mike Martinez and Lee Bass leapfrog along the fences in Philmont's backcountry.

One person drives the truck, while the other walks the fences. When the road and the fence meet up, the two switch jobs.

Martinez and Bass make up Philmont's fence crew, the guys responsible for repairing the more than 300 miles of fences and building new ones.

"I wanted to get into the Backcountry," said Mike Martinez, who has worked full time at the Ranch

for 11 years. "I like mountains. I do a lot of walking along the fences back in the mountains."

It's quiet, independent work. In a backpack, they carry the few tools they need to fix a small break, some wire and a wire stretcher.

Most of the time, they find small breaks -- from a deer or some other animal running into the fence at night -- that one person can easily fix.

But sometimes, the breaks are massive caused by a fallen tree or a herd of elk stampeding through the fence.

When they stumble across one of these breaks, they put up a piece

of flagging and come back together later.

"[There's] no telling what they are running away from at night," said Martinez.

When the herds of 200 elk do trample through the fences, they create gaping holes. And sometimes, the elk don't survive the barb wire.

"We had to cut a few dead elk out of the fence," said Bass, who works under Martinez.

The Ranch's livestock respects the wire barrier just about as much as the elk do.

Both the cattle and bison are capable of plowing right through the fences, and do it with moderate frequency.

"If they decide they are not going to stop, the bison walk right through it," Bass said. "We try to make their fences taller and stronger."

But on average an adult American bison weighs in at a hulking 930-2,200 pounds

and stands about six feet tall, giving it enough mass to easily break down a fence.

"With the droughts more buffalo are walking through it," said Bass. "They think the grass is greener on the other side. When it's actually green, they don't [break the fences]."

The bison are the main culprits when it comes to fences broken by Philmont's livestock.

Difficult to control, neither Martinez or Bass will "mess with" the buffalo when they get out.

The horse are another story though.

The horses, while capable of breaking out, typically

stay within the fences, unless spooked by an animal, as their skin is more sensitive to the barbs.

Or, they might just be smarter, as Martinez believes.

If they horses are near the break in the fence, the staff will try to do something about it.

"If the animals are close, and we can just push them back in we will," said Bass.

But more of the time nothing that exciting happens.

Most days, they just walk along the fences in the Backcountry with only their thoughts to keep them company, doctoring up an occasional break.

"We fix fences," said Martinez. "That's all we do."



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Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women in the United States.	Smoking causes many types of cancer such as throat, mouth, nasal cavity, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, kidney, bladder and cervix.	People who smoke are up to two to four times more likely to suffer a heart attack than nonsmokers and the risk increases with number of cigarettes smoked.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Bill Payne
Protestant Chaplain

Chaplain Bill Payne hails from Orlando, Florida. He earned his Eagle rank with Troop 184 in 1977. Bill is ordained with the United Methodist Church. Currently, he teaches missiology at Ashland Theological Seminary, a graduate school of Ashland University.

Research interests include early American Methodism, diaspora studies, Latino Pentecostalism, and world religions. He holds the Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies. Additionally, due to extensive service as a Navy Chaplain, Bill has lived in many parts of the world to include Asia, South America, Europe, and the Middle East. In 2010, he completed a 15 month deployment to Iraq. Bill has held many Scouting positions on the council, district and unit levels. He most enjoys teaching the Religious

Award program and serving as a camp chaplain. While a member of the Far East Council he attended the 1992 World Jamboree in Korea. While in the Trans-Atlantic Council, he took units to Brownsea Island and camporees in mainland Europe. He also served as a chaplain for the 2010 National Jamboree and as a Philmont chaplain in 1996. Bill returned to Philmont because it is a place where he feels close to God. Plus, he has witnessed the miracle of Philmont in which participants have life-changing experiences as they encounter God in unexpected ways. That is so exciting to him. Additionally, as a chaplain, he gets to be a spiritual caregiver and catalyst for transformation to a vast array of individuals. For these reasons, he believes that Philmont is a great place for him to spend his summer and recharge his batteries before the start of the fall semester.

Walking in Circles

Elder David Wilson
LDS Chaplain

Have you ever heard the old saying that people who get lost tend to walk in circles?

Jan L. Souman, a German psychologist, wanted to determine scientifically if this was true. He took participants of an experiment to a large forest area and to the Sahara desert and used a global positioning system to track where they went. They had no compass or any other device. Instructions to them were simple: walk in a straight line in the direction indicated.

Dr. Souman later described what happened: Some of them walked on a cloudy day, with the sun hidden behind the clouds and with no reference points in view. ... They all walked in circles, with several of them repeatedly crossing their own path without noticing it. Other participants walked while the sun was shining, with faraway reference points in view. These

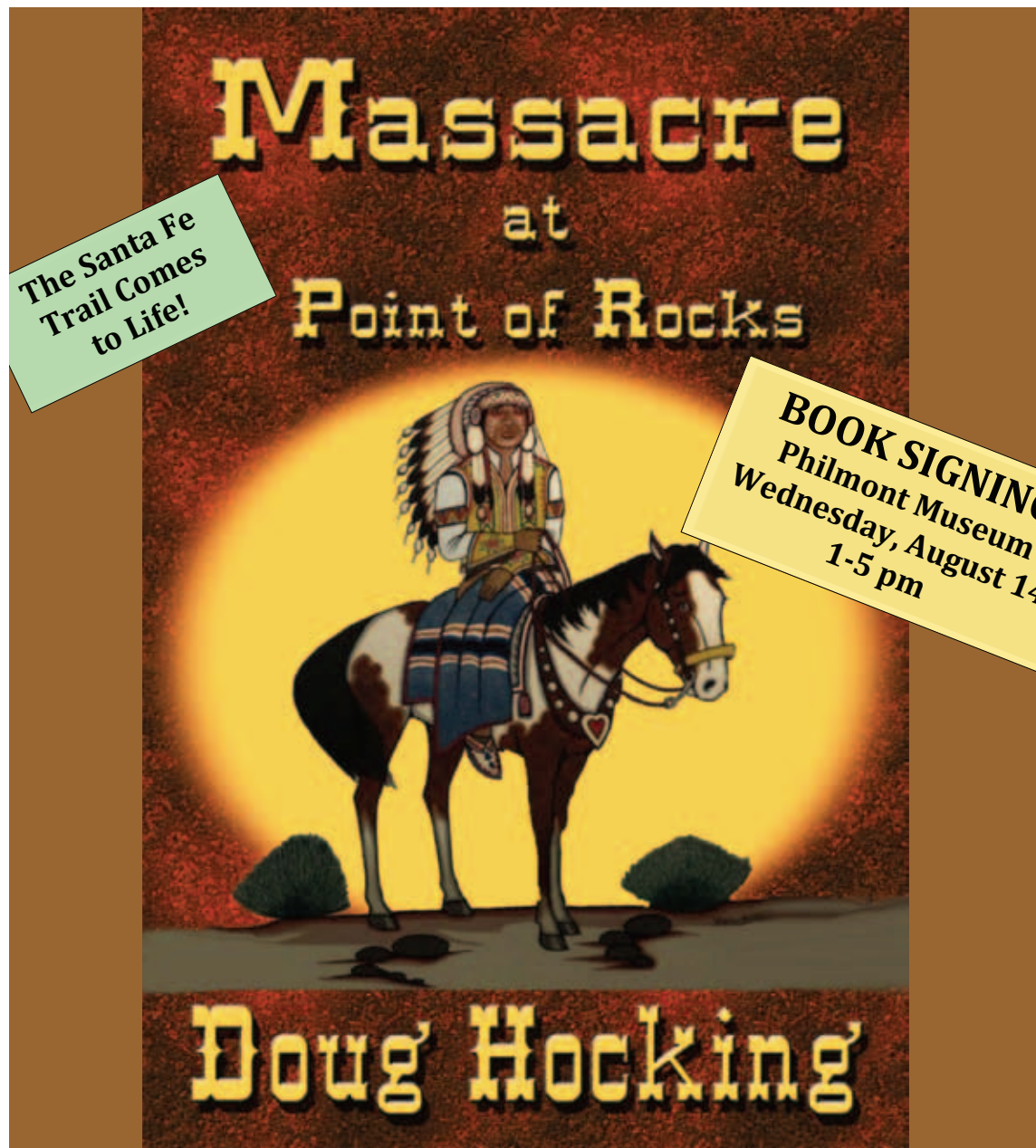
followed an almost perfectly straight course. This study has been repeated by others with different methodologies. All returned similar results.

Without visible landmarks, human beings tend to walk in circles. Without spiritual landmarks, mankind wanders as well. Without the word of God (no matter our differing faith traditions), we walk in circles. Both as individuals and as societies, we see this pattern repeated over and over since the beginning of time. When we lose sight of the word of God, we tend to get lost.

Scriptures and spiritual teachings are the word of God. They are God's landmarks that show the way we should travel in order to draw closer to God and reach worthy goals. Are we recognizing and walking toward these real and valuable landmarks?

Spiritual landmarks are indispensable for keeping us on the path that God would

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Philmont's 75th Anniversary

75 Years of Philmont Magic

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

The summer of 1939 was a significant moment in the history of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp opened for the first time, and a legacy that would last more than 75 years was born.

The first summer, 99 Scouts and adult leaders participated in the 12 day high adventure trek, which remains the primary program today. 93 other Scouts and adult leaders participated in the general camping Philturn offered, and 300 Scouters visited the Ranch from all over the United States.

Some programs used to be different than they are now, according to Roy Harrell, a Philmont participant in 1946, when the camp was just eight years old.

There used to be more of a focus on merit badges.

"We did rope making and leatherwork. We also learned about automobile mechanics," said Harrell.

The program also used to cover the chuck wagon experience and what daily life included, especially cooking.

"We learned to cook," Harrell said. "We learned charcoal cooking and open fire cooking."

While some of the programs have changed over the years, the magic of the camp has remained constant, and continues to bring tens of thousands of Scouts to Philmont every summer.

"There are whole books written on the subject about Philmont's magic and what brings Scouts back to it," said Associate Director of Program Owen McCulloch

What brings people back is different to each person.

For staff members, it is often the other people they work with, which is the case for Base Camp Manager Sid Covington.

"It's the staff members that you work with. We all talk about the kids, and serving the kids, but what brings you back is that you really develop close friendships with the people you work with. This is a special group of people."

For participants it is the fun that they are offered, whether from the program or the staff or sharing their adventure with each other, and for some, "fun" does not do the experience justice.

"Philmont is not a place where you bounce from one joyful activity to another, all set up to keep you easily entertained in some simple syrup that we call 'fun,' in fact 'fun' seems like just too small a word for Philmont," Chris Willingham, a crew advisor from North Carolina, wrote in an email to his troop upon completing the trail. "I can say that every one of us, without exception, at some point said, 'this is miserable!' and every one of us, without exception, at some point said 'this is amazing!' and we spent the rest of the time somewhere in-between."

Willingham's email is just one example of the thousands of experiences that many crews have on the trail. Philmont continues to inspire countless of Scouts, and offers them the experience of a lifetime, as well as draw them back. Philmont legend holds that if you look over your shoulder at the Tooth of Time as you leave the camp, you will be fated to return one day.

"The mighty tooth never looked more beautiful than it did over my right shoulder going down the road," Willingham said.

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want for his own life in the future.

"I'm glad to learn the things that I would like to incorporate in my future life and things I would not like to when it comes to a lack of amenities," he said. "I would like to have electricity just for the fact of a nice light at night, but a little amount of electricity would be no problem at all."

The lack of amenities and a backcountry road, demonstrates the hardship of living the family at the cabin would have experience. The staff represents a fictional family created by Philmont, but the history was created to be realistic.

"We represent a family that moved from Tennessee to the west because their mother was ill with tuberculosis," said Camp Director Edie Adkins. "And they were enticed by the homesteading act. They were able to develop this land and they had the manpower, it was six siblings."

Under the Homesteading Act of 1862, a family had to live on the land they were given for five years before it became private property. The Crooked Creek family has lived there for six years, making it rightfully theirs.

Owners back then were pestered by the English Trading Company for taxes, and for the sake of interpreting the time period, the Crooked Creek staff designated as any staff members not in interpretive wear, "any strangers in red shirts that say 'Philmont Staff,'" said Horner.

The land is on the New Mexico territory, which only joined as a state in January of 1912. At the time, Nebraska was the newest state in the union joining in 1867.

Crooked Creek offers not just a history lesson that humorously mixes with the present Scout Ranch, but also a chance for Scouts to interact with animals, and to even enjoy flinging the animals' droppings around.

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"Its just a really good example of a partnership between Philmont and the academic research community at large," said Celley.

While UNAVCO is the owner of the GPS system, Philmont does benefit from the location on Philmont property.

GIS, or Geographic Information System, is a program for collecting and analyzing geographical data. While this type of data has

many uses, the GIS program at Philmont is primarily in charge of collecting this information to better the Ranch's maps.

"The GIS site on Tooth

Ridge is a reference site," said Zach Seeger, GIS Coordinator. "We use it to correct the data we collect in the field to make it more accurate. With real time collecting, we are within three to five meters accurate, but when we do this postprocessing we are less than three meters."

GPS data also plays a role in the educational programs through the Conservation department. The Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS) uses GIS instruments to analyze an area of land and better

understand how the topography can play a part in the development of an ecosystem.

"Space and the spatial arrangement of things are extremely important in natural resource management," said Celley. "The focus of the ROCS lesson is teaching kids how space plays into the management decisions and then teaching them the basic tools about collecting information with GPSs, how do

"Space and the spatial arrangement of things are extremely important in natural resource management?"

we store and organize that information. It happens in the Backcountry, not at a computer."

While the data collected from the GPS site on Tooth Ridge is greatly utilized by Philmont to keep accurate maps, this research has also produced other exciting discoveries.

"Because of that monitoring system, [UNAVCO] had determined that New Mexico is getting 1 in. wider every 40 years," said Celley. "Because of movement along the Rio Grande rift, its getting wider."

As New Mexico continues to grow, so does the Conservation department's ability to better teach and utilize GPS technology.

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Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

Philmont bus drivers have the special opportunity to interact with crews as Scouts take their first steps on the trail and their first steps off it.

Crews are always excited to get on the trail, with roughly 20 months of anticipation finally meeting reality. Often times equally exciting for the Scouts are the first steps off the trail.

“When they [participants] come back, they are excited too,” Bus Driver Supervisor Liz DeCristino said. “Sometimes they sing on the ride back they’re so excited to head back. They’re pretty proud of what they accomplished.”

With almost every crew taking a bus either to or from the backcountry, the bus drivers meet crews from all over the country and even the world.

“I one time picked up a crew off the trail that was from Hong Kong,” DeCristino said.

They also meet crews from all over the United States, ranging from the Northeast to the Southwest; many that are excited to leave the trail and others not as much. With

so many crews to deliver however, it can be tricky figuring out the schedule.

While Logistics works to figure out where busses need to go and when, the bus drivers are left to assign specific rides amongst themselves, which can be tricky.

“It’s really a balancing act,” said Bus Driver Mary Dorman.

When crews are all accounted for however, staff members often fill in the cracks, hoping for rides to backcountry or Base Camp.

The bus drivers are always happy to oblige, if they have space.

“The people here are awesome,” Bus Driver Gary Reynolds said. “All the staff that work here are great people.”

The bus drivers particularly enjoy listening to the Ranger talks, as crews head out for day one on trail.

“I really enjoy the Ranger stories,” Reynolds said.

“The Rangers are a lot of fun to listen to,” DeCristino said.

Upon arrival at the turnarounds, the Rangers make sure the kids thank the drivers, which the bus drivers appreciate.

“After the rides, the kids are



Bus Drivers Effie Montoya and Richie Meier supervise crews loading their gear into the buses on Thursday, August 1 at the Welcome Center. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

so respectful to the drivers,” said DeCristino.

Dorman enjoys the job because of all the people she meets.

“There are good people working here. And the thing with being a bus driver here at Philmont is that absolutely everyone is happy to see me. It doesn’t matter if they’re heading on the trail or heading home.”

The bus drivers reciprocate that welcoming and helping spirit.

“If we see a crew sitting and waiting in the sun, we’ll always ask if they need a ride, whether we’re headed out to backcountry first or back to Base [Camp],” Dorman said.

“We’re here to cater to the people

who come here,” said DeCristino.

It is the people who come to Philmont that really make it special to the bus drivers.

“All the different people that you meet are really cool,” Reynolds said.

“Philmont is a special place,” said DeCristino. “The atmosphere here is great. You’ve got thousands coming in and out, but it’s still very peaceful.”

Whether taking kids out on trail or bringing them home, the bus drivers experience the calm atmosphere of Scout camp, combined with the excitement, anticipation and relief that the crews experience heading out on treks and returning from them.

Issue 9 Sudoku Answers

Easy

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

Medium


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

Difficult

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

Very Difficult

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




The Philmont Museum-Seton Memorial Library's featuring:

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available about flute making was minimal. Despite this, Russ researched, gathered information, built flutes and talked to other flute makers.

"A guy I know started a club on the Internet, Native Flute Woodworking," Russ said. "A whole bunch of us were sharing information there for a long time."

In 2001, Russ published a book called "Flute Shop: A Guide to Crafting the Native American Style Flute." The book sold well for about ten years, but he recently stopped printing it so that he can create a more updated version.

"I've learned a lot about flute making, and I've learned a lot about teaching flute making," Russ said. "I realize I can organize it better for people who wanted to build them. I think there is a ton of information now. At least I feel like I have enough information where it needs to be done in two volumes: a basic book on building a basic flute and then another book on all of the embellishments that you can do with a flute."

Russ has tried using many different designs on his flutes and has created many flutes with animal heads on the end.

"I did a series with elk heads on them with the antlers all laid back on the flute," Russ said. "That was really fun."

Additionally he has experimented with many types of wood.

"Cedar is the most traditional

wood and probably the best wood," Russ said. "It is because cedar has the ability to absorb and release moisture cycle after cycle, after cycle, and not become damaged. Whereas some of the exotics, too much moisture and they crack. They can't absorb it."

In recent year, Russ done extensive research and has created ancient Germanic lyres.

"I started designing lyres very similar to the few that have been found intact and building them to see how they work," Russ said. "I've only completed three lyres."

Despite his many talents in wood work, Russ is not a fulltime flute maker.

"I am a firefighter and a paramedic," Russ said. "That's what I do for a living, but before that I was a teacher. I was a woodshop teacher."

Over his week in the visiting artist program Wolf taught visitors, staff and Scouts about wood working and what he does.

"I've had a lot of kids show a lot of interest; that has been pretty satisfying," Russ said. "I've talked to them about the flutes and the lyres and arts in general, but a lot of the people who come out here I've just been talking to about you know Philmont and their trek and my experiences here ... They are always willing to talk about their trek and how cool Philmont is. I'm always willing to talk about my past experiences here at Philmont, so it all works out."

During his time at Philmont

Russ worked as a Ranger, Logistics staff member, Training Ranger (now called a Ranger Trainer), Logistics Manager, Cimarroncito Camp Director, Abreu Camp Director and Rayado Trek Coordinator. His wife Carol worked on staff for two summers in 1986 in Activities and in 1987 as a Ranger.

At Philmont, Russ was introduced to many inspirational people with varied talents.

"Philmont is inspiring," Russ said. "I don't think I ever saw a Native American flute around here or anything like that ... but there were people here who played instruments, who did all kinds of art. Lots of the Rangers I knew were talking pictures or sketching or painting ... There were just tons of talented people here ... I'd never really been encouraged to do art or anything like that. Nobody even suggested to me, 'You know, hey Russ, you could do something like that.'"

In many ways, Philmont helps people to find their talents.

"It think it encourages people in that they're exposed to lots of people with talent, and it just encourages you to try something yourself," Russ said.

For the Wolfs, coming to Philmont for this program was like coming home.

"I love it," Carol said. "This has been a unique opportunity, so this was wonderful to be able to stay and kind of see a little bit more ... I don't want to leave on Saturday. I'm already having that feeling"



Instrument maker Russ Wolf demonstrates how to use his creation on Friday, July 26 at the Seton Memorial Library. Wolf also makes flutes and other musical instruments. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Shooting Guns for Science

Sarah Burgess
STEM Conservation
Coordinator

One rainy afternoon in base camp, two Philmont Staffers sat in porch chairs, discussing how best to keep today's youth off their cell phone apps and more engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S.T.E.M.)! The conclusion was to use our guns at each shooting camp to fire ammunition into clay blocks, creating ballistics models for Scouts to explore during backcountry shooting programs.

Gathering supplies for this project was relatively easy. We ordered several cases of model clay, the same used in PTC Handicraft for ceramics projects. A stop by the ammunition room in base camp and we were on our way up to Sawmill for shooting the first blocks with .30-06 (pronounced 30-ought-6) rifles. We hurriedly reloaded Full Metal jackets, a bullet composed of a soft lead core and encased in copper and grabbed a few ballistic tip bullets for good measure. Though excited to shoot at a different target for once, our spirits weren't very high when several blocks literally blew apart, no matter how we tried to frame them or anchor in place to gain a more clear entry/exit model. Pieces of clay littered the ground 50 yards downrange from the shooting porch. How could we keep the clay a little more together while shooting with such high-powered ammunition? What about leaving the clay blocks in their plastic bags they are packaged in, suggested one of our team members? This method proved successful and our spirits lifted as our "work" day continued with stops at Miranda's Black Powder Range and Harlan's Shotgun Range. The ammunitions used for this project were .50 caliber ball (black powder rifles), 00-Buckshot and #7 Birdshot (12 gauge shotguns) and .38-Special pistols at Ponil.

Backcountry staff members and crews alike were immediately interested in the idea of shooting ammunition into 25-lb. clay blocks. Throughout the day we had the opportunity to give S.T.E.M. information about shooting guns to many crews, youth and advisor alike. Carrying a clay block to and from ranges, especially after taking shots at it, provides a great hook, as educators call it, to get people involved in discussion.



We knew we had a successful project in hand as crews stood and watched us at the ranges. The most common comment of the day from youth participants was, "I had no idea that's what the bullet did."

S.T.E.M. initiatives go back to the time of the launch of Sputnik. The entire world was focused on gaining an edge in technology and science and the United States felt our nation was losing that race in economic and technological advancement. This began an initiative to help young students understand their potential in S.T.E.M. topics and want to attend college pursuing such a degree. For the years 2008-2018 it has been predicted projected employment growth for S.T.E.M. fields will reach 17.31%, while non-S.T.E.M. fields will only be 9.67%. Studies have shown S.T.E.M. degrees earned in U.S. colleges have declined between 2001 and 2011.

The Boy Scouts of America joined the S.T.E.M. initiatives a few years ago and now have two awards a Scout can earn, the Nova and Supernova. These awards can be earned by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers and through completing requirements for the award, young people realize the exciting, hands-on aspects of S.T.E.M. in their everyday lives.

Please take time to visit Harlan, Ponil, Black Mountain, Clear Creek, Miranda and Sawmill in the last weeks of summer. Each camp possesses at least two models—one of their camp specific ammunition and one of another ammunition for comparison.

Special thanks for this project go to Jimmy Lowe, Ryan Swalls, the Backcountry Management Team, our shooting camps, PTC Handicraft and Don Diamond.

Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library Gift of Inspiration Art Contest



Harlan Conservation Site Foreman Carl Vogt holds his thrown reduction fired ceramics piece that took first place in The Gift of Inspiration 2013 Art Contest on Wednesday, July 31 at the Seton Museum. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



CHQ Seasonal Registrar Victoria McKinney's acrylic painting "Hummingbird" was a runner up in The Gift of Inspiration 2013 Art Contest. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



PTC Maintenance Staff Ruel Holt's powder buffalo horn was a runner up in The Gift of Inspiration 2013 Art Contest. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Tooth of Time Traders Staff Alan Brock's watercolor painting was a runner up in The Gift of Inspiration 2013 Art Contest. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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have us walk. They give clear direction as to the way we should travel—but only if we recognize them and walk toward them. If we refuse to be guided by these landmarks, they become meaningless, decorative features that have no purpose but to break up the flatness of the horizon. It's not enough to go solely by our instincts. It's not enough to have the best of intentions. It won't do to rely only on our natural senses.

Even when we think we are following a straight spiritual path, without true landmarks to guide us, we will tend to wander. Let us, therefore, open our eyes and see the landmarks our benevolent God has provided to His children. Let us read, hear, and apply the word of God as it has been and is

being taught to us. Remember, this is "God's Country." Once we have recognized the spiritual landmarks offered by a loving God, we should set our course by them. We should also make regular course corrections as we orient ourselves toward spiritual landmarks.

Let us pray with real intent to know what God would have us do. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire. True communication with God can and does bring miracles into our lives. In this way, we will not wander in circles but walk with confidence and certainty along that path that God would have us walk. As a Chaplain here in "God's Country" I ask of each of us to take the opportunity Philmont offers us to truly orient ourselves toward spiritual landmarks.

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Ingredients

- 6 small to medium sized potatoes, rinsed clean
- 8 oz of sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 8 slices of smoked, thick cut bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 stick of unsalted butter
- 6 tbsp sour cream, optional
- Salt for taste
- Pepper for taste

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Poke the top of each potato with a fork and place on a baking sheet. Cook in the oven for 1 hour. Once cooked, remove from the baking sheet, and place on a plate to let cool for about 15 minutes.
3. Cook bacon, low and slow on the stove, for about 15-20 minutes.
4. Once potatoes are cooled, use a sharp bread knife and cut lengthwise.
5. With a small spoon, being careful, scoop out about 70 percent of the potato, as you still want some potato in your boat.
6. Next, melt your butter in the microwave. Get your broiler heated to high. Brush the butter on the inside and outside of each potato skin and place them back onto the baking sheet. Season the inside of each skin with salt and pepper.
7. Place them under the broiler for 8-10 minutes until the insides get a bit crispy from the melted butter.
8. Remove, and place generous amounts of cheddar cheese into each skin, topping with bacon pieces. Place these back under the broiler for about 3-4 minutes until the cheese is nice and bubbly. Carefully remove from the oven.
9. Place a dollop of sour cream on top if you would like, and enjoy!



Reviews for Potato Skins

"The cheese and bacon beautifully accent the buttered skin of the potato. A must-have dinner treat." Zach "Chuck" Olson, Pueblano

"Cheese coverage was great. Perfect amount of bacon, but then again, when can you not need more bacon? Consider adding a sprinkle of chives or onions." Taylor Sims, Activities

"The thinly sliced potatoes provide jus the right amount of starch to compliment the warm, melted chees and succulent bacon."

Seven Layer Taco Dip

Ingredients

- 1 (1 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 1 (16 ounce) can refried beans
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 1 (16 ounce) jar salsa
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 bunch chopped green onions
- 1 small head iceberg lettuce, shredded
- 1 (6 ounce) can sliced black olives, drained
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, blend the taco seasoning mix and refried beans. Spread the mixture onto a large serving platter.
2. Mix the sour cream and cream cheese in a medium bowl. Spread over the refried beans.
3. Top the layers with salsa. Place a layer of tomato, green bell pepper, green onions and lettuce over the salsa, and top with Cheddar cheese. Garnish with black olives.

Chili

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 14.5 ounces peeled and diced tomatoes
- 15 once can kidney beans, drained
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 1 cup salsa
- 1/4 cup taco sauce

Directions

1. In a large saucepan or stockpot, cook ground beef, onion and red pepper until beef is browned.
2. Drain off excess fat.
3. Stir in the chili powder, garlic, bay leaf, diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, salsa and taco sauce.
4. Lower heat and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally.
5. Stir in beans just before serving and heat through.

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Arts & Entertainment

Peter Capaldi Named as Next 'Doctor Who' Star

By Jim Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) -- Peter Capaldi is going from spin doctor to "Doctor Who."

The BBC announced Sunday that the Scottish actor, best known as venom-spitting political fixer Malcolm Tucker in the sitcom "The Thick of It" and its film spin-off, "In the Loop," is the new star of "Doctor Who," the famed science fiction series soon to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The identity of the new Doctor had been the subject of frantic speculation, and the revelation was made with fanfare befitting one of Britain's best-known shows - during a live supertime television broadcast.

Capaldi is the 12th actor to play the Doctor, a galaxy-hopping Time Lord who travels in the Tardis, a time machine shaped like an old-fashioned British police telephone booth. At age 55, he's also the oldest since the first Doctor, William Hartnell.

Photos of Marilyn Monroe's Last Sitting for Sale

By Joann Loviglio
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- A rare portfolio of photographs from Marilyn Monroe's last sitting is up for grabs to the highest bidder.

Freeman's auction house in Philadelphia estimates the limited-edition portfolio of 10 photos, made from fashion photographer Bert Stern's original negatives from his June 1962 assignment for Vogue, could fetch \$10,000 to \$15,000 when it goes on the block Sept. 10. The photos will be on view to the public starting Sept. 6, said Aimee Pflieger, head of the century-old auction house's photography division.

Stern, who died in June at age 83, took more than 2,500 photos of the Hollywood icon over three days at the Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles. The 20-by-20-inch portfolio photos are from the first day, when Stern and Monroe were alone before the arrival of a cadre of Vogue staffers.

'2 Guns' Shoots to No. 1 at Weekend Box Office

By Derrik J. Lang
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- The action-packed "2 Guns" is No. 1 at the weekend box office.

The Universal film starring Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg pulled the trigger to capture the top spot with \$27.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The picture is based on a graphic novel of the same name and features Washington as a DEA agent and Wahlberg as a Naval Intelligence officer who must team up for an undercover operation involving drug traffickers and the CIA.

Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, said "2 Guns" opened at the studio's expectations and attributed the film's success to Icelandic director Baltasar Kormakur and the first-time pairing of Washington and Wahlberg.

"It was super casting," she said. "There was remarkable chemistry. The two of them work so well together. You see it on screen. Baltasar really gave them the energy to be able to do what they did in this film."

Rebel Wilson Ready to Enjoy 'Super Fun Night'

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) -- Rebel Wilson says "Super Fun Night" burst from her own social misadventures.

The upcoming ABC sitcom focuses on her character and two gal pals who spend every Friday night together, avoiding contact with the outside world.

The Australian-born comedian-actress said she used to sit home many nights with pals watching DVDs. Then she resolved to spread her wings and force herself into social situations.

"Super Fun Night" draws on those experiences.

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World News

Global Markets Fade as Traders Monitor US Data

By Carlo Piovano
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) -- Global stock markets mostly retreated on Monday as a weak opening on Wall Street dented spirits ahead of new U.S. economic figures.

A disappointing U.S. jobs report on Friday had sparked worries about the health of the world's biggest economy but also led some to believe the Fed will not cut back on its monetary stimulus as early as September, as many analysts had been predicting.

The Fed has already stated its intention to eventually reduce its monthly purchases of \$85 billion of Treasuries and mortgage bonds. The Fed has been pumping money into the U.S. economy for more than four years in an effort to keep interest rates down and help boost lending. The program has been a boon to stocks, where investors have fled in search of higher returns. A survey of the U.S. services sector later in the day will be watched for further clues on how soon the Fed might tighten its policies.

Syrian Rebels Take Villages in Regime's Heartland

By Barbara Surk
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) -- Syrian rebels captured four Alawite villages on the country's mountainous Mediterranean coast on Monday as they battled government troops in one of President Bashar Assad's strongholds for the second straight day, activists said. Alawites, an offshoot of Shiite Islam, dominate Assad's regime.

The capture of villages in their heartland in Latakia province is a symbolic blow to Assad, whose forces have otherwise been taking territory in recent weeks in central Syria.

Syria's conflict has taken on an increasingly sectarian tone in the last year, pitting predominantly Sunni Muslim rebels against the Alawite-dominated regime.

State Dept: Posts in 19 Cities to Remain Closed

By Alicia A. Caldwell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- U.S. diplomatic posts in 19 cities in the Mideast and Africa will remain closed for the rest of the week amid intercepted "chatter" about terror threats, which lawmakers briefed on the information likened to intelligence picked up before the September 11, 2001 attacks.

One lawmaker said the chatter was specific as to certain dates and the scope of the operation; others said it suggested that a major terrorist attack, akin to 9/11, was being planned by the al-Qaida affiliate in Yemen.

Diplomatic facilities will remain closed in Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, among other countries, through Saturday, Aug. 10. The State Department announcement Sunday added closures of four African sites, in Madagascar, Burundi, Rwanda and Mauritius. The U.S. reopened some posts on Monday, including those in Kabul, Afghanistan and Baghdad.

Former Military Chief Gets Life Sentence in Turkey

By Desmond Butler
Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) -- In a landmark trial, scores of people - including Turkey's former military chief, politicians and journalists - were convicted on Monday of plotting to overthrow Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government soon after it came to power in 2002.

Retired Gen. Ilker Basbug was the most prominent defendant among some 250 people facing verdicts after a five-year trial that has become a central drama in tensions between the country's secular elite and Erdogan's Islamic-oriented Justice and Development Party.

The trial has sparked protests, and on Monday police blocked hundreds of demonstrators from reaching the High Criminal Court in Silivri, 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of Istanbul, in a show of solidarity with the defendants.

U.S. News

Autopsy set for Ohio Killer Found Hanged in Cell

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -- An autopsy is expected to be performed Monday for a condemned Ohio killer found hanged in his death row cell just three days before his execution. Prisons spokeswoman JoEllen Smith says 44-year-old Billy Slagle was found early Sunday at the Chillicothe (chihl-ih-KAHTH'-ee) Correctional Institution south of Columbus. He was declared dead about an hour later.

Slagle was sentenced to die for fatally stabbing neighbor Mari Anne Pope in 1987 during a Cleveland burglary while two young children were present.

An attorney for Slagle says the defense had hoped to stop his Wednesday execution. Vicki Werneke says the defense had no warning that Slagle might commit suicide. Mike Ratliff, chief investigator for the Ross County coroner, says the case is under investigation and no initial findings could be provided.

Cleanup Underway at Derailment Site in Louisiana

Associated Press

LAWTELL, La. (AP) -- About 100 homes remained evacuated Monday as officials worked to clean up the site of a 26-car train derailment near the small community of Lawtell, about 60 miles west of Baton Rouge.

State police said crews were working to clear U.S. Highway 190 which was blocked by the accident. The Union Pacific train went off the tracks Sunday around 3:30 p.m.

Company spokeswoman Raquel Espinoza said one of the railcars was leaking sodium hydroxide, which can cause injuries or even death if it is inhaled or touches the skin. The other was leaking lube oil. But state police said the leaks were contained.

Gov. Bobby Jindal flew into St. Landry Parish on Sunday night to inspect the scene.

"Anytime you have chemicals leaking into the environment, that's a serious issue," Jindal said.

Calif. Gov. Orders Inquiry Averts SF Rail Strike

By Terence Chea/Shaya Tayefe Mohajer
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- Hundreds of thousands of San Francisco Bay area commuters got at least a temporary reprieve from a massive transit strike when Gov. Jerry Brown ordered an inquiry into a labor contract dispute.

Sunday night's eleventh hour order averted the walkout and left the morning commute to proceed normally, without the widespread travel congestion that a strike involving Bay Area Rapid Transit, the nation's fifth largest rail line, would have created.

In the order, Brown named a board of investigators for a seven-day inquiry into the contract dispute that had labor unions poised to walk off the job at midnight Sunday.

The order Brown issued came under a law that allows the state's intervention if a strike will significantly disrupt public transportation services and endanger public health.

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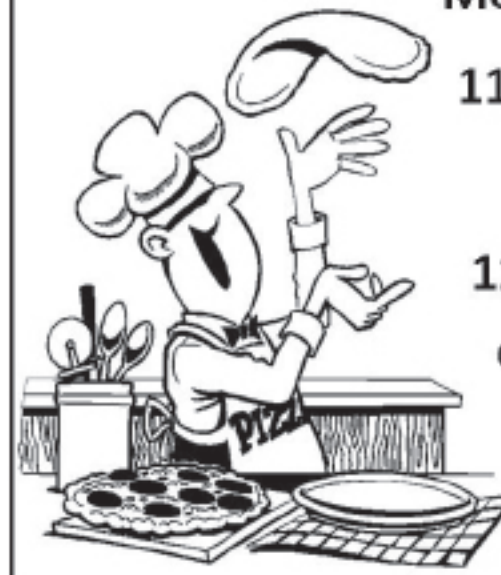
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Sports

A-Rod can Play During Suspension Appeal

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Alex Rodriguez may have to wait a little longer Monday for official word on his suspension.

Instead of noon, Major League Baseball was likely to push back an announcement on punishments until later in the day, people with knowledge of the decision said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

In a one-of-a-kind day, A-Rod was to make his season debut for the New York Yankees on Monday night, just hours after receiving the suspension and appealing the penalty.

MLB informed the Yankees on Sunday that A-Rod will be suspended for his links to a clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs, one of the people said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no statement was authorized.

The Yankees weren't told the exact length of the suspension, though they were under the impression it will be through the 2014 season, the person said.

American League

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Boston	68	46	-
Tampa Bay	66	45	.5
Baltimore	61	51	6
NY Yankees	57	54	9.5
Toronto	52	60	15
AL Central			
Detroit	65	45	-
Cleveland	62	50	4
Kansas City	57	52	7.5
Minnesota	48	61	16.5
Chicago Sox	41	69	24
AL West			
Oakland	64	47	-
Texas	63	50	2
Seattle	52	60	12.5
LA Angels	51	60	13
Houston	37	74	27

National League

East	W	L	GB
Atlanta	68	45	-
Washington	54	58	13.5
Philadelphia	50	61	17
NY Mets	49	60	17
Miami	43	67	23.5
Central			
Pittsburgh	67	44	-
St. Louis	65	46	2
Cincinnati	61	51	6.5
Chicago Cubs	49	62	18
Milwaukee	47	65	20.5
West			
LA Dodgers	62	49	-
Arizona	56	55	6
San Diego	52	60	10.5
Colorado	52	61	11
San Francisco	50	61	12

Braves Beat Phillies 4-1 for 10th Straight Win

By Aaron Bracy
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Alex Wood didn't want to be the one to stop the Atlanta Braves' winning streak.

Chris Johnson drove in two runs and Wood pitched six strong innings to lead the Braves to their 10th straight victory, 4-1 over the slumping Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday night.

Wood (2-2) allowed one run and two hits in his fourth major league start. The unorthodox 22-year-old rookie left-hander, who configures his body in an unusual way during his delivery, struck out three and walked two.

"(Braves catcher Brian McCann) and I had a good game plan, just attack and make good pitches," Wood said. "I didn't want to be the one who lost the streak."

Johnson, who entered leading the league in batting, hit a two-run single in the first to stake the Braves to an early lead. Justin Upton and B.J. Upton each had two hits with a double apiece for Atlanta, which matched its season-best winning streak.

With 8th Bridgestone Win, Woods Can't Wait for PGA

By Rusty Miller
AP Sports Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) -- Tiger Woods can't wait to get to the PGA Championship.

Woods grabbed a big lead with a second-round 61 and then closed out the field with safe and smart even-par 70 on Sunday to roll to a seven-shot victory at the Bridgestone Invitational.

Next up? The year's final major championship at Oak Hill.

"Do I want it any more? No, it's the same," said Woods, winless in his past 17 major championships. "Each and every major, I always want them. I've been successful 14 times, and hopefully next week it'll be 15."



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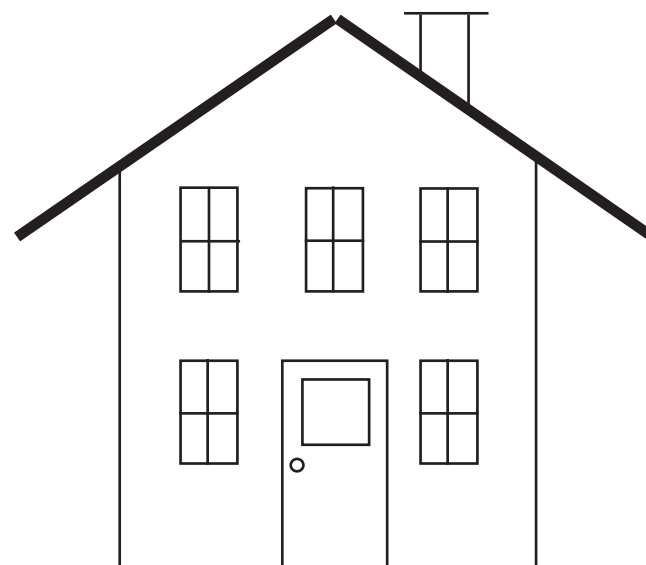
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Sudoku Instructions: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).



Participants from Crew 718-Q play cards with Camp Director Scott Hamilton and Program Counselor Nathan Wright on Friday, July 26 at Fish Camp. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Rayado participant Sarah Cobb fights to hold her grip as she ascends one of the most difficult climbs on Saturday, July 27 at Dean Cow. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Crew 718-F summits the top of Mount Baldy on Monday, July 22. CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Participants from Troop 888 in San Jose, Calif. tie flies for fly fishing on Saturday, July 27 at Fish Camp. Around 150 flies are tied by participants everyday at Fish Camp. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER