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Getting hold of a calf during the 84th 4th of July Rodeo.

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Amid an array of cowboy hats, blue jeans and boots, three men dressed in board shorts, tennis shoes and short-sleeve pearl-snaps stand in the middle of Cimarron's Maverick Club Rodeo arena. In one hand, team leader Sonny Parker holds an empty bottle, and in his other, a lasso. His hat reads "Gatorland.”

"Who's that fella with the short britches down there?" blurts the shocked announcer in a strong southern accent. "He looks like a refugee from a Jimmy Buffet concert!" Then, "There're two of them!"... "There're three of them!"

Out of the five teams that competed in the 84th annual Fourth-of-July Wild Cow Milking Competition, four were from Philmont, placing first and third. And of these four teams, one was a group of staffers from Florida: Sonny Parker, Eric Solomon, and Stuart Miller.

The goal of the Wild Cow Milking Competition is for teams of three people to capture the milk of wild cows in some sort of container, race it to a designated bucket and empty the contents. The first team to do this wins, receiving the coveted "Maverick Club Champion" belt buckles. Unlike the other teams, "Team Florida" had to wear the "right" uniforms.

"You gotta go light-weight," Solomon said. "You can't go out there all boots and jeans; you can't move," he said. "And plus, my jeans are dirty."

But not every weight-reducing idea made the cut.

"We were thinking about doing flip flops," he said.

"And then we quickly realized it was a bad idea."

"Team Florida" had other, more personalized attire, too. Sporting his colors, Solomon wore his red,
white and blue “UVEX PATRIOT” sunglasses. Vintage sports wear “Made in America.”

“Safety first, my friend,” he said. And then there were Parker’s “Arc-Teryx Gamit SV” gloves. “They were meant for ice climbing,” he said.

Parker’s most significant attire, however, might have been his “Gatorland” hat. “Gatorland” is “The alligator capitol of the world,” in Orlando, Florida. A former employee, Parker wrestled alligators and the occasional crocodile.

“At a gator wrestling show, you may get bit in the thumb,” he said, gesturing its insignificance, “but crocodiles think you’re an easy meal. And they try.” He hopes this experience will come in handy. “I’ll be [taking] the lessons I’ve learned from crocodillus, and applying it to cows,” he said.

In preparation, the team had one practice session with the help of Philmont’s Chief Firefighter, Nick Cardivez, who let them use his land and cattle. But not everyone made it to practice.

“Stu has no clue,” Solomon said of teammate Stuart Miller, who missed the practice session. “I don’t even think he’s seen a cow.” Despite the team’s inexperience, they had a plan. “I got a rope to put around its neck, [and a] bottle to drink my milk out of,” Parker said. “We’re ready for the triple team supreme.”

But their plan wasn’t without some sarcasm. “I think the way we’re gonna start it is trip the guys next to us.”

Out in the arena, however, it started with all five teams stretched across its midsection. Then, a mad-dash for the cows in the far left of the arena, facing the announcer’s box. Parker was one of the first to reach the cattle, but he and his teammates had trouble roping one.

A group of cowboys, however, showed their expertise, roping one around the neck. But the cow took off across the arena, dragging one man on his stomach almost 50 yards through the dirt, while his teammates either put the cow in a headlock or helplessly swung for an utter.

“I’d like to see one of these guys in the short britches do the ‘nun-tucket slay’; see if his pants come off,” the announcer said.

In less than 10 minutes, the competition was won, and second and third had also been taken. “Team Florida” was left chasing a cow they had singled out from the herd in the far left corner of the arena, closest to the grand stands. Chasing the same cow, however, was the only girl team; a group of Philmont Wranglers, dressed in matching bright-pink cowgirl shirts.

“We’d like to thank all of our contestants,” the announcer said. “We’d like to thank all of our dairy cows out there.”

Exhausted, the contestants staggered out of the arena to catch their breath, and reflect upon the chaos. “I almost got stomped on,” Parker said. All Solomon could rasp was “So out of breath, so out of breath.”

But it wasn’t just tiring. “I’m going to get some water,” Miller said.

Although they didn’t win, it is no doubt that they will be squinting at the milk jugs in their refrigerators a little differently and staring cows in the eye a little steadier whenever they pass a pasture for years to come.

And perhaps, “Team Florida” will return in their board shorts next year with a little more confidence, ready to milk them wild cows.
Philmont takes on the 84th Rodeo

By Jennifer Peters

The Maverick Club held its 84th annual 4th of July Rodeo this past week. The Maverick Club has been hosting this event since 1923. The rodeo included various events such as bull riding, calf roping, bronc riding, barrel racing and wild cow milking.

The Maverick Club also sponsored a rodeo dance on July 3rd with Rod Taylor and The Rifters. A grand entry parade through Cimarron started the rodeo off at 10 a.m. on the 4th. Some of the Philmont staff participated in and placed in several events. Jake Rawls, Wayne Weeks, and James Sexton won the Wild Cow Milking event and Jake Rawls also won the Wild Horse Race. John “Chris” Grover placed 2nd in the Ranch Bronc Ride. All participants competed very well and the spectators really enjoyed the rodeo.
When Deer Attack

By Robert Griffin

If you’ve been spending your summer worrying about bears or mountain lions, you need to stop. Logistics staff member Larry O’Conner learned what you really need to worry about at Philmont: mule deer.

Saturday evening, O’Conner was walking back from CHQ to his tent at PTC, when he saw a beautiful doe standing in the horse pasture on the other side of the street. O’Conner complimented the doe on her good looks—something he says he always does with the wildlife—when the unbelievable happened.

“I walked on, I took a step or two, and the next thing you know, she had the jumped the fence and was coming towards me,” he said. “I lowered my shoulder, because I knew she was going to hit me, and she nailed it cold, and rolled me and I went down. I cracked my head, I cracked my knee, and it surprised the heck out of me.”

After the incident, O’Conner could be seen sporting a set of scrapes and bandages, and is currently adorned with a black right eye. O’Conner told the Health Lodge he had been, “hit by a deer who left the scene of the accident,” and that’s exactly how the medical staff recorded it.

No one is quite yet sure what got into the deer.

“This is my 35th year out here, and I haven’t heard of such a thing ever!” he said.

“She must’ve had a fawn, is what I can think.”

That may indeed be the answer, as a University of Alberta study recently found mule deer are more aggressive in defending their own young than most deer.

Despite the incident, O’Conner says he has no ill feelings towards them.

“I like deer,” he laughed, “I was just in the wrong place.”
10 Questions for the Backcountry

By Jennifer Peters

We asked the Backcountry 10 of the most important questions of their life and here are some of their responses.

What music is on your iPod right now?

**Crater Lake:** George Jones- White Lightening

**Fish Camp:** Gavin Degraw

**Head of Dean:** Philmont Songs

**Dean Cow:** Modest Mouse, The Doors, Steve Miller Band, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jimmy Buffet

**Apache Springs:** Alice in Chains

**Whiteman Vega:** STS9, Jon Bon Jovi, Kings of Leon, Grateful Dead, At the Gates

**Baldy Town:** Makes Me Wonder- Maroon 5, Mika- Grace Kelly

What food are you missing the most?

**Phillips Junction and Crater:** None, I eat better here than at home.

**Beaubien:** Ice Cream

**Fish Camp:** Taos Pizza Outback

**HOD:** Garbanzo Beans

**Dean Cow:** Baking Soda

**Apache Springs:** Ostrich Steaks (no, really, it is awesome)

**Whiteman Vega:** Pepperoni, sushi, soufflé

**Baldy Town:** Sushi

**Dan Beard:** None, we cook the food we miss

**Crooked Creek:** Gerber Graduate Turkey Sticks

What is the biggest thing you miss right now?

**Phillips Junction:** My dog

**Beaubien:** Tulsa

**Fish Camp and Crater Lake:** Philflings

**HOD:** corduroy pants

**Dean Cow:** Hiking, friends from home, World News

**Apache Springs:** Mi Familia

**Whiteman Vega:** My girlfriend, My bestfriend

**Baldy Town:** Hockey

**Dan Beard:** My dog, bed sheets.

What would you want someone to bring you?

**Beaubien:** Ice Cream

**Phillips Junction:** My Dog

**Fish Camp:** Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream

**Dean Cow:** Dr. Pepper

**Apache Springs:** Tony Chachere’s Seasoning

**Whiteman Vega:** Cookies

**Dan Beard:** baked goods

**Baldy Town:** Ice Cream

What do you need the most?

**Dean Cow:** Baking Soda and Powder, Peanut Butter, Honey

**Apache Springs:** “C” Batteries

**Whiteman Vega:** An hour and a half massage

**Baldy Town:** A Risk Board and Pieces

**Dan Beard:** Nothing, we got all we need.

**Fish Camp:** A shower

**Crater Lake:** A Hug

**Beaubien:** Real Soap, Camp suds are awful

**Crooked Creek:** Love

What tv show are you missing the most?

**Crater Lake:** Desperate Housewives

**Phillips Junction and Beaubien:** What’s TV?

**Fish Camp:** Grey’s Anatomy and Scrubs

**HOD:** Beverly Hillbillies

**Dean Cow:** Survivorman, CSI, National Geographic, Painting with Bob Ross

**Apache Springs:** Angry Beavers

**Whiteman Vega:** Weekly Italian Soccer Matches, evening CNN, Discovery Channel

**Baldy Town:** Aqua Teen Hunger Force, King of the Hill, Family Guy, Man vs. Wild

**Crooked Creek:** M*A*S*H
**Best Backcountry Food?**

**Beaubien:** GORP

**Fish Camp:** Steak Fajitas and Egg, Ham, and Cheese Bagels

**Phillips Junction and Crater Lake:** Cabin Food and anything cooked at the camps.

**HOD:** Sweet peas

**Dean Cow:** Viking Dinner

**Apache Springs:** Cherry Gorp

**Whiteman Vega:** Freezee Pops

**Baldy Town:** Pork Chops browned in sautéed onions, baked in a cream of mushroom sauce on a bed of oregano and basil elbow macaroni

Dan Beard: Chicken- you can make yummy stuff with it.

**Favorite Hike?**

**HOD:** Cabin to Red Roof Inn

**Dean Cow:** Dean Cow to Baldy Saddle, Turkey Creek turnaround to Vaca

**Apache Springs:** Fish to Apache

**Whiteman Vega:** Whiteman to Pueblano, Sachael Peak, Lower Tolby, Shaflers Pass via North Fork Urraca

**Baldy Town:** Of course to Baldy

**Dan Beard:** Base to Fish.

**Phillips Junction and Beaubien:** Trail Peak

**Crater Lake:** Riding with Bucko to Bear Caves

**Fish Camp:** From French Henry to Copper Park and then up the new OATC trail to the ridgeline going up and cross the saddle to the top of Baldy. It’s soooo beautiful.

**Best Camper Story?**

**Fish Camp:** The “Lost Boys” that were safe and happy in their improvised campsite along the beautiful Rayado River.

**Phillips Junction:** A crew hiked from Beaubien to Black Mountain Camp and they forgot to pick up food up at Phillips Junction before hiking to Black. They hiked back to Phillips Junction to get their food and they could not get a ride back to Black.

**Dan Beard:** one camper asked if we had volcano insurance in case the mountain melted. Completely serious.

**Best Staffer Story?**

**Whiteman Vega:** We’re living in a Shanty!

**Baldy Town:** Hey guys is the burro 10-12? Why does it need to be next to the radio?

**Dan Beard:** the modified ranger marathon.

Ranger went from here to Ponil in the ranger marathon.

**Fish Camp:** Our staff member (whose name WILL remain unnamed) was stuck on Phase 1 the entire game of Phase 10 because he thought he needed two sets of “the number 3”

**Crooked Creek:** Aquasheep
Ranger Returns to Philmont

By Robert Griffin

35 years later, Philmont’s pretty different.

“It’s different, but equitable,” said commis-
sary driver Clark Nider. “Philmont is a lot classier an
act now. It’s not the big frat party it was in the 70s.
The quality of the people is higher, the standards are
higher.”

Nider has been away from the Ranch for 35
years. His last job was a burro wrangler at Miranda, a
job he says he wanted again but found out he wasn’t
qualified for.

“We didn’t have staff polo shirts, or ID
badges, or a security department,” he said. “I know
we had two washing machines—that was a big issue
in base camp.”

Nider was on three treks in the late 60s, be-
fore first coming to staff in 1970 as a ranger. Between
contracts in his career as an avionics technician, Nider
decided this summer to come back and give staffing
another go.

“I told my wife, as mid-life crisis go, it was
a lot less destructive than buying a corvette, donning
Ray-Ban aviators and running off with a 19-year-old
receptionist named Amber,” he said.

He spent the off-season originally interview
ing for jobs in Kuwait and Iraq, making his wife even happier that Philmont was his final choice.

Nider also brought a piece of history back with him. In 1972, before he left, he took a blanket from one of the Protestant chaplains. He has kept that blanket all 35 years since he’s been gone, “fraught with guilt,” as he says. This summer, he dry-cleaned it and brought it back, giving it to Chaplain Rusty Cowden.

Nider says he doesn’t know if he’ll be able to come back for another tour of duty next summer, he’s just busy enjoying this year.

“It’s great,” he said. “I’m really thrilled to be here. I’m thrilled to have a view of the Tooth of Time from my tent.”
A Real, Long Road Home
By Jennifer Peters

Eloi and Bill Mossman, two of Baldy Town’s original mining inhabitants, return to Baldy Town after over 70 years of being gone. The two brothers lived in Baldy Town from the mid ‘20s to the mid ‘30s.

Their father worked in the mines at Baldy Town, Red River, Questa, and Elizabethtown. Eloi, the older of the two, remembers helping his father in the mines.

“I worked my dad’s claims,” says Eloi, “it was pretty tough work.”

Their father died of Miner’s Consumption at age 52. Their great grandfather, John Mossman immigrated here from Baden, Germany in 1848 and joined the Pennsylvania Militia.

“It was hard to find work for immigrants,” says Eloi, “[he] joined the military.” He began mining after the Mexican War.

Eloi and Bill had a large family growing up; they had ten other brothers and sisters along with aunts and uncles in the area. Their dad’s sister, Sophie Mossman Stone, refused to leave Baldy Town, even after everyone else had left.

“She would say I’m going to die here,” says Eloi, “I don’t want to live anywhere else.” Eloi and his father would check on her every other weekend; her daughter finally brought her down around 1939 after she became ill.

Eloi attended school in Baldy Town and still remembers the school’s location after all this time. The family drove a 1926 Chevy and Eloi says the road to Baldy Town is worse now than back then.

He says, “We couldn’t get it (the Chevy) all the way to the top, we would have to put it in reverse (to get where we were going).” He says that life in those days was hard.

“The original Baldy Town and the mines have all but been erased. Nature is amazing, it covers up what people do,” Eloi says as he looks from the road on the way to the Aztec Mine over Baldy Town and the mesa where his house used to be.
History at Baldy Town

By Jennifer Peters

The discovery of gold on Baldy Mountain in the late 1860s led to an influx of miners and prospectors looking to strike it rich. Slowly Baldy Town began to build itself and become more of a town. The vigilant planning of the Maxwell Land Grant Company increased Baldy Town’s population to 2,000 by the late 1870s. The Maxwell Land Grant Company constructed a fifteen-stamp gold mill and they controlled the Aztec and Montezuma Mines, which provided for Baldy Town’s burgeoning growth. The Aztec Gold Milling and Mining Company took over the mine in 1884 and remolded Baldy Town.

They built a post office, power plant, and tramline from the mill to the Aztec along with new hotels, stores and boarding houses. When the Maxwell Land Grant Mine received complaints about pollution in the water from the town of Cimarron, they stopped all mining on Baldy in 1908.

Baldy Town had become a ghost town by 1909. However a resurgence of Baldy Town began in 1915 after an appraisal of the ore placed its value at $3,000 a ton. The Maxwell Land Grant Company built a larger hotel to accommodate the revival of Baldy Town, but by WWI the costs of mining far outweighed the benefits. The mine opened and closed several times between 1917 and 1940 and they even installed a ball mill in 1932 after President Roosevelt put the price of gold at $35 an ounce. The Maxwell Land Grant Company stopped production all together in 1940. The mine produced 4 million dollars worth of ore, but the costs of everything almost took up all of the profits.
Wedding Announcement

Ms. Debora Schonberger of Clovis, New Mexico and Mr. Kavin Kuhn of Sallisaw, Oklahoma are pleased to announce their marriage on Sunday, the Fifth of August Two Thousand and Seven at the Philmont Closing Campfire Ring at 9:00 a.m. All friends of the bride and groom are invited to attend in staff uniform. Chaplain Rusty Cowden will be performing the ceremony. Cake and punch will be served after the ceremony. Please be prepared for any weather.

Photo by: Andrew “Axe-Man” Tyler
The World News

Mexican Bus Crash Kills 32 (7/6)

A passenger bus in Eloxochitlan, Mexico, fell off a road when the rain-soaked mountain side below gave way, burying the bus beneath a pile of mud and rubble Friday. Authorities said there could be no way to determine how many had been aboard the bus, but speculated as many as 60 had been killed. When the search had ended, 32 bodies were found. All have since been identified, authorities said. Officials are considering dynamiting the entire mountain to avoid such an accident occurring again.

Man Disguised as Tree Robs Back (7/7)

New Hampshire police are on the lookout for a man who attempted to rob a bank disguised as a tree Saturday. The man, wearing a blue shirt and jeans, taped branches to himself, walked into the bank and demanded money. No weapons were used and no one was injured, though the suspect did escape with an undisclosed amount of money.

Arab League to Visit Israel (7/8)

In a historic visit, the 22-country Arab League is planning to visit Israel this week under the banner of peace negotiations. The League has traditionally been hostile towards the Jewish state, but has taken a stance of conciliation in recent months. The league’s primary goal is to trade full Arab recognition of Israel for an Israeli withdrawal from all area captured in the 1967 Mideast War, and for the establishment of a Palestinian state. Abdul-Ilah al-Khatib of Jordan and Ahmed Aboul Gheit of Egypt will head the proceedings, due in part to their countries having peaceful standing with Israel. The first talks pertaining to the initiative took place in Cairo this past week.

Top Iraqi Official Warns US (7/9)

Following a week in which attacks caused more than 220 deaths, Foreign Minister for Iraq Hoshiyar Zebari warned that the country would collapse if the US were to pull its troops out. Zebari said such an action would lead to full-scale civil war, and spillover conflicts into other regions. He cautioned that more than 140,000 Turkish troops were amassed on Iraq’s northern border. The Bush administration stated it has no intentions of withdrawing.

Wildfires Stretch Across the West (7/9)

Rain helped slow down a South Dakota fire that covered 11 square miles in three days. The blaze has so far destroyed 27 houses and taken one life. Officials said the fire was 20 percent contained on Monday. Fires are also spreading across California, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, Montana and Washington, mostly started by lightning. Utah is currently battling the largest wild fire in state history, destroying more than 468 square miles of land. In addition, the fire has killed three directly, and smoke from the burn was blamed for two deaths in a motorcycle accident. 53 square miles have been burned in California, coming close to the John Muir Wilderness, and more than 1,500 residents have been evacuated in Nevada.

House Guest Finds Bodies in Freezer (7/9)

A man in Brussels has been arrested after a dinner guest found his family in the freezer. The guest, a woman, was over for dinner. While helping with dishes, she decided to take the leftovers into the basement and put them in the freezer. When she opened the door, she found the man’s wife and his 12-year-old step-son in the freezer. Guests alerted authorities, and the owner of the house confessed he had stabbed his wife during a domestic dispute, but he did not explain how his son died. Officials estimate the pair had been in the freezer for weeks.
College Punter Said he Feels Bullied (7/3)

Former Northern Colorado punter Mitchell Cozad testified that he felt bullied by interrogators, who he also claims ignored his request for a lawyer. Cozad says he appeared before investigators without a lawyer because he has, “nothing to hide.” Cozad is accused of assaulting punter Rafael Mendoza, who he backed up, on September 11, stabbing him with a knife in his kicking leg. If he is found guilty of attempted murder, he could face up to 48 years in prison. Trial is set to begin on July 30, but lawyers are trying to solve the case before it goes to trial.

Williams Wins Fourth Wimbledon Title (7/7)

Coming into the match ranked No. 31, Venus Williams won a battle of underdogs and became the lowest ranked player to ever win a Wimbledon title, doing so at the age of 27. It was the fourth title for Williams, who missed time this year due to a wrist injury. Williams was nearly knocked off in the first round by No. 59 Alla Kudryavtseva and then needed to come back from a 5-3 deficit in the final set of the third round against No. 71 Akiko Morigami. The rest of the way, however, she was dominant, defeating No. 2 Maria Sharapova, No. 5 Svetlana Kuznetsova, No. 6 Ana Ivanovic and her opponent in the final, Marion Bartoli, while dropping only 22 games combined over the four matches. Bartoli was an upset story of her own, beating No. 3 Jelena Jankovic and No. 1 Justine Henin on her way to the final match, where she lost to Williams 6-4, 6-1. Williams has never won Wimbledon while being ranked No. 1, a title she held as recently as 2002. After the win, Williams jumped up to No. 17, her first time in the top 20 in over a year, while Bartoli reached the highest ranking of her career at No. 11.

Federer Wins Fifth Straight (7/8)

Rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal met in a Grand Slam final for the fourth time in the past 6 opens. Playing on the grass of Wimbledon, No. 1 Federer once again won on his favorite surface, but No. 2 Nadal made it closer than past matches. In a match full of momentum swings, Federer finally pulled out a 7-6 (7), 4-6, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-2 victory, making his 54th straight win on grass and his fifth straight title at the All England Club. The streak ties Federer, 25, with Bjorn Borg’s record, and Borg was at centre court to greet the victor. Federer also ties Borg, and Rod Laver, for third all-time with 11 career Grand Slam victories. He now trails only Roy Emerson’s 12 and Pete Sampras’s 14.

Guerrero Wins Home Run Derby (7/9)

AT&T Park showed off the power of Barry Bonds on Monday without the Giants even participating. McCovey Cove, just beyond the leftfield wall, is a common spot for Bonds to send his home runs, and kayakers routinely position themselves in the cove to try and catch the blasts. The kayakers parked outside for the 2007 Home Run Derby were out of luck, as every left-handed hitter in the contest had trouble reaching the wall, showing just how strong Bonds’s swing is. The entire field struggled in the first round, with three batters sharing a five home run lead—the lowest total since 1995. The second round had more fireworks, as Alex Rios—added to the contest less than 24 hours before—hit five-consecutive home runs on his last swing in the second round to finish off a 12 home run round that surpassed Matt Holliday for the lead. Freeswinger Vladimir Guerrero—who hit only two home runs in his only previous appearance in 2000—then followed up with nine in the second round to join Rios in the final. Rios managed only two shots in the final round, but Guerrero made it more exciting by hitting his contest-winning third with just three outs left.
Bonds Tracker (7/3)
Barry Bonds hit career home run No. 751 in Cincinnati off of the Reds’ Aaron Harang. The two-run shot came in his first at-bat and drew loud boos. Bonds is now just four home runs from tying Hank Aaron for the all-time record.

Tour de France Underway (7/9)
The 2007 Tour de France began in London, Sunday, with a heroic performance. Australian Robbie McEwen was caught in a group crash with 12 miles to go and was thrown over his handlebars. With a gashed knee and a numb wrist, which he assumed was broken, McEwen got back on his bike and 126-mile first leg to Canterbury in 4 hours, 39 minutes, 1 second. It was McEwen’s 12th career stage victory, tying him for first among active leaders with Germany’s Erik Zabel. The second stage on Monday saw Belgian Gert Steegmans win in his home country. Steegmans survived a late crash and finished the 105-mile in 3 hours, 48 minutes, 22 seconds. He was followed by fellow Belgian and teammate Tom Boonen in second. Under race rules, since the crash occurred within 1.8 miles of the finish, all cyclists in the main pack were awarded the same time as the winner. Tuesday, the race returned to France, where it will remain for nearly the entire run. After two stages, Switzerland’s Fabian Cancellara was the leader, with a time of 8 hours, 36 minutes, 13 seconds.

Leaderboard (as of Monday)
Fabian Cancellara (Switzerland) 8:36:13
Andreas Kloeden (Germany) +13
David Millar (Britain) +21
George Hincapie (U.S.) +23
Bradley Wiggins (Britain) +23
Vladimir Gusev (Russia) +25
Tom Boonen (Belgium) +26
Vladimir Karpets (Russia) +26
Thor Hushovd (Norway) +29
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| Cleveland | 50 | 32 | 0.61 | Won 5 | 8-2 |
| Detroit | 47 | 33 | 0.588 | 2 | Won 1 | 6-4 |
| Minnesota | 42 | 39 | 0.519 | 7.5 | Lost 2 | 6-4 |
| Chicago Sox | 35 | 44 | 0.443 | 13.5 | Lost 1 | 6-4 |
| Kansas City | 35 | 48 | 0.422 | 15.5 | Won 1 | 6-4 |

| **West** | **W** | **L** | **Pct.** | **GB** | **STRK** | **L10** |
| LA Angels | 51 | 31 | 0.622 | Won 1 | 6-4 |
| Seattle | 45 | 34 | 0.57 | 4.5 | Lost 1 | 8-2 |
| Oakland | 42 | 40 | 0.512 | 9 | Lost 1 | 3-7 |
| Texas | 34 | 48 | 0.415 | 17 | Lost 1 | 6-4 |

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| **Central** | **W** | **L** | **Pct.** | **GB** | **STRK** | **L10** |
| Milwaukee | 48 | 34 | 0.585 | Won 1 | 7-3 |
| Chicago Cubs | 41 | 40 | 0.506 | 6.5 | Won 2 | 9-1 |
| St. Louis | 37 | 42 | 0.468 | 9.5 | Won 2 | 5-5 |
| Houston | 36 | 47 | 0.434 | 12.5 | Won 2 | 5-5 |
| Pittsburgh | 35 | 47 | 0.427 | 13 | Lost 2 | 4-6 |
| Cincinnati | 31 | 51 | 0.378 | 17 | Lost 1 | 3-7 |

| **West** | **W** | **L** | **Pct.** | **GB** | **STRK** | **L10** |
| San Diego | 47 | 34 | 0.58 | Won 1 | 6-4 |
| LA Dodgers | 43 | 36 | 0.566 | 1 | Won 2 | 5-5 |
| Arizona | 46 | 38 | 0.548 | 2.5 | Lost 3 | 4-6 |
| Colorado | 40 | 43 | 0.482 | 8 | Won 1 | 2-8 |
| San Francisco | 35 | 45 | 0.438 | 11.5 | Won 2 | 3-7 |
Hey, it's Brett Wolf and Matt Przybylski! I thought those guys had crews - why are they over here?!

Sweet supermodels - there's bunches of rangers with cons tools! They're converging on the ranger office!

It's an insurrection! Get unit 30 on the radio!

I told you this summer was too hot - and now look! Over a hundred rangers have flunked out and are looking for trouble! I can't work the radio! Switching to cell phone!

They've reached the ro! I can't watch!!

5 minutes later
Okay, I'm still not hearing any screams...

I feel awkward.

Later
I don't know if building a pool by the ro counts as an insurrection, but we should encourage another one to see if we can get a golf course.

I'll double ranger work days.

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ACROSS
5. Keep dry
7. You could always dig a hole with your hands, but I don't do that
8. They told you to shade your eyes, it's actually so they don't have to see your hair
9. If you're wearing goggles, you'll be glad you've got them
10. When wood is kiln-dried, you'll be glad you've got this
11. They come in three wonderful variations, overall, north and south
17. My grandfather took one that was 75 pounds. Either, both ways!
19. You don't take them, but you'll be glad you've got them
20. You could always just bring a lighter instead
21. While you work
22. You may love your boss, but every good relationship needs a buffer zone

DOWN
1. Hopefully you'll never use it, but if you do, you'll be glad you have it.
2. Three quarters of the earth is water.
3. One may sometimes wonder if President Bush is correct.
4. Unless you know you're hitting a stalled motor, it's probably a good idea
5. You could try snipers, but your first will never speak to you again.
11. "I want to find south, but this island thing is a bit north!"
12. You shouldn't be hiking at night, but take one anyway.
13. Keep from turning red
15. It smells bad, but it keeps the flies away.
16. It's certainly not necessary, but someone has to know the answer to "what time is it?"
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Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

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Scouting Receives Pope’s Blessing

By Robert Griffin

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Scouting, Pope Benedict XVI released a statement, commemorating the values of the program.

“For one century, through play, action, adventure, contact with nature, life as a team and in service to others, you offer an integral formation to anyone who joins the Scouts,” said the Holy Father in his letter written in French.

He continued, "Inspired by the Gospels, scouting is not only a place for authentic human growth, but also a place of strong Christian values and true moral and spiritual growth, as with any authentic way of holiness.

"The sense of responsibility that permeates Scout education leads to a life of charity and the desire to serve one's neighbor, in the image of Christ the servant, based on the grace offered by Christ, in a special way through the sacraments of the Eucharist and forgiveness."

The Pontiff encouraged the brotherhood of the Scouts, "which is a part of its original ideal and makes up, above all for young generations -- a witness of that which is the body of Christ, within which, according to the image of St. Paul, all are called to fulfill a mission wherever they are, to rejoice in another's progress and to support their brothers in times of difficulty."

"I thank the Lord for all the fruits that, throughout these last 100 years, the Scouts have offered," he said.

He encouraged Catholic Scouts to go forward on their path, offering "to boys and girls of today an education that forms them with a strong personality, based on Christ and willing to live for the high ideals of faith and human solidarity."

Benedict XVI's message ends with advice from Baden-Powell: "Be faithful to your Scout promise, even when you are no longer young, and may God help you to do so!

"When man seeks to be faithful to his promises, the Lord himself strengthens his steps."
LDS Chapel Complete

By Jordon Shinn

It only took one season to complete the $200,000 worth of renovations made to the Philmont owned LDS Chapel and Annex. The work, which started in November of 2006, included replacing wiring, stucco, sheetrock, windows and more. Reconstruction, which was finished in April of this year, was paid for with donations from the Church of Latter-day Saints. Built in 1986, the goal of the overhaul is for the building to remain for at least three more decades.

Due to concerns regarding water infiltration and damage to the exterior West wall of the Chapel, the LDS Church contracted to do a major remodel to the Chapel. Wood rot and major water damage along he west wall was fixed. But it didn’t stop there. The windows, interior wall coverings and outside stucco, were replaced with new energy efficient windows (low E), new sheetrock interior along all walls, and new pine tongue and groove wainscotings along exterior walls including along the west wall. Also, new ceramic tile was laid in both the Chapel entrance and the bathrooms.

“They basically made it look a little more modern,” LDS Elder Wilson said. “They want it to last for another 30-plus years.” Remodeling of the Annex included new exterior stucco to ensure that water infiltration would be minimized, relocating all electrical wiring which had been surface mounted, installing new sheetrock on the interior south wall and installing new exterior doors to what had only been screen doors.

“The annex hasn’t changed a lot, except that we put in new electrical and new interior,” Wilson said. “The Annex is used as a meeting place for LDS staff kind of like a staff lounge if you will, for them to relax.”

For their generosity, Mark Anderson and Keith Galloway presented a plaque to the LDS Church, represented by Young Men’s General President Charles Dahlquist, Thursday night at the PTC closing campfire.
Sniffing Out Ways to Do What We Do Better

Submission by Joseph Palacios

“Before the mountains were born,
the earth and the world brought forth,
from eternity to eternity you are God.” Psalm 90:2

I love Philmont. I love the mountains, I love
the rain (although it never rains at Philmont), and,
most especially, I love the people. I’ve gotten to do a
lot of fun things here, from scaling the wall at Min-
er’s Park, to playing Loggerball (here’s a shout out
to my “Angels in the Outfield”), to some spectacular
front-porch sitting all over the ranch.

I love my job. I love everything about it,
even when it occasionally drives me a little crazy. I
know that there are a lot of you that can sympathize
and agree with me about how amazing it is that we
get to work, live, play, and serve here all summer
long. There’s not a day as I walk out of the chapel
in the morning and look at the deer mowing the lawn
that I doubt that this place is touched by the hand of
God. More than that, looking around at the faces of
the people that I meet and see every day, I’ve thought
to myself many times about the wonder of every
single one of us all ending up together, right here and
right now. Going even further, it blows my mind that
such an incredible group of people would be brought
together to not only shape and form the lives of the
young people we serve, but also to shape and form
each other just by being here together.

Just like we tell our Chaplains’ Aides, we are
never alone, but we all make up a community. Bear-
ing that in mind, all that we do affects other people,
and sometimes in a far-reaching way. There are days
that these changes are smooth and slow, like a brook
that smooths the rocks over which it gently passes.
Then, there are days that these effects are tumultu-
ous, as if all of us were rocks in a tumbler, tossed in
at a whim and bouncing around each other in a some
times volatile way. Whether you feel like you’re in

the tumbler or in the brook, let us be mindful of the
fact that we are all effecting each other. It might be a
good idea for all of us to ask ourselves how we might
be affecting those around us and to see where we
could do a better job.

We tell people a lot about Roses, Thorns and
Buds. This exercise is designed for crews on the trail,
but it can be just as good for you wherever you are,
and it can be applied in an even more personal way as
you end your day. For example:

Roses: What did I do well today? What was great
about my day? What are some things that I can do to
help make those good things come about again?

Thorns: What did I do poorly today? Where did I
mess up? What happened that wasn’t so great? What
am I not proud of about today?

Buds: What am I looking forward to tomorrow?
What can I do better tomorrow than I did today? (In
looking at this particular aspect, try and think of one
thing that you really want to work on in the coming
days. Making small changes a bit at a time can help
making the big changes easier.)

In very Catholic terms, this is called an “exam-
ination of conscience,” but whatever your denomina-
tion, faith, or belief, this is a great and flexible way to
take a moment, take a look at your day and take into
consideration the different ways you can affect other
people in a better and more positive way.

Whether you’re at base, the PTC or in the
backcountry, we are all working together to bring
people the experience of a lifetime. All of us, being
exactly who we are, where we are, and doing exactly
what we do best, are here to bring it all together so
that every person and every crew we meet can say two
things: 1) We all made it, and 2) I wanna go back to
Philmont!
## Activities Schedule

### July

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All sporting events will be held in the field in front of the Health Lodge. Ice Cream Social and Bratwursts will be served in front of the Activities Building.

## Philmont Photo Contest 2007

*Sponsored by Activities*

All photos must be from 2007 and related to Philmont. The winner of each category will win a prize from the Trading Post. The overall winner will receive a gift certificate to the Trading Post or Texas Red’s.

Good luck!

Deadline: August 1st

### Philmont Photo Contest 2006 Entry Form

| Name ____________________________ |
| Department ________________________ |
| Photo Title ________________________ |

**Category (Circle One):**
- Landscape
- Animal Wildlife
- Staff Activity
- Sunrise & Sunset
- Humor (no vulgarity)
- Digital Creations
- Storms & Rainbows
- Plant Wildlife
- Camper Activity
- Double H
- Black & White

(One entry per category.)

Bring or send your photos to the Activities Office. Each photo must be labeled with your name, department and the category in which you are entering it. No DIGITAL ALTERATIONS (except for Digital Creations category).
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Requirements

1. Must complete the application and the rest of the requirements by August 21. In the application, the selection committee is specifically looking at the two short answer essays and the recommendation from the applicant’s current Philmont manager.
2. Must be a current PSA member. If the applicant is not a member, please see the information on page 23 of the PhilNews.
3. Must be a current 2007 staff member.
4. Must turn in a 2008 Philmont Staff Application before leaving the Ranch for the summer.
5. The selection committee meets September 15-17 to make the decisions
6. The scholarship goes directly to the educational institution, usually in October.
7. If the applicant is working in the backcountry, he or she can I-camp the PSA to request an application.
8. Previous winners can apply if they meet all of the above requirements.

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*Don’t want to leave? Why not work at Philmont through the year!*

Camping Headquarters is currently accepting applications for positions with the Autumn Adventure Program Staff, Philmont Training Center Staff, Program Staff, Trading Post Staff, Dining Hall Staff and Kanik Winter Program Staff. Applicants must be over 21 years of age at the start of their contract. Application forms are available at CHQ and should be completed and returned by Friday, July 27, 2007.

Staff for **Autumn Adventure** will need to be available from approximately September 1 through October 31. Autumn Adventure is a Fall program that allows crew to plan a customized itinerary and hike the backcountry with a staff guide. Staff applicants who are also available to work the winter Kanik program are preferred.

Staff for **Kanik** will need to be available for training November 1 through 7, and for staffing the program from December 27 through March 31. Kanik is Philmont’s cold weather camping program and includes ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, hiking, use of winter tools and equipment.

Additionally, staff is needed for Tent Crew (August 22 through 31,) Trading Post, Dining Hall, Training Center, Photo Archivist, and Wrangler.

This is a great opportunity to be a part of the “behind the scenes” action that makes the Philmont magic come alive. Applicants should understand that they will be expected to perform many different duties if hired for these positions. Please contact Barbara Garcia or John Van Dreese at Camping Headquarters for an application or for more information.

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**Leaving Early**

“If I leave earlier than my contracted last day, does it hurt my chances of getting hired next year?” Yes, it very well may hurt your chances of being rehired, depending on the reason for your early departure and whether or not you followed Philmont’s procedures. If you must leave earlier than specified in you Terms of Seasonal Employment, you must provide written documentation from your school or employer. Leave early requests must be submitted by July 31 for consideration. Legitimate reasons for an early departure include: education, dormitory responsibility, school activity or job.

Any staff member who wishes to depart Philmont before August 10 is required to write a letter of resignation to accompany the Early Leave Request form. Such request may jeopardize chances for re-employment, job choices, or recommendations, depending on the reasons given. Because the person you rode out here with is leaving early is not necessarily a valid reason for you to leave early. There are over 1,000 staff currently employed at Philmont and they come from all parts of the country… so look into sharing a ride with some one else or check into the availability of public transportation through our Logistics staff before you request an early leave. Early Leave Requests forms are available through the personnel office at Camping Headquarters.
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