International Scouting Comes to PTC

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

The Philmont Training Center played host to the International Representative Conference from June 8-13. Thirty-eight participants from councils across the country gathered at the PTC for training. The conference is designed to help international representatives understand their role in recruiting their council youth into the broader World Scouting Movement. Outside of the training, the conference encouraged networking between leaders and an increased familiarity with the international Scouting process.

“We teach them what their Scouts can participate in on the international level,” said Marshall Hollis, a member of the BSA international committee.

The culmination of international Scouting is the World Scouting Jamboree, which happens every four years. The year before each jamboree, the BSA international committee begins gearing up by hosting this conference in order to promote the jamboree and renew awareness of Scouting beyond the United States.

The next world Jamboree will be in Yamaguchi City, Japan in 2015. The Jamboree is a chance for Scouts across the world to gather together for fellowship and games.

“It’s very difficult to describe but is quite a lot of fun,” said Dave Shelburne, a faculty member for the conference. “It can be a mountaintop experience.”

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Who Wore it Better?

Doyle Maurer/Photographer

The number one rule at Philmont is look good. For some of us, this means sporting the “collared greens” and looking the best in your uniform. For others, this means flaunting the freshest gear while hiking around in the backcountry. Whatever you choose, make sure it looks good and it’s in proper Philmont attire. Here are some exceptional staff members who have gone above and beyond in looking good.

A department that’s traditionally known for its impressive looks has been the Conservation Department. They work hard and get dirty fixing trails in the backcountry, but when they’re in Base, they make sure to look spiffy in their class A uniforms. Two Conservation gentlemen notoriously known for their style are Conservation Recreation Resource Manager John Celley and Associate Director of Conservation of OATC Tim Riedl. This is what they have to say about their classy high-sock, short-shorts wardrobe.

What started the fashion that you wear?

Celley: “We just ended up with a sweet pair of 1980’s Scout shorts and it seemed like...”

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Participants Arrive at Philmont

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Paul Green, an advisor for Crew 608-L-01, stands at his tent and waits for his crew.

Doyle Maurer/Photographer

(Left to right) John Celley and Tim Riedl

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

The Philmont Scout Ranch
Pro-Scouting Interest Reception

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest youth organizations in the world, serving almost four million youth and adult volunteers through a network of local councils in every state in America.

Volunteers and programs are supported by a local council. There are about 300 councils operating as part of the Boy Scouts of America, and each one hires a team of professional and support staff.

In a local council there is a position called the District Executive. This is a full-time person hired by the council to support the volunteers and programs within a geographic area of the council known as a district. They are the person that the community in that district looks towards to help support their Scouting programs through helping to organize their membership recruitment, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and training, and program support.

The Boy Scouts of America is looking for individuals who may be interested in a profession with a purpose; this is the District Executive.

Starting salary starts at around $30-36K per year plus benefits, and raises are earned annually based on performance.

You must have a four year college degree, and either be a US citizen or have declared your intent to become a citizen. Within the Scouting program there are a wide variety of career paths, and employees with tenure are valued.

On Thursday, June 26 at 6 p.m., there is a reception being held at the Villa Philmonte Pool Garden for individuals who are interested in learning more about professional Scouting. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, so come for dinner.

Joining the reception are several Scout executives who are the CEO’s for local councils, as well as representatives from the regional and national offices of the Boy Scouts of America to answer questions about professional Scouting.

If you are interested in attending the reception or want to learn more about professional Scouting, contact Chris Sawyer at Camping Headquarters, 575-376-1131 (office) or 575-447-8074 (mobile), or I-Camp your name and department.

An invitation is not required, but please RSVP so we have an accurate count of attendees.

June 20-June 28

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Corrections

In Issue Two, it was stated on the back page in one of the photo captions that “Tom Crofton gives acting tips.” The name should instead be Tim Crofton.

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

A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others. -Ayn Rand

We are taught you must blame your father, your sisters, your brothers, the school, the teachers - but never blame yourself. It’s never your fault. But it’s always your fault, because if you wanted to change you’re the one who has got to change. -Katharine Hepburn

I didn’t fail the test. I just found 100 ways to do it wrong. -Benjamin Franklin

Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him. –Booker T. Washington

Understand that the right to choose your own path is a sacred privilege. Use it. Dwell in possibility. -Oprah

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest youth organizations in the world, serving almost four million youth and adult volunteers through a network of local councils in every state in America.
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the high socks were really the only appropriate sock option.”

Riedl: “I've always kind of thought it was more of a tradition for cons leadership to sport those: guys like John Celley, Mike Serio, Zack Harris and even some people before them when I was a younger Conservation staff member. I saw those guys doing it and was like ‘Oh, if I ever work in a leadership position, I’m gonna have to do that.”

What is your favorite part about the high-sock and shorts combo?

Celley: “I think it's a fitting tribute to the Conservation Department and Boy Scouting. Our tradition of wearing the Class A uniforms is because we get really nasty at work, so we want to clean it up when we're back in Base.”

Riedl: “I feel like I need to overcompensate for the amount of time that I wear pants. When you're out in the backcountry, your arms get tan wearing the polo, but your legs stay pasty white. So I feel like I need to make up for that somehow while I’m in Base.

Who is your fashion model at Philmont?

Celley: “If I was thinking Scout uniforms, it would be Chris Sawyer. He’s got that rugged handsomeness and a variety of Scout uniform parts.”

Riedl: “It would have to be Mark Anderson. He's solid and hasn’t changed in all the years I’ve been out here. I liked what he said when he was talking about the uniform during Aims and Methods: ’I just wake up in the morning and don’t really need to figure out what I need to wear.’ I want to know how many uniforms he's got hanging in his closet.”

What’s the best part about your outfit?

Celley: “I think we have all bonded over our love of Class A uniforms and we have two running jokes: whoever’s shorts were the shortest will be in charge and the other was whoever had the most beard. I can no longer lay claim to the beard title.”

Riedl: “You just feel free. Sky's out, legs out is kinda the saying you hear thrown around every now and then. The high sock will also provide more coverage if you need to trim through the weeds or do some Base Camp conservation with the crew.”

Bear Safety Tip of the Week

Check every pocket, of every pack, every time. It’s imperative that all smellables be placed in bear or Oops bags. Before engaging a day hike, double check all of the gear that you leave behind. It’s always the last smellable that gets eaten by wildlife. Remember, a fed bear is a dead bear!

Issue Two Sudoku Solutions

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Mark’s Minute:  
Walking the Talk

Mark Anderson  
Director of Program,  
Unit 2

During our days of training, each of us had the opportunity to discuss the idea that everyone walks the talk, or at least we agreed we should walk the talk. Now that we are moving along through the summer with crews arriving and departing each day, conferences and families arriving and departing each week and visitors dropping by each day, each of us should be performing with the highest level of competence. We should demand the same of each of our team members.

The word competent sometimes refers to “barely adequate.” However, as we have used the word this summer to describe the level of training and performance that will allow us to look back on the summer of 2014. We will know that we have delivered in a way that meets each participant’s expectations. We would define the word competent in the sense of its most basic definition “to be well qualified, fit.”

Let it be said that each member of the Philmont team is a competent person.

- Be committed to excellence. John Johnson wrote, "Success bases our worth on a comparison with others. Excellence gauges our value by measuring us against our own potential. Success grants its rewards to the few but is the dream of the multitudes. Excellence is available to all living beings but is accepted by the … few.”
- Never settle for average. The word mediocre literally means “halfway up a stony mountain.” To be mediocre is to do a job halfway. It is to leave yourself far short of the summit. Competent staff never settle for average.
- Pay attention to detail. Dale Carnegie said, “Don’t be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves.”
- Perform with consistency. Competent staff perform with great consistency. We give our best all the time, and that’s important. If 99.9 percent were good enough, then each of us would negatively impact 26.6 campers this summer. With 1070 staff members, each negatively impacting 26.6 campers, we could potentially negatively impact 28,441 people. Our total expected attendance is 28,470 including backcountry campers, PTC participants and staff.

I know that by working together we can walk the talk and ensure that our staff achieves the highest level of competency.

Philmont Staff Association Announces  
Third Annual Writing Contest

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) is holding its third annual writing contest for Philmont’s seasonal staff members.

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

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

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

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

- **Adventure Story:** Has something strange or unusual happened to you or someone you know at Philmont? A near miss or close call? A dream realized – or deferred? A crazy day-off road trip? Let us hear about it.
- **Spiritual/Personal Memoir:** From Henry David Thoreau to John Muir to Annie Dillard, the “green world” has provided powerful settings for reflection on spiritual matters. What has Philmont taught you about your life or your God?
- **Poetry:** All forms welcome.
- **Fiction:** Lew Wallace, D.H. Lawrence, Walker Percy, Willa Cather, and Zane Grey are just a few of the great novelists who have used New Mexico as a setting for fiction.

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

All submissions must be submitted by email, as a Microsoft Word attachment to an email. Email all submissions to wsmith@worldmag.com by midnight, July 20, 2014. Please limit all submissions to 1500 words.
The Ranger Mile: Hidden Gems in Central Country

Welcome to The Ranger Mile, a weekly column in which members of the ranger staff will profile various hiking opportunities for staff on days off.

Colin Bowser
Associate Chief Ranger

Philmont has an abundance of b-e-a-utiful scenery, and the best way to see the natural beauty of the Ranch is to go hike! Whether it’s just on a day off, or you are hiking to or returning from work, there is always something new to experience. Hiking the backcountry can be the best remedy for alleviating stress. The combination of fresh air, exercise and being surrounded by nature all work together to soothe a busy mind. Of course, the best way to hike Philmont is with a buddy: not only is it safer, it is also more fun and offers opportunities to learn more about the people and surroundings.

A fantastic Central Country hike begins at Cito Turnaround. A short walk to the Demonstration Forest provides an opportunity to speak with one of our Visiting Professional Foresters. Remember to hike on the trail past Cathedral Rock Camp the entire way as it provides better views and more shade than the road. There will be foresters stationed at the Demonstration Forest pavilion by Cito Reservoir every day of the summer; they are not only a resource for participants, but also for staff members who are interested in forestry or have a question about forest ecosystems.

From the Demonstration Forest head north to Window Rock, an amazing intrusion of dacite porphyry which provides a great place to enjoy lunch and take in the views. Then it’s a nice downhill hike through Hidden Valley to Aspen Springs Camp to see some more incredible rock formations. If you only want to take a day trip, you can then return back to Cito Turnaround by hiking the trail underneath Window Rock.

If you’re looking for an overnight, however, you can continue on to Cimarroncito or Hunting Lodge via the alluring Grouse and Sawmill Canyons. For solitude, spend a night underneath the aspens at Lower or Upper Sawmill Trail Camp.

A different option after Aspen Springs is to head over to Ute Gulch Commissary and hike up and over Deer Lake Mesa to the Bench: this sometimes-forgotten gem of the Central Country. It has a lot to offer, including the new trail camps Lost Gap, Martinez Springs, and Hawkeye. As you’re hiking, keep an eye out for several spiraled ponderosa pines that can be seen on the north side of the trail between Upper Bench Camp and Visto Grande Camp. These trees are no longer living, but their twisted skeletons are a testament to their previous glory and are a truly inspiring sight. As you’re hiking, remember to take only photographs and leave only footprints.

Things to Remember

• Always carry the ten hiking essentials and follow Philmont backcountry procedures.

• Complete a staff backcountry access permit and check the water conditions of any trail camps you plan to visit in Logistics.

• Arrange a ride back to Base before beginning your trip. Finish your hiking well in advance of your planned departure time.

• When visiting staff camps, represent your department well by treating backcountry staff and crews respectfully. Always allow participants to engage in program before you do.

Submit Your Work to PhilNews

We are accepting poems, short stories, photos and artwork.

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

Email: philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org
Fr. Dennis O'Rourke
Catholic Chaplain

In 1954, Father Luis Talgedy came to Philmont Scout Ranch as its first Catholic chaplain, serving in that capacity for six summers. Over the past 60 years, over 75 Catholic priests from around the country have been chaplains at Philmont for all or part of the summer season. Fr. Eugene Henley, OFM, was here for 13 summers. Fr. James Norton, CSC, served 12 summers at Philmont and quickly passing that record is Fr. Donald Hummel, who has served parts of 25 consecutive summers with no clear end of his service in sight! I have been lucky enough to be here for parts of the past 23 summers at CHQ, plus six as faculty at PTC and am happy to return to be at camp again this year.

Father Robert Guglielmone, now Bishop Robert Guglielmone of the Diocese of Charleston, S.C., served a total of nine summers here, of the Diocese of Charleston, S.C., now Bishop Robert Guglielmone. Fr. Dennis O'Rourke returned to be at camp again this year.

Beginning in 1986, Catholic seminarians have also been a part of Philmont's Catholic Chaplaincy program. Since that time, 26 seminarians are listed on the roster. At least three of the seminarians returned as Philmont chaplains after becoming priests.

The ministry of the chaplain at Philmont is varied from day to day with no two days the same. The rotation of duties includes Logistics, Health Lodge, back-country, Headquarters, Training Center and relief. The Logistics position is responsible for any emergency calls that need to be delivered in Base Camp as well as all points of the Ranch. This chaplain is also called if crews are in need of counseling, such as a member of the crew needing to get their acts together and hike on.

Usually, there are two chaplains assigned to this duty, with the relief chaplain not far away in case of need. The Health Lodge chaplain cares for the needs of the sick and injured by developing a close working relationship with the medical teams. Often times, this chaplain visits the local hospitals as well. The backcountry chaplain has the opportunity to visit the staffed camps at the Ranch. All chaplains do this regularly as part of their travels, but this specific weekly assignment has that responsibility. The Headquarters chaplain takes phone messages, mail call, and is present to the Base Camp staff as the needs arise. The CHQ Chaplain also provides an orientation to the chaplain aide of each crew the evening of their arrival, and welcomes the advisors with information on Philmont's chaplaincy. Each week, a chaplain is assigned to the Philmont Training Center to remind those participants that Duty to God is always a part of Scouting's programs. This chaplain runs the interfaith service at PTC. The relief chaplain covers for others, as the duties are needed.

Each chaplain rotates through these duties, changing assignment each Saturday. You see us around, and most of the time we are going from one action to another. There is even time for us to prepare for our daily Mass at 7 p.m.

In 2003, Philmont introduced the Duty to God patch program to encourage participants to be active in religious experiences appropriate to their faith while at Philmont, and to consider working on the religious award of their faith group when they return home.

PhilStars: Coming to a sky Near You
Week of June 20th-26th

Here at Philmont, there's plenty of opportunity to observe the night sky. The solitude of the backcountry and absence of light pollution create perfect conditions for star watchers.

This summer, we're going to be posting weekly predictions and charts that discuss what to look for and when to see it. Information was taken from Astronomy.com

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

The month of June began with Jupiter and the Moon together in the west after sunset and Mercury to the lower right. As the month progresses, Mercury will drop lower and the sun will stay up longer, until the summer solstice occurs. As the month grows old, Mars and Saturn will be the planets to watch.

Note: The faintest magnitude, or level of brightness, the naked eye can see is six and any number above that will require help with binoculars or a telescope. The brightest magnitude regularly seen is -13, which is a full moon.

**June 20:** 45 minutes after sunset, Jupiter will be in the northwest and be close to Castor and Pollux (the two brightest stars in the Gemini constellation).

**June 21:** Summer solstice, the time when the Earth's tilt toward the sun is at its maximum, will occur at 4:51 a.m. MDT. During this period, daylight will be at its longest and nighttime will be at its shortest. The seasons are reversed in the southern hemisphere and their winter solstice occurs on this date. Also, the moon passes close north of Uranus.

**June 22:** The International Space Station enters a period of full illumination near the June solstice, favoring multiple views for those in the northern hemisphere.

**June 23:** The moon occults Mercury just 20 hours prior to the new moon.

**June 24:** In the morning, the waning crescent is within a degree of Venus located in the east, with the Pleiades not too far off to the north. The Pleiades, also called the Seven Sisters, is an open star cluster located in the constellation Taurus.

**June 25:** In the morning, the moon will be close to Aldebaran, an orange giant located 65 light years away in the constellation Taurus.

**June 26:** Two hours after sunset, Mars will be close to Spica (the brightest star in Virgo) in the southwest corner of the sky. The magnitude of Spica will be 7.4, so a telescope is needed.

**This week:** June 25-29: Rocky Mountain Star Stare in Westcliffe, CO (three hours from Philmont). For more information go to http://www.rmss.org/
Dallas On Days Off: Visit Santa Fe

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

If you are looking for a bigger day off, look no further south than Santa Fe.

Santa Fe is a major center for art and culture with a popularity that few towns of 60,000 can boast. It features over 16 museums, dozens of galleries and culinary options that rival that of any major metropolitan area. Santa Fe’s history reaches deeper than many parts of America, as it holds the record for the oldest capital in the United States.

Santa Fe is about a three hour drive on South I-25. Much of the city’s cultural flavor radiates outward from the market square, which dates back to the early 1600’s. The imposing Cathedral of Assisi looks over the square, while the Palace of the Governors is on the other side.

In the early 1900’s, the city began capitalizing on its vacation potential and began advertising itself as a place for artists and tourists alike to visit. The city set out to preserve it’s past while also taking advantage of the economic growth tourism and other industries could induce.

The attention to preserving its historical past while anticipating the coming modern age has cemented Santa Fe as a vacation destination for the entire country. Visitors can touch history at El Rancho de las Golondrinas, a living history museum that features over 200 acres of period buildings and interpreters from the 1800’s on. The culinary inclined can stop at one of the many food trucks on the plaza, all for less than ten dollars, or enjoy one of the many restaurants offering Mexican food.

Art enthusiasts will find the New Mexico Museum of Art has a large collection of artwork from the Southwest. In addition, the museum contains the works of the famous Santa Fe Art Colony, one of the groups that established the Southwest as a creative haven for artists. After a long day of exploring, staffers may want to head to the cinema. A matinée ticket could lead to an evening’s worth of relaxing and enjoying a new blockbuster in an air conditioned theater.

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Participannts Arrive at Philmont

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

Scouts disembarked from busses at the Welcome Center and switched from traveling to hiking mode. Hats and sunglasses were worn to shield eyes that were no longer protected behind tinted windows.

Their ranger, Will Lavis, greeted the crew wearing patterned socks: a friendly welcome to the Ranch. He led Crew 608-L-01, with all their gear, to their assigned tents.

The next step in their journey was getting their crew photo. The group walked to the crew photo site, located between the trail-bound and home-bound tents, and met with the News and Photo photographers. After all sunglasses and hats were removed, a battle between sunglasses and hats ensued in front of a DSLR camera mounted on a thick log. On the count of three, eyes lifted from the ground to the camera and synchronized smiles spread.

Responsibility was bestowed to the crew leader immediately upon arrival to Philmont. The crew leader, Ethan Green, was charged with the responsibility of certifying that everyone in his crew is prepared to spend a few hours away from their gear and tents. At Logistics and Registration, he and his father, Paul Green, one of the advisors, checked-in and confirmed their Logistics trip-planning appointment for after lunch.

In the meantime, Lavis taught the crew first aid using an interactive game, “First Aid Charade.” Ethan Green chose people to act out an illness without making a sound. One boy mimed a heart attack. An advisor demonstrated the symptoms of altitude sickness. Once guessed, the prevention, symptoms and treatment of the illness were discussed.

Afterward, Ethan separated from his crew to meet with Logistics. His father accompanied him inside. Colin Price, logistics staff, led the father and son to a cubicle walled with safety instructions, hiking rules and a large map of Philmont.

Price discussed backcountry rules and safety with Ethan who plotted his crew’s itinerary on the map, marked staffed camps and learned the difference between staffed and unstaffed camps.

He also marked the water conditions of each camp, opportunities to participate in camp programs and his crew’s conservation site. Slowly, with each mark of different colored Sharpie in a multitude of symbols, the next 12 days became more clear to Ethan. After he learned the itinerary, he relayed the information to the rest of his crew.

“You choose your adventure,” said Price. “We don’t tell you what trail you need to take.”

After Ethan and Paul rejoined their crew, Ethan relayed the plans to his crew. Together with Lavis, the crew reviewed the map and symbols. The boys sat on their heels to easily reach across the map to point out a certain symbol. Lavis explained how to figure the distance between camps by converting kilometers, or “clicks,” into miles.

Discussing the itinerary brought the trek into focus for the rest of the crew, and Ethan Green facilitated the epiphany.

Next, the crew traveled to Medical Re-check where all participants must be cleared to go into the backcountry by the medical staff. Once they were authorized, the last stop was Outfitting Services where staff distribute gear and food. There is a list of mandatory equipment, like bear bags and a list of optional equipment, like hot pots.

The crew checked their equipment and confirmed their issued food would last them until their first food pick up.

At Outfitting Services, crews review the patrol cooking method. The patrol method requires crews to cook as a group and encourages crew members to develop leadership. There are a variety of ways to cook while backpacking, but following Scouting’s Patrol Method, Philmont requires cooking be done in a group manner which encourages youth leadership and teamwork. Crew 608-L-01 understood the reasons for the mandatory conversion and accepted the challenge of learning a new method.

Afterward, Lavis conducted a shake-down of the crew’s gear, establishing that everyone has the necessary equipment before rain falls. He continued to train the crew in the proper set-up of a bear bag, setting and breaking camp and other crucial techniques for hiking in the backcountry on the trail.
What’s New This Week

Looms at Kit Carson Museum

Gracie Ayers shows how to use the new Finnish loom at Rayado and Kit Carson Museum.

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

Rayado is both a backcountry camp and a public living history museum. It is an interpretive camp where staff portray members of the Trujillo and Goodale families. The Kit Carson Museum is located seven miles south of Base Camp, along with a tomahawk range, a forge, a trading post and their newest addition: looms.

A floor loom now occupies the front room of the Maxwell/Abreu ranch house. Inkle and tapestry looms are located on tables and the floor nearby. The working Finnish loom extends over six feet into the room and is similar to models that would have been used in the era.

Two of the staff at the Kit Carson Museum are clothing experts and use the looms to help create and mend the period costumes used at Rayado. Looming isn’t limited to these specialist staff.

"The goal is for everyone to be proficient at each other’s job,” said Gracie Ayers, program counselor at Kit Carson Museum.

In addition to looms, other venues at Rayado also contribute to the long-term development of the camp. A forge has produced pieces for the floor loom that would have otherwise been an expensive purchase. A woodworking shop is also on site, making repairs easy with the forge and wood shop available. A leather worker is also on staff. The staff at Rayado are living as if they truly were settlers. They even collect wax drippings from candles to re-mold new ones.

"Every staff member is a specialist here,” said Dan Bennett, camp director at Kit Carson Museum. "They have projects that fit with the time period and camp.”

For example, Calvin Walton, assistant camp director at Kit Carson Museum, wants to start the renovations to the old ranch house.

The goals of the staff are similar to those of the time period depicted. With the addition of looms, they have even more essential tools and knowledge to live as if they were the original settlers.

New Merchandise at the Trading Post

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

New merchandise, a new look and an upgraded website are helping to strengthen an already outstanding Tooth of Time Traders. This summer, the Trading Post picked up many new brands including the fast growing Sea To Summit. Their line includes camping accessories such as pillows, liners and utensils. The Trading Post also began stocking the Thunder Ridge tent by MSR, a tent specifically designed for program at Philmont. In addition to receiving 500 tents for use by participants, the Trading Post received 100 tents for sale to Scouter.

Especially exciting for the Trading Post is the arrival of the Backcountry Bed by Sierra Designs, a 20-degree, 800-thread count, light-weight sleeping bag. Although down bags come out all the time, this design features something different.

"It has no zippers,” said John Luckenbach, a clerk at the Trading Post.

He went on to describe how the bag features an upper torso blanket feature that can be removed at will, with a Velcro slit at the bottom that allows feet to pass through.

“That would come in handy for me when I get hot,” Luckenbach said.

The sleeping bag is so popular that it has already sold out. Fortunately, the store has already sent another order in.

The Trading Post will also be sporting a new look this summer. A new pack fixture that allows every backpack to have display space so potential buyers can discuss each bag's merit.

"It puts all the styles and all the colors out so Scouts can pick from available stock,” said Jean Sitzberger, warehouse manager.

Those looking for the same brands and gear the store sold last summer will find themselves in luck. The Trading Post brought in the most recent editions of every brand and has already begun ordering for the 2015 season.

"The store is always in constant motion,” Sitzberger added.

The Tooth of Time Traders also updated its website over the off season. Now, Scouts and staff alike can peruse the Trading Post website, just like they would at the brick-and-mortar site.

Evan Kline, Tooth of Time Traders clerk, helps John Lampley, Protestant chaplain, find a pack on Tuesday, June 10, at the TOTT.
Sustaining for Philmont’s Future

Nehemiah Rosell and Taylor Anderson stand proudly in front of their recycling bins at the Conservation Department.

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

Sustainability is derived from the word sustinere (tenere, to hold; sus, up). It means to support or maintain. Sustainable development is development that supports the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations.

The sustainability coordinators dream for sustainability at Philmont is to one day have a zero carbon footprint and later become 100 percent self-sufficient for energy and water. For now, Philmont has to take baby steps to achieve this dream. Taylor Anderson and Nehemiah Rosell are the facilitators that are moving Philmont to new horizons. The first crucial step towards a sustainable ranch is to help people become aware that they play a major role in the health, aesthetics and long term resilience of the camp.

By making sure your trash finds its way to a garbage can and recyclable waste ends up in a recycling bin, you not only help the environment, but also show your support for sustainability.

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Weekly Advice Column

Ask Logistics

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

How does Logistics work?
We have three primary responsibilities: trip planning, communications (base radio), and transportation. The biggest part is trip planning where a member of Logistics sits down with the youth crew leader and his/her adult advisor and goes over the specifics of the itinerary to remind them of the program that they’re going to be doing. We spend 30-45 minutes with them and we’ll answer all of their questions.

How heavy is your workload?
We trip plan an average of 35 crews per day, throughout the whole summer.

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Ask Housekeeping

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

A Scout is clean! We are all responsible for keeping our personal space clean and organized.

The Housekeeping Department gives leadership to maintaining a clean environment for the thousands of participants that visit Philmont each summer, fall, winter and spring.

Like all departments at Philmont, the Housekeeping Department is a vital component to the operations of the Ranch.

The housekeepers manage the main offices, museums, PTC, and many other buildings in Base Camp.

They can also help you keep your work areas clean.

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Outside of the Jamboree, the BSA also sends delegations to the World Scout Youth Forum and the Youth Conference. The World Scout Conference gathers together adult leadership from national Scouting organizations across the world and helps them address the business of Scouting, such as aims, goals, and methods. The World Scout Youth Forum receives a delegation of five Scouts from each country and directly precedes the Conference. The delegates enter into discussion with the other Scouting representatives concerning issues affecting their members and make recommendations to the Forum.

One of Philmont's own will be attending the 2014 conference in Slovenia. Rachel Eddowes, a NAYLE transportation coordinator, was one of five youth selected to the delegation for the BSA. She will attend as an observer, assisting the two voting delegates.

“I'm honored to represent the BSA at the conference,” said Eddowes.

Also in attendance at the conference was Leonardo Morales, the chairman of the Interamerican Scout region. Morales, a Scouter from Costa Rica, represents the national Scouting organizations of 34 nations in the Western hemisphere. He discussed projects the Interamerican Scouting organization were participate in and talked about what World Scouting is.

“Every meeting you participate in - troop, patrol and council as a Scout - you are participating in the World Scout Movement,” said Morales.

While Scouting in Costa Rica includes both boys and girls at all levels, Morales says that Scouting in the US is similar to his home countries.

“We have a Scout law, promise and oath,” said Morales.

He went on to add that every Scouting organization should have a place like the Philmont Training Center, to train their professionals and volunteers.

Morales had nothing but compliments for Philmont and the staff who work here.

“My family went to Disneyland last year, and the service is like that,” said Morales.
First Scouts at the Chase Ranch

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

On June 9th, this summer’s first crews began hitting the trail. The PhilNews accompanied Crew 608-O from Hoover, Ala. on their bus ride out to the Chase Ranch Turnaround, and interviewed several crew members as well as an advisor. Troop 93, or “Bob’s Boys,” were asked about their hopes, expectations and anxieties about the trail ahead.

Owen Porter, Scout
What are some of your expectations?
“Lots of scenic views, a diverse wilderness and lots of hiking. We’re from a place where the wilderness is all the same.”

What hadn’t you expected that you’ve experienced already?
“I hadn’t expected it to still be an active ranch. I woke up to the horses being driven down the road.”

Riley Haught, Crew Leader
What are you looking forward to?
“This is my fifth trek so I am just soaking it all up. As an artist I want to get a lot of photos and sketches, and turn them into multi media paintings when I get home.”

What will be the biggest challenge?
“Getting the crew dynamic down. That’s really something I want us to accomplish.”

Christian Hoffman, Scout
What are you excited for?
“I’m excited for the entire thing. That’s why I came here.”

What are you worried about?
“A broken leg.”

Terry Beckham, Scout Master
What are you excited about?
“I enjoy the challenge of pushing myself, living out of my pack, the camaraderie with the crew and how much stronger it will be in 12 days on the hike down Tooth Ridge.”

What are you looking forward to?
“This is my fifth trek so I am just soaking it all up. As an artist I want to get a lot of photos and sketches, and turn them into multi media paintings when I get home.”

What are you looking forward to least?
“Days that I just get tired.”


Crew 608-O receives a bus tour on their way to Chase Ranch on Monday, June 9.

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only preserve the beauty of the camp, you are actually helping Philmont save money and keep taking steps towards becoming sustainable. Hundreds and thousands of pounds of garbage and recyclable waste are created each summer and too few people take the time out of their day to throw reusable materials in the proper recycle bins.

Anders and Rosell have made it their mission this summer to help kick start a sustainable minded culture here at Philmont. It will become common sense to throw recyclables where they belong, as opposed to assuming it is someone else's job, because it is not a job but a courtesy that all Boy Scouts need to realize in their daily lives.

The Ranch has made a point to cut back on the amount of waste created each year, by cutting out unnecessary items including Styrofoam to-go boxes and cups. They have made it easy for Scouts to leave their waste and recyclables at staff camps where it can be rounded up and transported back to Base Camp. Staff and participants are encouraged to purchase outdoor equipment that is environmentally friendly in its production and its disposal.

There is an “Alley Cat” recycling trailer which has been on the Ranch for several years, it can be found between the News and Photo Services building and Mail Room. Any plastic items that are numbered #1-7, usually on the bottom, can be recycled at the “Alley Cat,” any aluminum, tin or paper that is clear of food can be taken to the “Alley Cat” as well.

Last year, the Ranch recycled 59 tons of cardboard, 2.8 tons of plastic, 900 pounds of aluminum and 600 pounds of tin. The sustainability coordinators have faith that the recycling culture will remain an ongoing evolution by the staff and participants.

Next summer they would like to focus their attention to new projects that will greatly increase the self sufficiency of Philmont.

Proposed future projects such as solar panels and low-flow shower heads would reduce energy use.

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Could you describe some of the work Housekeeping does?
We use almost exclusively antibacterial disinfectant cleaning supplies because they work primarily in the Health Lodge. When a patient leaves a room after a check-up, the room is sanitized by the group of hard working housekeeping staff. They are entrusted with keeping the Health Lodge to modern conventional standards of cleanliness codes. We also clean PTC rooms, the CHQ office and guest dorms.

Q: What types of supplies can I get from housekeeping?
You can get non-degradable toilet paper and certain cleaning supplies including window cleaner, stain remover, paper towels and large trash bags.

Q: How do I get ahold of housekeeping?
You can call the re-check office which is across from the health lodge and they can patch you over to housekeeping. Or you can stop by and talk with them in person.

Q: Where is the housekeeping building located?
They are in the same building as Medical Re-check, closest to the managers dorms. The PTC housekeepers are located in the laundry building in the PTC area.

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Wanted: Whiskers

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

Attention: If you are interested in being featured in the next “Wanted: Whiskers” please stop by the PhilNews office in the News and Photo Services Building.

This week’s feature facial hair is a historical combination of practicality and class. The “Feline Flexor” is a style gifted to only the most agile of beasts. Scientifically known as *Vibrissae*, these suave whiskers are the tactile sensors of the nocturnal hunters commonly known as kittens or *Felis silvestris catus*. Panthera Blytheae, the ancestor to the snow leopard, is the original champion of the Feline Flexor, rocking the whiskers almost five million years ago in Central Asia.

Thea the “Killer Kitten” at Miners Park is one of four honorary Wanted: Whiskers mascots across the Ranch. She is one example of the increasingly popular feline facial hair styles sweeping through New Mexico.

Famous bearers of the Feline Flexor include Garfield, the Pink Panther, Cat in the Hat, and, of course, the unforgettable Simba. Some might wave off the importance of a facial hair style that is fairly impossible to grow, but there is a mystical power that must be recognized within the whiskers that make the Feline Flexor. These savannah hunters, cuddly purrers and lasagna-eating icons all have something in common: they were worshiped as gods in Egypt. If the godly facial hair of a cat doesn’t bring about some level of respect, then none of us are worthy of the recognition of having facial hair.

All history aside, if a kitten can innately grow facial hair, I challenge you to cater with full intention to your desire of rocking an outstanding style of your own.

Students Think Every Moment

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

The Science Technology Engineering Math (S.T.E.M.) trek is one of the newest individual treks offered here at Philmont. Sarah Burgess is heading up the program with an armada of rangers hand picked for their passion and knowledge in the field of the sciences.

Rachel Thomas and Carlisle Evens Peck are two S.T.E.M. support staff members that are working with Sarah in preparation for first S.T.E.M. trek in July.

“From the moment the ranger meets the crew and does a gear shake down and explains why you have to drink so much water at these altitudes, to teaching skills in the backcountry, the ranger is constantly bringing science to the Scouts,” Burgess said.

The idea of S.T.E.M. is to help youth understand that it is cool to know about the scientific aspects of life. Teaching the crew the correlations between the sciences, technology, engineering, math and daily activities around the Ranch is important for every participants.

“It’s summer; no one wants to be in school, but there is so much that Scouts can learn and take home with them, and that is how we create wilderness experiences that will last a lifetime,” Burgess said.

The S.T.E.M. trek is a brand new experience that will bring a new understanding of the sciences to all participants.
Plants at Philmont

Here at Philmont, staff and participants are surrounded by beautiful wildlife. The following is a guide for those interested in identifying the local flora and fauna of the Ranch.

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

Argemone L, or prickly poppy, is found throughout the western United States. It is distinguished by its startling three inch white flowers. The petals are paper-thin and circle a piercing yellow center. The entire plant reaches between two and four feet tall. The jagged leaves are bluish-green and covered with yellow spines. A blaring characteristic of prickly poppies is the leakage of orange sap from the stem or leaf.

Around Philmont, Prickly Poppies are found along roadsides and pastures near Cimarroncito, Zastrow and Abreu. They bloom in early summer, and the flower's pollen-filled center attracts many insects.

The prickly leaves foreshadow the plant's toxicity. Prickly poppies are poisonous and cannot be consumed by animals with the exception of doves which are immune to the toxin's effect and often eat the seeds.

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is implemented. The new ALPS model stands for Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth and Service.

Four pillars characterize the progression through the model. Each pillar is an award with a specific focus.

The first award is Venturing, which is defined by joining and becoming a Venture Scout. Once a Venturer joins and actively participates in a crew, he/she earns the Discovery Award. The Pathfinder Award rewards Venturers who take a leadership role in their crew. Continuing leadership, a Venturer must mentor to a crew member and complete a major service project to obtain the Summit Award, the highest award of Venturing. The Summit Award is of the same quality as an Eagle Scout Award.

“One of the big differences is the project will be evaluated and approved by the crew,” said Scott.

The reasoning is because Venturing is a youth-led program and peers are often more critical of each other while maintaining a constructive attitude. Adults are part of the organization to strictly provide guidance and mentorship.

It is important to the designers of the new model that Venturing is recognized at the district and council level.

The new Venturing model was developed over the past three years. A lot of research and consideration has been invested into the redesign in an effort to create a system that leaves young adults with skills that will aid them in achieving their future goals.

Venturers have until the end of 2014 to earn any ongoing awards. Beginning 2015, the new vision of Venturing will take full effect.

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Logistics work?
We are “Base.” Whenever somebody is asking for Base, that is us. We keep track of the units who are in backcountry. We try to provide the support they request over the radio and relay messages, getting backcountry warehouse or whomever. Once the season starts, we’ll start working with backcountry camps and helping with the crews who are struggling.

We’ll make the decision about changing an itinerary or not when assisting those crews. Sometimes not only does it involve that, but it means that we’re shipping out food to participants with special dietary needs. These participants have to bring their own food, but we’ll arrange to ship it to the backcountry commissaries. We can also ship replacement gear if equipment breaks. Whatever their request is we try to help them solve it.

What are some frequently asked questions you receive?
I think the crews are frequently concerned about water conditions. This year is pretty unique because right now we have a lot of water, but there are still backcountry camps that are dry. We also get a lot of questions about “can we change part of our itinerary” and our standard answer is no and that’s written in a lot of material that they get mailed to them. From the backcountry, once things get started, we’ll be getting questions about supporting the crews: whether a crew has broken a backpack, a tent has ripped, boots have worn out or where their special food is.

What should staff know about Logistics?
We’re kind of the focus point for a lot of information so if I don’t know the answer, I can find it pretty quickly, and that’s the same for the rest of the Logistics staff. For CHQ staff, if they’re going into the backcountry we need them to turn in their backcountry form so we know where they’re at. Another thing staff should know is that we’re open 24/7, we have somebody in the radio room at all times.

Has anything changed since last year?
Nothing has really changed except we have new people, probably about two-thirds of the staff is new and we’re changing our day 12 process, but that’s a Camping Headquarters effort that’s not just a Logistics effort.

What are your hours of operation?
We are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. everyday of the week and the radio room is open 24/7.
How Camps get Their Name: The North Edition

Philmont has a total of 35 backcountry camps. Like Philmont, each camp has a rich history and story behind it. The following is a summary of how each south backcountry camp got its name.

Information was taken from “Philmanac: A Trekker’s Guide to the Philmont Backcountry.”

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

Baldy Town: This camp is located where a small mining community existed from 1868-1940. In its heyday, many structures comprised Baldy Town. It gets its name from the nearby Mount Baldy.

Chase Ranch: Known for its heart-shaped brand, this ranch was started by Manly and Theresa Chase in 1867. After becoming acquainted with Lucien Maxwell, Manly bought land in the Vermejo Canyon. Philmont now has an agreement with the Chase Foundation for the use of the land.

Dan Beard: The northernmost camp on Philmont property is named for Daniel Carter “Uncle Dan” Beard who founded the Sons of Daniel Boone in 1905, which eventually merged with BSA at its beginning in 1910. This camp has featured a challenge course since 1990.

French Henry: Named for Henri Buruel, who obtained mining rights from Lucien Maxwell in the 1860’s and operated the French Henry Mine on the ridge above Copper Park.

Head of Dean: The camp name is derived from its location, situated at the start of Dean Canyon.

Indian Writings: Located about two miles from Six Mile Gate, Indian Writings is named for the Anasazi Native American petroglyphs which exists in this area. It is one of the oldest Philmont camps, first used in 1939 as part of Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. In the old days, it was referred to as “scribblins,” but now it’s called “IW.”

Metcalf Station: The newest staff camp at Philmont, which will replace Old Camp, is named for Colfax County Deputy Sheriff William Metcalf who was ambushed during the Settlers War.

Miranda: The camp is named after Guadalupe Miranda. He and Carlos Beaubien petitioned the Governor of Mexico for the original land grant in 1841. Beaubien recruited Miranda to obtain the land grant because he was a friend of Mexican Governor Manuel Armijo.

Ponil: This camp was the original Base Camp for Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. It is named after the Apache plume, a knee-high bushy plant that has five points, just as five canyons converge at Ponil. Initially, Ponil was referred to as “5 points.” The traditional program has been horseback riding and western lore.

Pueblano: This camp’s name is Spanish for “little village” and was originally a part of the Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. This is where the Continental Tie and Lumber Company was started in 1907 to make railroad ties and timber for mines from the trees in the Ponil Canyons.

Rich Cabins: Located on the Vermejo Park Ranch, it lies between Philmont and the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest. It is named after the five Rich brothers, who originally came from Austria in the 1890’s. They bought the land from Timothy Ring of Ring Place and used it for ranching. The heart brand that they used was later purchased by the Chase Ranch.

Ring Place: This was the first Philmont staff camp in the Valle Vidal. It is named after Timothy Ring, a one-armed Civil War veteran pioneer homesteader. Ring purchased the 320 acre ranch on the Maxwell Land Grant in 1890 for $960.

Seally Canyon: Located in the Valle Vidal, Seally Canyon is about an hour hike west of the small ghost town of Ponil Park, a small community that dates back to the 1870’s.

Whiteman Vega: Opened since 1999, this camp is named after Donald Whiteman and it features mountain biking and a conservation mountain bike trail opportunity.
Recipes of the Week

Dan Beard Buckeyes

Ingredients
1 Jar of Peanut Butter
1 can of vanilla icing
¾ cup of powdered sugar
2 bags of semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions
1. Mix together peanut butter, icing and powdered sugar.
2. Form dough into small balls.
5. Dip frozen peanut butter balls in chocolate.
7. Place in freezer.
8. Serve cold.

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Death by Chocolate

Ingredients
1 (18.25 ounce) package German chocolate cake mix
1 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
1 (3.9 ounce) package instant chocolate pudding mix
1 2/3 cups milk
3/4 cup strong brewed coffee
1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
6 (1.4 ounce) bars chocolate covered toffee bars, frozen and crushed

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan.
2. Mix cake batter according to package directions, adding water, oil, and eggs as directed. Spread batter into prepared pan and bake in preheated oven until a tester comes out clean, about 30 minutes.
3. Cool and crumble. Make pudding, according to package directions, with milk.
4. In a large trifle or other glass serving bowl, place half of the crumbled cake. Pour half of the coffee over the cake, and spread half of the pudding over that.
5. Top with half of the whipped topping, sprinkled with half the crumbled candy bars. Repeat layers in the same order. Refrigerate until serving.

Easy Red Velvet

Ingredients
1 (18.25 ounce) package white cake mix
1 (3.5 ounce) package non-instant chocolate pudding mix
Red food coloring, as desired
1/2 cup buttermilk

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Prepare cake according to package directions, substituting half of the water called for with buttermilk (approximately 1/2 cup).
3. Stir in pudding mix and food coloring.
4. Pour into cake pan(s) and bake according to package directions.
**US/Canada News**

**Iraq conflict: US considers talks with Iran**

**BBC News**

Washington is considering direct talks with Iran on the security situation in Iraq, a US official has told the BBC.

The move comes as US President Barack Obama weighs up options on action to take in Iraq.

Meanwhile the US condemned as "horrifying" photos posted online by Sunni militants that appear to show fighters massacring Iraqi soldiers.

In the scenes, the soldiers are shown being led away and lying in trenches before and after their "execution".

The Iraqi military said the pictures were real but their authenticity has not been independently confirmed.

The BBC's Jim Muir, in northern Iraq, says if the photographs are genuine, it would be by far the biggest single atrocity since the time of the American-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

**Bowe Bergdahl in a ‘stable’ condition in Texas hospital**

**BBC News**

The US soldier freed last month after five years in Taliban captivity is in a stable condition in hospital in Texas, officials have said.

Sgt Bowe Bergdahl, 28, arrived in the US from Germany early on Friday and was taken to a military medical centre for the next part of his reintegration.

He “looked good”, was in uniform, and saluted, Maj Gen Joseph DiSalvo said.

Sgt Bergdahl has not yet been in contact with his family, which officials described as his own choice.

“He appeared just like any sergeant would when they see a two-star general - a little bit nervous,” Gen DiSalvo said. "But he looked good, saluted, and had good deportment.”

**Police seek suspect in Arizona church attack**

**BBC News**

Authorities have released a sketch of a suspect in the shooting death of an Arizona priest in an attack on a Roman Catholic church on Wednesday.

The suspect is said to be a white male aged 40-49.

The description came from a second priest who was injured in the attack.

The Reverend Joseph Terra, 56, is in a critical condition in hospital. He administered last rites to Father Kenneth Walker, 28, following the break-in at the church.

A $1,000 reward has been offered for information leading to an arrest in the incident.

Police went door to door in the neighborhood looking for potential witnesses on Friday.

Investigators are unsure if more than one suspect was involved or if robbery was a motive in the attack at Mother of Mercy Mission in Phoenix.

**Liberals win majority in Ontario**

**BBC News**

The Ontario Liberal Party has won a majority in the provincial legislature in a surprising result.

The party gained 59 seats out of a total of 107 during Thursday’s elections after polls suggested a minority win for the Liberals.

Premier Kathleen Wynne, who took over last year after her predecessor resigned, was elected in her own right.

"You have put your trust in us and we will not let you down," Ms Wynne told her jubilant supporters.

Ms Wynne is now the first elected female leader of Canada’s most populous province. She is also the first openly gay premier in Canada.

She has promised to ramp up spending to stimulate the economy and to create a provincial pension plan, all while cutting Ontario’s deficit in three years.

**Starbucks to pay college fees for US staff**

**BBC News**

US coffee chain firm Starbucks will pay college fees for US workers to complete a bachelor’s degree online in a tie-up with Arizona State University.

US employees of the firm who work at least 20 hours a week are eligible for the Starbucks College Achievement Plan.

Starbucks staff who are successfully enrolled will receive partial tuition for the first two years, and full tuition for their final two years.

The annual fee for online courses at the university can exceed $10,000.

After they’ve completed their bachelor’s degree, the employees are not obligated to return to employment with Starbucks.

Starbucks staff looking to attend college online at Arizona State University (ASU) can choose from about 40 programmes including business, engineering, education and retail management.

**World News**

**Ukraine crisis: Russia halts gas supplies to Kiev**

**BBC News**

Ukraine says Russia has cut off all gas supplies to Kiev, in a major escalation of a dispute between the two nations.

“Gas supplies to Ukraine have been reduced to zero,” Ukrainian Energy Minister Yuri Prodan said.

Russia’s state-owned gas giant Gazprom said Ukraine had to pay upfront for its gas supplies, after Kiev failed to settle its huge debt.

Gazprom had asked Ukraine’s state gas firm Naftogaz to pay $1.95bn (£1.15bn) of the $4.5bn it said it was owed.

It said it would continue to supply gas to Europe, although Gazprom chief Alexei Miller warned there were now “significant” risks for gas transit to the EU via Ukraine.

Ukraine has enough reserves to last until December, according to Naftogaz.

**Spain arrests eight in ‘ISIS cell’**

**BBC News**

Spanish police say they have detained eight people on suspicion of recruiting militants to fight in Syria and Iraq.

They suspect the cell of trying to send people to join the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIS), a jihadist militant group.

Raids were carried out in Madrid in the early hours of Monday, officials say.

The cell’s leader was once held at the US detention centre at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba after being arrested in Afghanistan, a statement said.

Unconfirmed reports in Spanish media named him as Lahcen Ikasrrien, a Moroccan national who was released on his return to Spain in 2005 for lack of evidence.

**Pakistan jets renew strikes on tribal North Waziristan**

**BBC News**

Pakistani fighter jets are reported to have carried out fresh air strikes against militants based in the north-west tribal area of North Waziristan.

The army says at least 160 militants have been killed since the start of the offensive. The army said six of its soldiers died in a bomb blast.

Many civilians fled in anticipation of the offensive, which the army hopes will disrupt militant strongholds.

It comes a week after a deadly militant attack on Karachi airport.

On Sunday, the government proclaimed that Abu Abdul Rehman al-Maani, an Uzbek believed to have helped organise the Karachi airport assault, was among those killed in the offensive in the mountainous area bordering Afghanistan.

**Iraq conflict: Militants ‘seize’ city of Tal Afar**

**BBC News**

Sunni militants have seized the northern Iraqi city of Tal Afar, officials and residents say.

Militants led by ISIS - the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - captured key cities including Mosul and Tikrit last week, but some towns were retaken.

UN human rights chief Navi Pillay said the “apparently systematic series of executions [of non-combatants] almost certainly amounted to war crimes”.

The US earlier announced it might use drone strikes to halt the ISIS advance.

“They’re not the whole answer, but they may well be one of the options that are important,” said US Secretary of State John Kerry.

The Pentagon said US official were also open to holding direct talks with Iran over Iraq, but there was “no plan to co-ordinate military activity” between the two countries.

**Libya crisis: More deadly clashes in Benghazi**

**BBC News**

Fresh clashes broke out in Benghazi on Sunday after a rogue general launched a fresh assault on Islamist militants.

Tanks were seen on the streets and explosions could be heard throughout the day in Libya’s second-biggest city.

General Khalifa Haftar, who accuses the government of supporting terrorism, began an assault against Islamist fighters in the city last month.

The government in Tripoli says Gen Haftar has no authority to act, but several army units have joined him.

The BBC’s Rana Jawad in Tripoli says a battalion within one of the biggest rival militias has also defected to join the general.

The clashes on Sunday were said to have been some of the worst since Gen Haftar began his offensive against Islamists, dubbed “Operation Dignity”, in May.
US radio star Casey Kasem dies at 82

BBC News

DJ Casey Kasem, best known for hosting US radio show American Top 40, has died at the age of 82, his daughter has said.

Kasem became a household name in the US after launching the nationally-syndicated show in 1970. He also voiced cartoon character Shaggy in Scooby-Doo.

He had suffered from Lewy body disease, a form of dementia, and had recently been at the centre of a bitter family court battle over his care.

Casey Kasem and his wife Jean smile as he receives his own “Star” on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

He received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1981.

His death comes days after a judge allowed the star’s daughter Kerri to withhold food, liquid and medication from her father against the wishes of his wife of 34 years.

NBA finals: San Antonio Spurs beat Miami Heat to take title

BBC News

San Antonio Spurs won their fifth NBA Championship on Sunday, beating Miami Heat 104-87 to win the best-of-seven series by four games to one.

Kawhi Leonard continued his excellent form to score 22 points and 10 rebounds in game five and was named the Most Valuable Player of the finals.

Leonard, whose Spurs team lost to the Heat in last year’s final, said: “It just feels like a dream to me.”

The 22-year-old is the youngest finals MVP since team-mate Tim Duncan in 1999.

The small forward said: “Losing in the semi-finals in my first year, and losing the championship in my second year, and now winning in my third year, it just makes you believe in your craft and your hard work.”

American League

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Jazz singer Jimmy Scott dies at 88

BBC News

Jimmy Scott, the US jazz singer whose high and haunting voice earned him many high-profile fans and a Grammy nomination, has died at the age of 88.

Scott had the rare genetic condition Kallmann’s Syndrome, which meant he never reached puberty and his voice did not deepen.

Madonna once described him as “the only singer who makes me cry”.

He also recorded with Lou Reed and appeared on the soundtrack to 1990s TV drama Twin Peaks.

Speaking of his voice, which was often mistaken for a woman's, he said: “I learned that it was a gift that I was able to sing this way.

“Many times, I’d think, I’d love to try this in a lower register... but then after a while you think, sing with what you got.”

22 Jump Street tops US box office

BBC News

Undercover cop comedy 22 Jump Street has topped the North American box office in its opening weekend.

The sequel to 2012 hit 21 Jump Street, which sees Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum reprise their roles as bumbling detectives, took $60m (£35.3m).

Animated film How to Train Your Dragon 2 opened in second place with $50m (£29.5m).

Last week’s number one, teen drama The Fault in Our Stars, fell to number five.

The film, starring Shailene Woodley as a girl who finds love after being diagnosed with cancer, has now taken $81.7m (£48.1m) in the US, against a modest budget of $12m (£7m).

Maleficent - Disney’s take on Sleeping Beauty starring Angelina Jolie as the evil fairy - fell one place to three, while Tom Cruise sci-fi Edge of Tomorrow was at four.

Captain Scarlet voice actor Francis Matthews dies

BBC News

Actor Francis Matthews, who was the voice of Captain Scarlet in Gerry Anderson’s 1960s TV show, has died at the age of 86.

Matthews lent his voice to the indestructible puppet hero, who defended the Earth in Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons, in 1967 and ‘68.

The actor also played private detective Paul Temple in the BBC series of the same name from 1969.

The news was confirmed in a statement on the Gerry Anderson website.

“We are very sorry to report that Francis Matthews, best known to Gerry Anderson fans as the voice of the indestructible puppet hero Captain Scarlet, has died aged 86,” it said.

The statement recounted how they chose Matthews for the role of Captain Scarlet because he sounded like Cary Grant.

‘Allo ‘Allo star Sam Kelly dies at 70

BBC News

British actor Sam Kelly, best known for his roles in Allo Allo and Porridge, has died at the age of 70.

The Manchester-born star’s agent Lynda Ronan said Kelly died peacefully after a long illness “bravely fought”.

She said: “He does not leave any family but a host of friends who were his chosen family.”

Former Doctor Who Colin Baker paid tribute on Twitter to his colleague from drama school, describing Kelly as a “lovely, funny, talented chap”.

“He cannot believe that lovely Sam Kelly has died,” he added. “So sad”.

Baker studied alongside Kelly at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art in the 1960s.

Kelly’s agent described his death as great loss to his friends “and the profession”.

Entertainment
Technology

Paraplegic in robotic suit kicks off World Cup

BBC News

A paraplegic man has made the first kick of the World Cup using a mind-controlled robotic exoskeleton.

Juliano Pinto, a 29-year-old with complete paralysis of the lower trunk, performed the symbolic kick-off at the Corinthians Arena in Sao Paulo.

Using his robotic suit, Mr Pinto kicked the official ball a short distance along a mat laid down by the touchline.

But some observers argued the historic event was not given the attention it deserved during the opening ceremony.

The identity of the young volunteer was kept a secret until after the event.

Mr Pinto had hinted about Tesla’s plans in an interview with the BBC last week.

Tesla sold 22,500 of its Model S cars in 2013.

“If we clear a path to the creation of compelling electric vehicles, but then lay intellectual property landmines behind us to inhibit others, we are acting in a manner contrary to that goal,” wrote Mr Musk.

Tesla confirms plans to open up electric car patents

BBC News

Electric carmaker Tesla has confirmed it will open up its patents for others to use to speed up electric car development and adoption.

“Tesla will not initiate patent lawsuits against anyone who, in good faith, wants to use our technology,” wrote chief executive Elon Musk in a blog post.

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Google is to start building its own self-driving cars

BBC News

Google is to start building its own self-driving cars, rather than modifying vehicles built by other manufacturers.

The car will have a stop-go button but no controls, steering wheel or pedals.

Pictures of the Google vehicle show it looks like a city car with a “friendly” face, designed to make it seem non-threatening and help people accept self-driving technology.

Co-founder Sergey Brin revealed the plans at a conference in California.

“We’re really excited about this vehicle - it’s something that will allow us to really push the capabilities of self driving technology, and understand the limitations,” said Chris Urmson, director of the company’s self-driving project.

The plans for self-drive cars were announced in the chancellor’s National Infrastructure Plan.

UK government paves way for driverless cars

BBC News

The government has announced that it wants to make the UK a world center for the development of driverless cars.

It said it would conduct a review next year to ensure that the legislative and regulatory framework is in place for such vehicles to be incorporated on Britain’s roads.

It will also create a £10m prize to fund a town or city to become a testing ground for autonomous vehicles.

Milton Keynes is already experimenting with driverless pods.

By mid-2017 it is planned that 100 fully autonomous vehicles will run on the town’s pathways along with pedestrians, using sensors to avoid collisions.

The plans for self-drive cars were announced in the chancellor’s National Infrastructure Plan.

Google buys satellite firm Skybox Imaging for $500m

BBC News

Google confirmed it has purchased satellite firm Skybox Imaging for $500m (£300m).

“[Skybox’s] satellites will help keep our maps accurate with up-to-date imagery,” said Google in a statement.

It also said Skybox’s satellites could be used to help expand Internet access.

Founded in 2009, Skybox’s satellites offer video images and stills at a resolution of just over 1m per pixel - which can track single cars traveling along a road.

The firm sent its first high-resolution satellite, SkySat-1, in to space last December.

It circles the Earth around 16 times a day, relaying 90-second black-and-white clips, permitting analysis of movement on Earth.

Skybox has said it plans to launch a total of 24 satellites.

Health

Cigarette packaging: Republic of Ireland bid to ban branded tobacco

BBC News

The Republic of Ireland has become the first country in Europe to try to pass a law banning the sale of branded cigarette and tobacco packets.

The proposed legislation would force tobacco firms to use plain packaging, removing all logos and trademark colors from cigarette packets.

Irish Minister for Health James Reilly said the ban would help to save lives.

Australia was the first country in the world to ban branded tobacco and New Zealand is currently debating the law.

Other European countries, including the United Kingdom, are still considering whether or not to legislate.

Skin cancer: Sunscreen ‘not complete protection’

BBC News

Sunscreen alone should not be relied on to prevent malignant melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer, research suggests.

The UK study backs public health campaigns calling for sunscreen to be combined with other ways to protect the skin from sun, such as hats and shade.


Malignant melanoma is the fifth most common cancer in the UK, with more than 13,000 people diagnosed each year.

Sun exposure is a well-known risk factor for melanoma skin cancer.

It’s essential to get into good sun safety habits, whether at home or abroad, and take care not to burn - sunburn is a clear sign that the DNA in your skin cells has been damaged.

‘Tomato pill’ hope for stopping heart disease

BBC News

Taking a tomato pill a day could help keep heart disease at bay, say UK scientists who have carried out small but robust study.

The trial, which tested the tomato pill versus a dummy drug, could help keep heart disease at bay.

The pill contains lycopene, a natural antioxidant that also gives tomatoes their color.

Experts have suggested for some time that lycopene might be good for avoiding illnesses, including certain cancers and cardiovascular disease.

There is some evidence that eating a Mediterranean-style diet, which is rich in tomatoes (as well as other fruit and vegetables and olive oil), is beneficial for health.

Red meat ‘linked to breast cancer’

BBC News

Eating a lot of red meat in early adult life may slightly increase the risk of breast cancer, according to a US study.

Harvard researchers say replacing red meat with a combination of beans, peas and lentils, poultry, nuts, and fish may reduce the risk in younger women.

But UK experts urge caution, saying other studies have shown no clear link between red meat and breast cancer.

Past research has shown that eating a lot of red and processed meat probably increases the risk of bowel cancer.

The new data comes from a US study tracking the health of 89,000 women aged 24 to 43.

Scrap plan to extend statin use, say doctors

BBC News

Proposals to extend the use of statin drugs should be scrapped, a group of leading doctors and academics says.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence published draft guidance in February calling for their use to be extended to save more lives.

It could mean another five million people in England and Wales using them on top of seven million who already do.

But in a letter to NICE and ministers, the experts expressed concern about the medicalisation of healthy people.

The letter said the draft advice was overly reliant on industry-sponsored trials, which “grossly underestimate adverse effects.”
Environment/Science

Can we restore the world's coral reefs?
BBC News

Advances in science could offer hope for the world's beleaguered coral reefs. Gavin Haines investigates.

Whether we are blowing them up with dynamite, dropping anchors on them or warming up the oceans they live in, mankind is leading a sustained attack on the world's coral reefs.

A recent report revealed that coral coverage on the Great Barrier Reef has declined by as much as 50% in the last three decades, while reefs in the Caribbean have seen reported losses of 80%.

However, experts claim advances in science could enable them not only to restore these beleaguered ecosystems, but also improve their resilience to disease.

Vanadium: The metal that may soon be powering your neighborhood
BBC News

Hawaii has a problem, one that the whole world is likely to face in the next 10 years. And the solution could be a metal that you've probably never heard of - vanadium.

Hawaii's problem is too much sunshine - or rather, too much solar power feeding into its electricity grid.

Generating electricity in the remote US state has always been painful. With no fossil fuel deposits of its own, it has to get oil and coal shipped halfway across the Pacific.

That makes electricity in Hawaii very expensive - more than three times the US average - and it is the reason why 10% and counting of the islands' residents have decided to stick solar panels on their roof.

Malaysia swarmed by giant moths
BBC News

Swarms of giant moths have descended on Malaysia, invading homes and even disrupting a national football match.

Thousands of the furry insects, with a wing span of up to 16cm (6in), interrupted a semi-finals match at the Darul Makmur Stadium last week.

Over 800 sightings were also reported in neighboring Singapore last month, sparking intense online debate.

The Lyssa Zampa tropical moth, which is also known as the Laos brown butterfly, is native to South East Asia.

Biology lecturer N Sivasothi said that while the moth sightings appear to be "unprecedented", it is not a new phenomenon.

Study: Deforestation leaves fish undersized and underfed
BBC News

Deforestation is reducing the amount of leaf litter falling into rivers and lakes, resulting in less food being available to fish, a study suggests.

Researchers found the amount of food available affected the size of young fish and influenced the number that went on to reach adulthood.

The team said the results illustrated a link between watershed protection and healthy freshwater fish populations.

The findings have been published in Nature Communications.

"We found fish that had almost 70% of their biomass made from carbon that came from trees and leaves instead of aquatic food chain sources," explained lead author Andrew Tanentzap from the University of Cambridge's Department of Plant Sciences.

Extreme flooding events influence UK climate views
BBC News

Flooding, more than heat-related weather events, influence UK residents' perception of the risks associated with climate change, a survey has shown.

Researchers found that British people perceived heatwaves had become less common in their lifetimes, while flooding had become more common.

They said the results suggested that warnings about future impacts may not be heeded if they only focused on heat.

The findings have been published in the journal Risk Analysis.

"The strength of the relationship between the perceived change in the frequency of flooding and heavy rainfall and concern about climate change was certainly the most striking finding of the study," explained co-author Andrea Taylor from the University of Leeds.

Business

War on waste makes sustainable business more profitable
BBC News

Every week in Lagos, Nigeria, a fleet of cargo bicycles goes round people's homes picking up plastics, cans and sachets. The residents receive points based on the weight of recyclables they collect, which they can redeem for basic food items, consumer electronics, or cash.

This is the low-tech, but high impact, recycling scheme run by WeCyclers - a new breed of social entrepreneur making sustainability pay.

The company, which works in partnership with the Lagos Waste Management Authority, makes its money by selling the materials on to manufacturers.

"The plastic gets shredded and exported to make polyester fibre for clothing or pillow stuffing," says WeCyclers chief executive, Bilikiss Adebiyi-Abiola.

Expedia to accept Bitcoin payments for hotel bookings
BBC News

One of the world's largest online travel agencies, Expedia, has become the latest company to accept Bitcoin transactions as a form of payment.

The firm will initially accept the virtual currency for hotel bookings only, and is currently restricting the trial to its US site.

But one Bitcoin watcher told the BBC this was "a big move" for the currency.

Expedia's announcement comes after a turbulent few months for Bitcoin, which has been plagued by security concerns.

A number of smaller online travel sites already accept virtual currencies, including Travel Keys and CheapAir, but Expedia is the first company of its size to adopt Bitcoin.

US jobs show strong growth in May
BBC News

Employers in the United States added 217,000 jobs in May, slightly below what analysts had been expecting. The US non-farm payroll figure was well below April's revised number of 282,000 jobs, but it was still the fourth month in a row of solid gains. The unemployment rate in May remained at 6.3%.

Job gains have averaged 234,000 per month over the past three months, compared with 150,000 over the previous three months.

It's hoped the current labor market figures show that the US economy has emerged from its winter slump and is set to strengthen its recovery later in the year.

"That suggests the first quarter was an anomaly in terms of what the economy was and we are back to a decent pace of job creation," said John Canally, an economist at LPL Financial in Boston.

IMF cuts US growth forecast as it urges minimum wage hike
BBC News

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has slashed its US growth forecast, urged policy makers to keep interest rates low and raise the minimum wage to strengthen its recovery.

The crisis lender said it expects 2% growth this year, down from its April forecast of 2.8%, after a "harsh winter" led to a weak first quarter.

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Then, bondholders won the right to use US courts to force Argentina to reveal where it owns assets around the world.

The country's main stock market tumbled more than 6% at the start of trading.

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A Fish Camp program counselor and participant play chess.

Hat band made from a new loom at Rayado.

Two staff members, Emet Blood and Scott Allen, examine their map near Baldy Town.

Bryan Maniscalco plays the cello on the Urraca porch.

A crew leader receives a Year of the Millionth Camper pocket knife.