It’s already July?! Wow, this summer is just flying by us. In only seven weeks, we’ll all be leaving Philmont and heading our own ways.

This, of course, means that there is no time to waste to start having the summer of your life! Get out and meet new people, staff or Scouts. Do things outside your comfort zone; if you’re shy, try to perform at the next karaoke night.

Finally, if for some reason you’re not enjoying yourself, do something to change it. Whether it is sitting down and talking out your problem or fixing a broken machine, you can make your work more enjoyable. Remember our “Fish!” training: “choose your attitude” and “find ways to play."

Yours in Scouting,

John Koser
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HIGH COST OF DWI

The Fourth of July is quickly approaching. While the holiday is a chance for relaxation and fun, it is also a
time to be very cautious. Drunk driving happens much more frequently around the holiday, and we here at the
PhilNews would like to remind our fellow staff members of what will happen if you are caught driving drunk.

If it’s your first misdemeanor, you get 48 hours of jail time and receive up to a $500 in fines.
If it’s your second misdemeanor, you get 96 hours of jail time and up to a $1000 fee.
And with any, you get immediate termination from Philmont.

Honestly, that should be all you need to know. The list just gets worse and worse as it goes on. Please
remember to be safe this Fourth of July, and please don’t be careless enough to drink and drive.

HAVE HEART THIS HOLIDAY—DON’T DRINK AND DRIVE!

2010 NATIONAL VISITATION ACTION RESULTS

The 2010 National Visitation Team visited with crews and participants across the ranch. They heard strong
statements about the quality of the Philmont Experience and the impact that it was having on each person. They made
comments about the exceptional staff that they met throughout the ranch. This included those they met at Base
Camp, the Philmont Training Center, Administration, Maintenance, and Backcountry.

They were impressed with the quality, commitment, knowledge, and example that all staff members exhibited
throughout the ranch. While all areas did great, there are a particular few that need to be singled out for their excellent
reviews:

- Apache Springs
- Crater Lake
- Dean Cow
- Fish Camp
- French Henry
- Head of Dean
- Indian Writings
- Kit Carson/Rayado
- Phillips Junction
- Pueblano
- Whiteman Vega
- Administration
- The entirety of Camping Headquarters

WONDERFUL JOB EVERYBODY!
KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!
REMEMBER, WE ARE PHILMONT :)
WEATHER

SATURDAY, JULY 3RD
Sunny
High: 87°F
Low: 50°F

SUNDAY, JULY 4TH
Sunny
High: 88°F
Low: 48°F

MONDAY, JULY 5TH
Sunny
High: 90°F
Low: 49°F

TUESDAY, JULY 6TH
Thunderstorm
High: 86°F
Low: 52°F

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7TH
Cloudy
High: 80°F
Low: 52°F

THURSDAY, JULY 8TH
Cloudy
High: 88°F
Low: 54°F

FRIDAY, JULY 9TH
Sunny
High: 90°F
Low: 54°F

Fresh Sandwiches
Home-Style Bakery
Fresh Produce Market
Monday-Friday
7:30a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
Sunday Brunch


**Mark’s Minute**

Feedback - 2010 National Visitation

The Boy Scouts of America National Visitation Team visited Philmont Scout Ranch June 23 – 25. The twenty-two member team was made up of volunteers and professionals from across the country, from California to Maryland and Michigan to Florida.

The purpose of this annual visit is to ensure health and safety of participants, leaders and staff; to ensure high quality program is being delivered; to identify deficiencies that may require allocation of funds and/or attention of management and staff; and to commend seasonal staff that are doing a good job.

Throughout the visitation the team members talked with participants and staff. The participants shared strong statements about the excitement of their adventure, the quality of the program they were participating in and the support and commitment of the staff. These comments were heard at Camping Headquarters, Philmont Training Center, Administration, Cattle Headquarters, Philmont Museum, and in each camp of the backcountry.

They were all impressed with the quality, commitment, knowledge, example, and passion that all staff members exhibited throughout the ranch. Gail and Dale Coyne from Plainfield, IL and the owners of the Boy Scout Race Car that placed 6th at the Memorial Day Indianapolis 500 and owners of several restaurants “wished that they could employ our staff in their businesses.”

During our training, I shared with you a series of lessons. Lesson #5 was that “Customers are best heard through many ears.” The visitation team is just one of those we are able to obtain feedback from. What we gain from their review is a chance for others to look at all aspects of our operation. They made a few comments that required immediate action, they made a few comments that will be integrated in the future and they made many comments that validated that we are “delivering wilderness adventures that last a lifetime.”

Walt Whitman said, “Have you learned lessons only of those who admired you, and were tender with you and stood aside for you? Have you not learned great lessons from those who rejected you, and braced themselves against you, or disputed the passage with you?”

This is a great comment about feedback. As we move through the summer listen carefully to all forms of feedback. Feedback can help us improve each day.

I want to personally thank each one of you for helping us to obtain a positive evaluation from the BSA National Visitation Team in all areas of our operation and for helping each day connect the “Brand of Philmont” with each participant, guest and fellow staff member.

I am proud to be a member of the 2010 Philmont Staff Team!

Mark Anderson
Director of Program

““Our attitudes control our lives. Attitudes are a secret power working twenty-four hours a day, for good or bad. It is of paramount importance that we know how to harness and control this great force.””

- Tom Blandi

““It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air, that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.””

- Robert Louis Stevenson
CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD + DUTY TO GOD

THE PHILMONT CHAPLAINCY: A FORTY-YEAR PERSPECTIVE

People are always asking me, “Is this your first year on Philmont staff?” A closer look at the photo on my staff nametag reveals that I am well above the average age of this year’s staffers! “No,” I reply, “I was here forty years ago as a seminarian.” I can tell by the look on their face that they think I must have known Waite Phillips personally. It was that experience, four decades ago, that changed the course of my life. I was headed for parish ministry, or so I thought, until one day the field education director at the seminary I was attending asked if any of us had Scouting background. A ranch for Scouts in New Mexico was looking for a chaplain. I had always wanted to attend Philmont as a Scout, but never had the opportunity, so I raised my hand. Two months later I was on my way to Cimarron for my summer field education experience.

Joe Davis, the legendary director of program at Philmont, greeted me with his famous handshake and introduced me to the other chaplains. Next it was off to the motor pool to pick up my vehicle, a 1965 International Scout. It had a standard transmission, and 4-wheel drive that could only be engaged by getting out of the vehicle and manually locking in the hubs (not an easy task). Chaplains didn’t have radios back then and there was no driving instruction or test. We were simply handed a map and told, “Take it easy in the backcountry. Those roads can be kinda rough!” Now there’s an understatement for you! The Protestant Chapel at CHQ was an A-frame that looked directly at the Tooth of Time. (Today it serves as the Ranger lounge and standup meeting room.)

There was not much coordination among the chaplains. We each did whatever we thought was needed or requested. We spent a lot of time in the backcountry conducting services. Most of the camps had chapels where we would conduct Sunday services. During the week, upon request, we would conduct trail services for crews. There were no Eagles Soaring High booklets or Chaplain Aides. We did it all.

One incident that I will never forget involved a most unusual request. A Scouter from Florida passed away and his will directed that he be cremated and his ashes scattered on the Tooth of Time (not allowed today). Being the youngest chaplain, I was selected to go up in the plane (borrowed from a nearby ranch) and do the scattering while the rest of the chaplains conducted a memorial service for the family in the Protestant Chapel. Needless to say I was a bit nervous since I had never been in a small plane, nor had I ever scattered ashes! It all went like clockwork and the family was pleased.

After spending two summers as a Philmont chaplain, I changed my career plans. I finished seminary, but did not go into parish ministry. Instead I went to work for the Boy Scouts of America. Over the next 31 years I served in four local councils, once as Scout Executive, and four different positions on the National staff, including Director of the Relationships Division. After retirement from the BSA, I started a second career as a Development Director at my alma mater, The Ohio State University. I am now in my third career, doing what I trained to do forty years ago…part-time parish ministry. I have gone full circle.

A lot has changed at Philmont over the last forty years…new buildings, bigger staff, more backcountry camps, interpretive programs, female staff members, to name just a few. But one thing has not changed…the mission. It is still the aim of Philmont to provide a memorable wilderness adventure to youth and their adult advisors. The role of the Philmont chaplain is still the same…to help campers, staff, and PTC participants fulfill their Duty to God and to see Philmont as a spiritual place…God’s Country. IWTGBTP

Yours in Scouting,

FATHER BILL MCCLEERY

PHILMONT
Owen’s Section

Article by Owen McCulloch

Road Closure - Update

On Wednesday, June 23, the bridge over the Ponil Creek on State Highway 58 collapsed with a State of New Mexico Department of Transportation truck on it.

State Highway 58 is now closed, and is not expected to open until possibly Friday, July 9. This road connected Cimarron to Interstate 25 four miles north of Springer.

Many crews traveling to and from Philmont from Oklahoma and Texas travel this highway.

Traffic will be routed from Springer to Cimarron on State Highway 21. The distance is approximately the same. State Highway 21 becomes US 412 in downtown Springer.

When departing from the ranch you will turn out of the parking lot and head south on Highway 21 (the mountains will be on your right). The highway will eventually turn and head straight east to Springer.

Crews traveling to Raton on US 64 are not affected by this road closure.

We have been informed that the bridge will be closed for at least two weeks, and that a weight limit will be in effect for all vehicles crossing the repaired bridge after that time. The weight limit will prohibit commercial-sized vehicles like charter buses and travel trailers.

For current New Mexico road conditions, including weather and construction, visit http://nmroads.com/.

A Word From Watson

Article by Henry Watson

Philmont is a special place. It is so steeped in tradition and yet moving forward with the newest techniques in land stewardship. In a lot of ways, it’s like the staff, continuously maturing and finding new ways to provide wilderness adventure.

This is the tenth summer I’ve been here and it’s amazing at how comfortable HOmE is. Every year there seems to be more buildings and lots of new faces, yet, Philmont stays the same.

So it is with great excitement that I announce that this year the PhilNews is doing something brand new! Something never before seen at Philmont! The PhilNews will be online in COLOR! John Koser, the PhilNews Editor, has worked hard to make this happen. So, thank you, John!

We will still continue to print in Black and White but when the NPS webpage is available we’ll post the colorized versions.

What’s new and exciting in your department? Send us an I-Camp and tell us.

Paycheck Pickup

If you have not yet stopped by to pick up your paycheck, please do so as soon as possible. A number paychecks have not been picked up yet, and we are concerned that paychecks older than 30 days will not be cashed by your banking institution.

As a suggestion, you can also just put a stamp on them to have them mailed to your home address of record, allowing them to be deposited at your home bank.

Sincerely,

Philmont Paymaster
Prince Harry of Great Britain visited New York over the weekend of June 25th-27th. The prince, a graduate of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and a lieutenant in the British Army, began his 3-day visit to West Point Military Academy where he participated in a live-firing exercise and shadowed cadets on a combat training exercise. Before he left, the cadets presented Harry with a ceremonial saber.

Prince Harry’s other weekend activities included participation in a polo match against Argentine Nacho Figueras to benefit AID’s victims in Africa, an appearance at a benefit for the United Nations Children’s Fund, attendance at a veteran’s event aboard the USS Intrepid and a walk with wounded veterans during a road race through Central Park. Prince Harry also delivered the ceremonial first pitch for the New York Mets vs. Minnesota Twins game on Saturday.

A forest fire broke on Saturday in the Greater Hinggan Mountains in China. The fire has already engulfed 13 square kilometers (eight miles). Over 10,000 people are fighting the fire and due to their efforts, there have been no reported deaths.

On Sunday, June 27th, twenty nations delivered a joint statement that condemned North Korea for its alleged sinking of the South Korean ship Cheonan, declared a 5-year exit strategy from Afghanistan and called for Israel’s blockade of Gaza to end. The statement was issued during the G-20 summit meeting in Toronto, Canada, to discuss the global economic recovery. But when agreement could not be reached, the leaders of the G-8 (the US, Great Britain, Russia, Japan, Germany, Italy, Canada, and France) turned to matters of foreign policy.

The statement also condemned continued efforts of Iran and North Korea to develop nuclear programs in defiance of United Nations resolutions. Japan attributed the lack of stronger wording in the statement to the resistance of Russia.

Venezuela president Hugo Chavez met with Bashar Assad, President of Syria, on Saturday, June 26th in the Venezuelan Presidential Palace. Chavez called on the Latin American and Arab nations to join together in the “fight against US imperialist and capitalist interests abroad.” He also stated that the countries of Venezuela and Syria were the ‘vanguard’ in the effort to “liberate the world from the capitalist hegemony.”

It was Assad’s first visit to Venezuela and Chavez said it was an honor to host the Syrian leader. Assad in turn praised Chavez for speaking out in favor of Arab interests against the United States. The meeting also produced a $100 million trade and development agreement between Venezuela and Syria. Assad is scheduled to visit Cuba, Brazil and Argentina next.
10 PEOPLE ARRESTED IN US ON CHARGES OF SPYING

Ten people have been arrested on suspicion of spying for the Russian government. The U.S. Justice Department has all ten people under arrest with the charged of trying to gather information on nuclear weapons. Court case papers state that their job in the U.S. was “to search and develop ties in policymaking circles” in the United States. The case is being handled out of New York’s southern U.S. District Court. A multi-year FBI investigation into an alleged network of U.S.-based agents who hid all connection with Russia, lead to this batch of arrests.

DEADLIEST MONTH FOR NATO YET

June 2010 is now the most deadly month of the nine-year Afghanistan war, with more than 100 NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) troops killed. The sobering number comes amid growing debate over strict rules of engagement for US soldiers.

POLICEMEN KILLED IN IRAQ

Nine Iraqi policemen were killed in Iraq on June 24th, 2010. The nine were killed during a series of attacks on Mosul and Baghdad, due to the country’s political standstill. Four civilians were also wounded, along with eight other policemen.

NORTH KOREA TO ELECT NEW LEADER

North Korea’s Central News Agency (UNCNA) reported on June 26th that the country would be holding a meeting of delegates from the Worker’s Party of Korea in September. The purpose of the meeting is to elect North Korea’s “highest leading body”. Analysts believe the current ruler, Kim Jong II, is grooming his son, Kim Jong Un, as his successor and that recent changes in leadership indicate efforts to ensure the success of Un.

POLITICAL INTIMIDATION FROM MEXICAN DRUG CARTEL

The popular gubernatorial candidate for Mexico’s state of Tamaulipas was killed by suspected hitmen in the on-going Mexican drug war. Rodolfo Torre Cantú, 46, has been a primary reason, sources say, that election-driven violence has seen a rise since 1994. Cantú’s death follows the death of a mayoral candidate in recent days. Along with these two deaths, explosive devices have been thrown at two separate campaign offices.

Reportedly, several complaints of this continual violence have reached the offices of Mexican President Felipe Calderón and Interior Minister Fernando Gómez Mont, to which both have responded with disdain for such acts, and organized crime in particular.
**US NEWS**

**COMMANDER OF U.S. AND ALLIED FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN RESIGNS**

General Stanley McChrystal is to be replaced by General David Petraeus as commander of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan, pending Senate confirmation. McChrystal resigned after certain remarks he made in a Rolling Stone article criticized the civilian control of the military.

President Obama accepted the resignation “with considerable regret,” and stated that the decision to replace McChrystal was not made over any disagreement with strategy or personal issues.

McChrystal’s replacement, Petraeus, is noted as the one who authored the counterinsurgency strategy currently used in Afghanistan. McChrystal issued a statement on June 23rd saying that he supports Obama’s strategy in Afghanistan and that he still is “deeply committed” to the coalition forces and Afghan people.

**BATTLE AGAINST ARIZONA FIRES CONTINUES**

Firefighters are making headway against a massive fire in Northern Arizona. Cooperative weather, light showers, high humidity, and low winds helped the 900 firefighters bring the fire containment to 50 percent as of last Friday. The department estimates the fire will be fully contained on July 2. The cause of the fire is believed to be the result of an abandoned campfire. The Forest Service issued a $2500 reward for any information about who may be responsible.

**FLAG USED BY CUSTER AT LITTLE BIGHORN TO BE SOLD**

Last Friday the Detroit Institute for the Arts put up for auction a flag that accompanied Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer to the Battle of Little Bighorn. The tattered and faded flag was found underneath a soldier slain during the battle, and may be stained with his blood. The Institute originally acquired the flag in 1895 for $54. The Institute plans on using the proceeds from the October auction in future art acquisitions. The expectations for the auction range from $2 to $5 million.

**TROPICAL STORM ALEX APPROACHES GULF**

The first named storm of the hurricane season has begun to work its way toward the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Forecasters expect the storm will miss areas affected by the BP oil spill. However, forecasters have not ruled out the worst case scenario of an easterly shift in the storm’s path. Gulf residents fear that Hurricane Alex may push more oil ashore. Oil company BP said that the storm has not yet forced evacuations at the site of the oil spill.

**BOY SCOUT TIME CAPSULE MISSING**

A Boy Scouts of America time capsule buried in Old Sacramento, California can’t be found. The capsule was buried 39 years ago in 1971. The capsule contained signatures of roughly 30,000 Boy Scouts from the region along with some memorabilia from the era. The capsule was planned to be unearthed on the 100th anniversary of the BSA. Members of the Golden Empire Council are searching for clues as to the whereabouts of the time capsule.
Toyota is recalling 17,000 Lexus vehicles because the cars spill too much gasoline during crash tests. The specific vehicle recalled is the 2010 model Lexus HS 250h. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) tested the Lexus vehicles as a part of a yearly testing program, and found the amount of gasoline spilled during the crash exceeded the allowed safety requirement. Toyota said it had tested the vehicles but found that the spilled gasoline was within the acceptable requirements. The company is working to discover the reason for the different results.

The Apple iPhone 4 went on sale June 24th to a good first day sales estimate of 1.5 million units. However, many iPhone buyers soon found issues with their new phones. The foremost complaint is that the iPhone 4’s new antenna, which is in the phone’s rim, gets poor reception when the phone is held. There were also reports of the phone’s glass casing cracking easily, and the “retina display” screen scratching after only days of use. A statement from Apple says that the reception problems could be improved by simply not holding the phone in a way that puts pressure on the antenna.

West Virginia Senator Robert Byrd passed away on Monday at the age of 92. Byrd was the longest-serving democrat in history, having held his seat for more than 50 years. He was the Senate's majority leader for six of those years and was third in the line of succession to the presidency.

Last Friday, U.S. border patrol agents discovered a crude tunnel, apparently used for smuggling, underneath the Rio Grande River near El Paso, Texas. The tunnel was discovered when authorities found a youth Mexico in possession of 200 pounds of marijuana while investigating suspicious activity in the city storm drain system. Mexican authorities were contacted in order to locate the tunnel entrance on the Mexican side.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled Chicago’s 28-year-old strict ban on handgun ownership unconstitutional, ruling in a potentially far-reaching case over the ability of state and local governments to enforce limits on weapons. The vote for the removal of the ban was 5-4.
**SPORTS**

**ENGLAND CRUSHED BY GERMANY**

In a rematch of the 1966 World Cup final, Germany rolled over England 4-1. Germany took an early lead, going up 2-1 in the first half. The entire second half was dominated by the Germans, who capped the game off with back-to-back goals by Thomas Müller in the 66th and 69th minute.

**WERDUM MAKES FEDOR TAP OUT**

Fedor Emelianenko (32-2), often considered to be the best heavyweight and pound-for-pound fighter in the world, was forced to tap out in just 69 seconds to Fabricio Werdum (14-4-1) at "Strikeforce: Fedor vs. Werdum." Emelianenko had been undefeated since 2000 when he lost due to a cut from an illegal elbow. Emelianenko’s loss will completely alter the landscape of the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) world and will have many clawing to replace him as the number one heavyweight fighter in the world.

**U.S. ELIMINATED FROM WORLD CUP BY GHANA**

Despite a valiant effort on Saturday, the United States was knocked out of the 2010 World Cup by Ghana. This is the second consecutive World Cup in which Ghana has ended the United States’ run.

Once again, the U.S. allowed an early goal. U.S. midfielder Ricardo Clark mishandled the ball and a Ghana player quickly stole it to put Ghana up 1-0 only five minutes in. The U.S., as they had so many times before this, battled back to even the game at 1-1. The final nail would come in overtime for the U.S. though. A strong kick from the Ghana goalkeeper allowed Ghana's Asamoah Gyan to split the defenders and put it in the net, giving the only African nation a major win and ticket to the final eight.

**NBA DRAFT RESULTS**

1. Washington – John Wall, PG, Kentucky
3. New Jersey – Derrick Favors, PF, Georgia Tech
4. Minnesota – Wesley Johnson, SF, Syracuse
5. Sacramento – DeMarcus Cousins, PF, Kentucky
6. Golden State – Ekpe Udoh, PF, Baylor
7. Detroit – Greg Monroe, C, Georgetown
8. LA Clippers – Al-Farouq Aminu, SF, Wake Forest
9. Utah – Gordon Hayward, SF, Butler
10. Indiana – Paul George, SF, Fresno St.
11. New Orleans – Cole Aldrich, C, Kansas
12. Memphis – Xavier Henry, SG, Kansas
13. Toronto – Ed Davis, PF, North Carolina
14. Houston – Patrick Patterson, PF, Kentucky
15. Milwaukee – Larry Sanders, PF, VCU
17. Chicago – Kevin Seraphin, PF, France
18. Oklahoma City – Eric Bledsoe, PG, Kentucky
21. Oklahoma City – Craig Brackins, PF, Iowa St.
22. Portland – Elliot Williams, SG, Memphis
23. Minnesota – Trevor Booker, PF, Clemson
24. Atlanta – Damion James, SF, Texas
25. Memphis – Dominique Jones, SG, South Florida
27. New Jersey – Jordan Crawford, SG, Xavier
28. Memphis – Greivis Vasquez, PG, Maryland
29. Orlando – Daniel Orton, PF, Kentucky
30. Washington – Lazar Hayward, SF, Marquette
## MLB Standings as of June 29th

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Since this year marks the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America, this summer PhilNews is reprinting articles from past editions. This article was originally published on July 21st, 2001.

**Murphy’s Laws of Camping**

1. Any stone in a hiking boot migrates to the point of maximum pressure.
2. The distance to a given camp site remains constant as twilight approaches.
3. The number of mosquitoes at any given location is inversely proportional to the amount of repellent that remains.
4. The probability of diarrhea increases with the square of the thistle content of the local vegetation.
5. Scout troops of the opposite sex are only encountered while dealing with the diarrhea mentioned above.
6. The area of the level ground in the neighborhood tends to vanish as the needs to make camp become finite.
7. In a mummy bag, the urgency of one’s need to urinate is inversely proportional to the amount of clothing worn. It is also inversely proportional to the temperature and the degree to which the mummy bag is completely zipped up.
8. Waterproof clothing isn’t (However, it is 100% effective at containing sweat).
9. The width of backpack straps decreases with the distance hiked. To compensate, the weight of the backpack increases.
10. Average temperature increases with the amount of clothing brought.
11. Tent stakes come only in the quantity of “N-1” where N is the number of stakes necessary to stake down a tent.
12. Propane/butane tanks that are full when they are packed, will unexplainably empty themselves before you can reach the campsite.
13. Given a chance, matches will find a way to get wet.
14. Your side of the tent is the side that leaks.
15. All foods assume a uniform taste, texture, and color when freeze-dried.
16. Divide the number of servings by two when reading the directions for reconstituting anything freeze-dried.
17. When reading the instructions of a pump-activated water filter, “hour” should be substituted for “minute” when reading the average quarts filtered per minute.
18. The weight in a backpack can never remain uniformly distributed.
19. All tree branches in a forest grow outward from their respective trunks at exactly the height of your nose. If you are male, tree branches will also grow at groin height.
20. You will lose the little toothpick in your Swiss Army knife as soon as you open the box.
21. Rain. (nuff said)
22. Enough dirt will get tracked into the tent on the first day out, that you can grow the food you need for the rest of the trip in rows between sleeping bags.
23. When camping in late fall or winter, your underwear will stay approximately 35.702 degrees Kelvin (-395.136 degrees Fahrenheit) no matter how long you keep it in your sleeping bag with you.
24. Bears. (see Rain)
25. The sun sets three-and-a-half times faster than normal when you’re trying to set up camp.
26. Tents never come apart as easily when you’re leaving a site as when you’re trying to get them set up in the first place.
27. When planning to take time off of work/school for your camping trip, always add an extra week, because when you get home from your “vacation” you’ll be too tired to go back to work for a week after.

*Original text supplied from the “UNIVERSAL LAWS OF CAMPING,” a rec. Scouting posting by Dick Baman.*
KARAOKE NIGHT

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

Rooted in the Japanese language, the word “karaoke” translates to “empty orchestra.” Without vocals and only instrumental music these recordings originally started at a snack bar in Kobe City, Japan. This chance to stretch the vocal chords caught on in the U.S. and karaoke machines started the fill the homes of enthusiasts. Now it is recognized as a great party game, even here at Philmont.

June 25, 2010, the Baldy pavilion had an average of 50 participants throughout the night. Some sang solos and duets, others watched, while others would only be convinced to sing when the whole pavilion couldn’t resist breaking into song. Like a scene from a musical, songs such as “We are the Champions”, “Bohemian Rhapsody” and “It’s A Small World” got the entire pavilion of staff members to sing, sway, and even do cartwheels!

The night mostly consisted of the staff of Philmont coming to the Baldy pavilion to get a few laughs and joke around. With Disney songs like “It’s A Small World” and “Yo Ho” (the Pirate’s song), the pavilion filled with vocals from almost everyone; not just those holding the microphone.

The most crowd involved song of the night was, “We Are the Champions” (originally sung by Queen). More than a few joined in to sing the uplifting tune. Thumbs, lighters, and flashlights swayed for a good portion of the song.

It first looked like the longest song of the night was going to be Don McLean’s American Pie, but then it was discovered that the karaoke version was shorter than the original (leaving at least one of the performers of that song very disappointed). Instead, the longest song was Bohemian Rhapsody (by Queen), which had the last 50 people in the pavilion singing.

Stephanie Stefun (from the Activities staff) quickly filled each song request from the sound booth looking out on the pavilion. Still, there was a request she could not fill, and that didn’t stop the group from singing. Each performer was brave, but perhaps none braver than the group of girls who decided that even if there was no karaoke track to sing to, they were going to sing “I’ll Make a Man Out of You” from Disney’s Mulan.
SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Article by Sarah Burgess

“LAND OF ENCHANTMENT, NOT LANDFILL OF ENCHANTMENT”

The 2010 New Mexico Recycling Coalition conference was held in Albuquerque June 22nd-23rd. I attended as the representative for Philmont and met many other attendees representing the various rural and urban communities of New Mexico. The mayor of Cimarron, Tracey Boyce, who owns Blue Moon Eclectics, also attended and together we planned future projects the village and the ranch can partner on.

During the conference, the overwhelming message was: there is support, especially financially, for rural communities in the state to form successful recycling and sustainability programs. It was a very well organized conference that involved panel sessions on grassroots activism in communities, organics and composting and looking at the bottom line economics of recycling. What many towns are realizing is that recycling is a very positive effort because it lowers their use of landfills. Small communities like Angel Fire, as well as large cities like Albuquerque and Las Cruces, are making money by recycling, while keeping the cost low to the community members.

By the printing of this PhilNews, we will have hosted our first “bring your own dish” event at the Activities Brat Day. This B.Y.O.D. event will begin on June 30th and continue throughout the summer, in addition to other night activities, such as ice cream or smoothie nights. A dish cleaning station will be provided courtesy of the Dining Hall and staff working the station will be provided by the Ranger and Activities Staffs.

As always, if you have a suggestion or question concerning Philmont Sustainability, please I-Camp me or stop by the Conservation Office.

ANY BACKCOUNTRY CAMPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY, OR ARE PLANNING ON, SAVING RECYCLABLES, PLEASE STORE THEM AS BEST AS POSSIBLE FOR NOW. ALL CAMP DIRECTORS WILL BE LEARN ABOUT THE PICKUP PROCESS FOR RECYCLABLES FROM BACKCOUNTRY CAMPS DURING THE JULY 3RD CAMP DIRECTOR MEETING.

Sustainability Spotlight of the Week:

CHQ Mailroom reuses ALL packing material and boxes they can get their hands on. This dedicated staff will accept any styrofoam peanuts, bubble-wrap, or extra packing materials that staff or participants receive in personal shipments. They also use boxes donated by CHQ Services. The Mailroom staff also deposits all their aluminum cans and plastic bottles in the nearby recycling trailer next to CHQ Services.

If your Philmont Department is doing sustainable things, please I-Camp Sarah @ Conservation.
Preserving the Past, Paul Grasse

Article by Chloe Euston, staff writer

The piece of the Santa Fe Trail that runs between Cimarron and Miami, N.M. is studded with a few shining jewels of Boy Scout history—the Villa Philmonte, the Philmont Museum and the Kit Carson Museum. The first is the summer home of Waite Phillips, the oilman who donated his property to the Boy Scouts of America that became Philmont Scout Ranch. The second is a museum, owned by Philmont, that houses many artifacts of Boy Scout history, including countless items belonging to Ernest Thompson Seton, one of the founding members of the BSA. The third is a living history museum of the mid-1800s.

All of this is Museum Director Paul Grasse’s domain.

“I am the Acting Director of the Philmont Museum and the Ernest Thompson Seton Memorial Library, and this also includes responsibilities for the Villa Philmonte and the inventory and merchandise sales at the Rayado Kit Carson Museum,” Grasse explained.

The museum is responsible for major collections of objects belonging to Waite and Genevieve Phillips, in addition to donations of much of the original artwork, drawings and documents of Ernest Thompson Seton, Grasse said. Many of the books in the library were donated by its namesake’s wife.

Besides pieces of Boy Scout history, Grasse mentioned that the museum houses donations of significant native American and early pioneer materials, including items from Lucien Maxwell, the Abreu family, and Kit Carson.

“There’s a rich heritage of the information on the outdoor development program at the Boy Scouts of America, which helps preserve the development of the northeastern part of New Mexico and the Southwest United States. This contributes to the mission of Philmont Scout Ranch,” Grasse said.

Paul Grasse joined the BSA as a Cub Scout and went on to become an Eagle Scout. He first came to Philmont in 1972 for a training conference at Philmont Training Center with his family. He was later associated with several Woodbadge courses, then conducted at Zastrow. In 1999 he started teaching CPR at Philmont. In 2004, he worked on staff at Double H. He was also the health lodge manager for 13 years and has also worked as the camping projects manager. Last year he was the paymaster, and this year he is the museum director.
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Crafter, Keeper, and Curator

Nancy Klein is the curator of the Villa Philmonte. Those who come to Philmont are likely to become familiar with the Villa Philmonte, Waite Phillips’ extravagant summer home, be it through a tour or by visiting the Philmont Training Center. The Villa has a committed group of individuals responsible for its upkeep, and it’s Nancy’s job to oversee that the Villa is kept in top form for the thousands of visitors that pass through its halls yearly.

“I am within the museum system, but specifically I have the Villa Philmonte under me,” said Nancy.

Nancy runs the tour program at the Villa. There are seventeen tours daily for passing crews and staff members. One tour is given every half hour starting from 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM every day. An additional three tours are given on Monday and Thursday nights for PTC conference attendees who may not have any free time during the day to tour the Villa.

Nancy also handles marketing for the Villa, occasionally hosts receptions for other departments in the Villa gallery, and brings any maintenance issues to the attention of the Maintenance department. This is all done to keep the Villa beautiful, and functional, for the benefit of visitors.

For Nancy, this year, the year of the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts in America, also happens to be her eighteenth summer on staff. Prior to being the Villa curator, Nancy had two administrative summer contracts with Philmont. Her first contract was in PTC handicrafts, and her second was for a Philmont museum and library position. She obtained a permanent position as the Villa curator in 1995 following her second summer contract.

Even before Philmont, Nancy was familiar with the BSA. Nancy’s father is a minister who also had a history in Scouting, and it was through him that she first became acquainted with Boy Scouts. “With his Scouting and his ministerial work, the way I was raised was very much in tune to the ways of Scouting.” Nancy said, “I knew that I would get along well with the ethos of Scouting.”

For a short time Nancy was also a participant in the Girl Scouts, but she didn’t continue on through the program. However, Nancy continued to enjoy physical activities long after she opted out of the Girl Scouts. “Even though I stopped official Scouting, I did a lot of backpacking, especially in my twenties,” Nancy said, “I was familiar with what it takes to be in the backcountry as a young person.”

Despite this, Nancy said that she has never actually been on a trek, although she does like to get out in the backcountry as much as she can. “I’ve visited the backcountry as much as I can, different camps, but I’ve never done a trek,” she said.

When asked what she was particularly fond of from the backcountry, Nancy responded, “I like French Henry. Who doesn’t like French Henry, right? It’s just such a great setting. And there’s Beaubien, and Carson Meadows, beautiful. Fish Camp is also fun because of the beautiful rustic cabins. There’s something for everyone. I think I like the high points as much as anyone.”

Nancy is, overall, a kind and an easy-to-talk-to kind of person. Her love for the Villa Philmonte shows in her goals for the beautiful and historic building.

“I’d love to stay in the museums and continually build them and become well known in northeast New Mexico as having a great museum system,” Nancy said, “We’re hoping that we’ll just continue to grow and get bigger and better and reach more people.”
Rodeo Preview

Let’s Go to the Rodeo!

The celebration in Cimarron kicks off on Saturday, July 3rd with a dance at the rodeo grounds from 8:00 PM to midnight with live music by Philmont favorites Rod Taylor and the Rifters. Admission for the dance is $10.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on July 4th. The rodeo grand entry begins at 10:00 AM. The rodeo events will be calf roping, ranch bronco ride, senior barrel race, wild cow milking, open team roping, junior barrel race, cow-pony race, saddle bronc riding, mixed ribbon roping, pole bending, calf scramble, long horse race, and mutton busting. Admission to the rodeo is $8, and kids six and under get in free.

We hope to see all of you out there having fun and celebrating the founding of our great country!
Living History Teacher

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

Rob Radtke is a history student in his final term leading to what he hopes will be a career in teaching history. As a “history buff,” Radtke says he can clearly see how studying history and living in today’s world are connected. He believes as the author, David C. McCulloch does: “History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are.”

Rob is currently working at the Philmont Kit Carson Museum where he has the opportunity to live a part in history. Although Radtke’s focus of study is presently the British medieval and 1700’s time periods, he can find relations between his studies and his work. Due to the widespread illiteracy, studying medieval history, he says, can be harder because assumptions have to be made from fewer written records. This analytical skill is useful when interpreting American history.

History is enjoyable for Radtke who says, “I’ve always been fascinated by time periods that I didn’t live in. You just have to stop and ask how did these people live?” As for why he studies it, he humbly says, “I’ve just always done well in history.” He says that even if you don’t necessarily enjoy history, there are still valuable lessons to be learned from it.

For example, “This land has seen a number of different people running it, let’s pretend that one of the groups wasn’t here. Think of the effect that they wouldn’t have had.” He goes on to give the minor example, if the Spanish didn’t rule for a time in this area we probably wouldn’t know this town as “Cimarron.”

“Like any career,” he says, “you should have a passion for what you do.” For some it is auto design, others it is law or so on, but for him, it is history. “If you really don’t enjoy [what you do], what’s the point?” Even if it gives you all the benefits in the world, Radtke believes, one can hardly think they are better off when a job doesn’t leave you feeling satisfied with your work at the end of the day. In his daily work here at Philmont, Radtke gets to bring history to life for others. Even the participant who would fall asleep in a history class gets excited about history when it’s “living,” and he is glad to be part of that.

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The Kit Carson Museum is part of Rayado’s program, and highlights Kit’s contributions to the settlement of the Beaubien/Miranda Land Grant. It showcases how life would have looked in a typical New Mexico homestead in the 1850’s. A blacksmith demonstrates the various techniques and the uses of metalworking for this time period. The garden highlights what homesteaders probably grew during the period. Additionally, Scouts get the chance to hone their skills chucking tomahawks and learn about black powder rifles.

"You have to know the past to understand the present."

~Dr. Carl Sagan
French Henry is a mining camp which features a museum featuring mining related displays and mine tours. The Aztec Mine tour actually takes participants inside Baldy Mountain. Furthermore, gold panning and blacksmithing classes are offered for Scouts to participate in.

“When you jump for joy, beware that no one moves the ground from beneath your feet.”

~Stanislaw Jerzy Lec
Traditional programming at Ponil has focused on western lore and includes horseback riding and the use of authentic western lariats for cattle roping lessons. In addition, Ponil has a commissary, a root beer selling cantina, and a trading post. Dinners and breakfasts are themed around chuckwagon meals. Evenings offer a Cantina show or campfire readings.

“Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby, to be picked up and laid down like a game of solitaire. It is a grand passion.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

HEAD OF DEAN

This camp, located at the head of Dean Canyon, is the home of the ‘Dean Challenge.’ This course is another C.O.P.E. related course that offers Scouts an opportunity to grow as individuals, leaders and team members.

“**I THINK LAUGHTER MAY BE A FORM OF COURAGE.**
**AS HUMANS WE SOMETIMES STAND TALL AND LOOK INTO THE SUN AND LAUGH, AND I THINK WE ARE NEVER MORE BRAVE THAN WHEN WE DO THAT.**”

~**LINDA ELLERBEE**
Rangers shout a lot. This is necessary because a good portion of their job occurs in loud environments. As the so-called “face” of Philmont Scout Ranch, they must also be polite and patient as they are observed much more closely and evaluated far more critically than other staff members.

A Ranger’s job begins with the arrival of their assigned crew. Once a crew arrives, the Welcome Center notifies the Ranger Office, commonly known as the R.O., who dispatches the Ranger to meet their crew. At the Welcome Center, the Ranger climbs atop a table and screams the crew number, hoping the crew will hear it through the din of conversation and other shouting Rangers.

Crew 622-U arrived at Philmont on Tuesday afternoon, June 22nd. Banks Ishmael was the Ranger assigned to them. The crew was composed of members of Troop 381 from Kansas City, Kansas. All but one member were first-time participants.

After Ishmael greeted his crew, he ushered them to their assigned tents in Trailbound Tent City to drop off their luggage and gather the necessary materials to complete registration.

Nestled in between Registration and Logistics is the Breezeway, an area that is typically very hectic and noisy because up to 20 crews are gathered there at any one time. The Ranger’s job here is to oversee that all the necessary forms are correctly filled out and accounted for. When this is finished, they must wait their turn at Logistics. As Ishmael did, many Rangers take advantage of this time to become acquainted with the Scouts.

While waiting on Logistics, Ishmael also took this time to briefly teach Crew 622-U first aid procedures which is part of the ‘Ranger Training’ regime. Training covers a variety of topics such as wilderness first aid, map and compass navigation, and Philmont’s camping and wildlife procedures, among others. These are lessons to be taught during the few days that the Ranger’s are assigned to oversee a crew and so sequencing is left up to the Ranger’s discretion.

After Logistics, the next item on the agenda is Medical Re-checks. At the Health Lodge, Ishmael’s only responsibility was to hand the crew’s re-check copy of the crew roster to the staff. Then he waited while the re-check staff examined the participants.

When all the participants were approved for backcountry hiking, Ishmael led his crew to CHQ Services. On the way, he treated them to a tour of camping headquarters. Once they arrived at CHQ Services, Ishmael obtained a “Ranger Shopping Card” and filled it out in consultation with his crew. This card informed Services of the gear needed by the crew, such as pots, tents, rope and other essential gear for their trek.

While they waited at CHQ Services, Ishmael took his Crew Leader to the food department to acquire the crew’s first supply of food. The first order typically lasts up to Day 4 on the trail, so before the completion of their trek a crew picks up two, and sometimes three, more pickups of food at one of the backcountry commissaries.

Because CHQ Services is typically very busy in the afternoon, Ishmael used the time to train them in map and compass navigation while they waited. After receiving their food and gear, Ishmael led his crew back to their tents to stow the supplies and then ushered them to dinner.

Part of the Ranger’s job is to accompany the crew to their meals. This practice allows for bonding between the Ranger and the crew. The trust built and nurtured during this time is essential to the success and acceptance of the Ranger’s training by the crew.

Ishmael also joined his crew as they attended chapel, and after the service ended joined other Trailbound crews for Opening Campfire. During the campfire program, the crews were treated to a drama about the history of Philmont. Towards the end of the ceremony, all the Rangers gathered at the front with their crew leader and bestowed a small American flag on them. At the conclusion of the campfire, Ishmael led his crew back to their tents and bid them goodnight.

The next morning, immediately after breakfast, Ishmael took his crew to the shoot site for the required crew photograph. Crew photos are usually a Ranger’s last priority task because of the time constraints due to the crew and the bus departure time. After the photo, the crew returned to their tents for a shakedown. Shakedown is an intensive inspection of the contents of each participant’s pack. The Ranger tells the crew what is essential for a trek, what is not (though they can still choose to carry these items if they so desire), and what is prohibited in the backcountry (i.e. music players, deodorant, etc.). After shakedown, the crew is left to repack their gear and carry it to the Welcome Center where they will meet their Ranger and wait for their bus.

At 1:00 PM, the bus bound for Turkey Creek Turnaround arrived at the Welcome Center. Rangers help load the packs so that the crews can quickly file onto the bus.

The highlight of the bus ride is a Ranger-delivered “Philmont Bus Tour”. The tour is filled with information about various landmarks, buildings, and a brief history of Waite Phillip’s generosity. The tour also includes witty quips, cheesy Ranger jokes and other miscellaneous information which makes the bus ride go by in no time.

When they arrived at the Turkey Creek Turnaround, Rangers and their crews piled off of the bus, one by one. They then grab their packs and set their sights toward the inherent mystery and beauty of the backcountry.
Hitting the Trails with Hannah and the “Dingo’s Baby”

Photo-essay by Tara Raftovich, staff photographer

Hannah Smith, a first year Ranger, picked up her second crew on the morning of June 21st and started through the typical base camp process to prepare them for their twelve day trek. 621D9 came to Philmont as part of a fourteen crew contingent from the surrounding areas of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In order to distinguish themselves from the rest of the group, they deemed their crew the “Dingo’s Baby”. Eagerly anticipating their chance at exploring the Sangre de Cristo mountains, the Dingoes began preparing at home in the trails of Appalachia eighteen months prior to their arrival.

Their journey started the following day at the Zastrow Turnaround, where Smith explained a few rules of the trail, specifically her lack of participation in directing their route. Though at first the crew was a bit rusty in navigation, they made it to their first trail camp without getting off track and without her help.

Getting to Rimrock Camp by mid-afternoon enabled Smith to teach the crew how to set up camp in daylight. Heavily emphasizing Leave No Trace principles, she taught them how to create the Bear-muda Triangle, how to compact an entire lunch into one ClifBar wrapper, and the importance of properly attending to bodily fluids. A round trip hike to Abreu for root beer and peanuts brought the crew back to camp before dark and provided enough time for Hannah to complete her first aid lessons. She has found that by proposing ridiculous scenarios she could keep the Scouts attention through these talks.

After dinner and story telling, the crew threw the last of their smellables into the ‘oops’ bag and headed to bed in order to be rested for their hike to Urraca Mesa.

It worked out perfectly that the Dingoes were scheduled to arrive at Urraca on the second day of their trek because the objective of the camp’s programming is teambuilding. After a day full of activities and an evening of noodle jousting and ghost stories about the ‘haunted mesa’, the crew spent the last moments of the night thanking Hannah for all of her guidance, not knowing the surprise she had in store for them the next morning.

Just after sunrise, the Dingoes hiked to Inspiration Point where Smith purposed the Wilderness Pledge not just as a policy here at Philmont, but as a way of living. She encouraged the Scouts to become warriors dedicated to preserving the sacredness of the environment. Gazing out at the vast beauty that lay before them, their teary eyes filled with wonderment, each Scout took the pledge.

“It was in this moment that everyone was able to fully comprehend what Philmont is all about.”

Photos by Tara Raftovich
Josefa Jaramillo, a native to New Mexico, married Christopher Carson at the age of 15. Josefa is believed by today’s researchers and genealogists to be Carson’s third wife. Josefa died at the age of 40, only days after giving birth to the couple’s child, Josephina Carson. The complications from Josephina’s birth that took Josefa’s life gave Kit complications of his own, and he passed away later that year, on May 23, 1868.

The lovely lady who plays the role of Josefa Carson at Philmont’s Kit Carson Museum is Heidi Dissinger. Heidi is joined by other members of the staff who play roles of those who were in some way related to the life of Christopher “Kit” Carson, and even those related in a genealogical sense. Susan Carson Nelson, who is portrayed by Philmont Staff Member Amy Pavlov, is one such relation. Susan was the niece of Kit Carson, and came to the West as a farmer’s wife from Missouri. She was married to Jessie Nelson, a farmer who came to New Mexico to learn a little of everything.

“She must have been an adventurous soul,” says Pavlov, speaking of Susan Carson Nelson. Research would agree with Pavlov’s understanding of the person she portrayed, as Kit Carson himself is recorded as saying that the Indians of the area left him shocked at how well they could treat a common individual, such as “an American lady a niece of mine.”

When he was home and not acting as a guide, Kit liked to surround himself with people he could trust. One such person was Jim Goodale: a merchant and retired adventuring mountain man (whose role is played by Rob Radtke, Philmont Staff Member). Jim and others important in the life of Kit Carson can be found at the museum, ready to tell you a good ol’ story of years gone by.

If you’re not interested in history, but are still interested in having fun, the Philmont Kit Carson Museum brings the two together. From blacksmithing and gardening to hunting techniques of the day, what was once the down and dirty work of the day can be fun for the folks of today to observe. Rob Radtke (stepping out of character for the sake of clarity), says that people are excited to come to the Philmont Kit Carson Museum, because “We have a lot of programs, not just one. Our program is very diverse.” From storytelling to tomahawk throwing, Radtke was definitely right.
The culture of Philmont is very giving. I have seen staff helping out both Scouts and fellow staff members. I took the opportunity to assist the Scouts I’ve met and I found it to be rewarding. With so many unique skills among the staff at Philmont, no problem is unsolvable.

Let’s get back to the important things. A good friend of mine is on work a crew and I’ve gotten to hear a few stories describing just how hard they work. Led by the foreman, crews carry heavy packs through the mountains working from dawn till dusk to make the backcountry better for both the staff and Scouts. He says all you need is a good attitude to make the toughest job, just part of another day in paradise.

The Fourth of July is going to be fortified this summer by the 100th year of the BSA. Take a moment to appreciate our independence, then get together with your friends and celebrate. I’d like to wish a safe trip to all those traveling this holiday weekend. Over the holiday, remember to tell the people you care for how you feel. Happy Anniversary Friends!

“What’s your zombie plan?”

- Trev
URGENT WARNING

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

It has been found that illegal downloading has taken place here on Philmont grounds. Such inappropriate use of internet has caused not only the upper management of Philmont to be concerned over this matter, but has also brought the digital media rights community to an awareness of this illegal use of copyrighted material.

As if the acute attention of upper management wasn’t enough to increase awareness on this matter, Michael Johnson (IT Manager at Philmont) has said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is now involved. Anyone who has creative skills and likes to be paid for their work recognizes this as a most serious manner, but this should also be considered a serious matter to everyone at Philmont, as further offenses will cause the internet accessibility at Philmont to be shut down.

If the involvement of the digital media rights community, upper management, and FBI do not cause you concern, please note that everyone’s ability to use the internet while at Philmont is in jeopardy as well. If you are the offender in this case, your employment at Philmont is also at stake. (Please refer to the 2010 Staff Guidebook which explicitly states, “Inappropriate, unauthorized or illegal use of internet service” is grounds for termination of employment on page 7.)

The movie which was illegally downloaded was “How to Train Your Dragon” (a DreamWorks animation). It was downloaded on June 19th, 2010, and was downloading all day. If any information is known regarding this offense, you are strongly encouraged to contact Michael Johnson, IT manager, at his office (extension 1128).
**FUN FOR THE WEEK**

**Joke of the Week**

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal, they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. Holmes said: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see."

Watson said: "I see a fantastic panorama of countless stars."

Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

Watson pondered for a moment: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Chronologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

"Why? - What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes was silent for a moment then spoke: "Someone has stolen our tent."

**Shout Outs**

In our first full issue this summer, the PhilNews had a crossword in it and we asked anyone who could complete it to send in the finished copy to us so we can congratulate you.

We have not received a single completed crossword yet. We’d like to give a shout out to Miss J and Miss K for creating such a puzzling crossword.

For those still struggling with the crossword, here are a few answers: 8 across is TRASHY and 11 down is SHESLOCO. Remember though: Common sense is (20) essential to (36) real victoryWP (56) (hint hint, nudge nudge).

**Quote of the Week**

“‘In this age, which believes that there is a short cut to everything, the greatest lesson to be learned is that the most difficult way is, in the long run, the easiest.’”

- Henry Miller
GAMES

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JUST GIVE UP

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Answers will be in next week’s PhilNews!!
ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK’S GAMES (ISSUE 3)

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This is the story of six strangers
Picked to live in a cabin in the mountains
Of the North Fork Canyon for 3 very real
Months...

HANSEL: THE QUESTIONABLE JOCK

ROSE MARIE: THE EXTREMELY CONFRONTATIONAL CONSERVATIVE

KIERA: THE LOUD MOUTH FROM THE JERSEY SHORE.

THE REAL WORLD
THILMONT, N.Y.

STARRY: THE STRANGELY TIGHT MODEL WHO IS IN LOVE WITH THE QUESTIONABLE JOCK

DANNY: THE WEIRDO WITH THE HEART OF GOLD.

BEC: ALL OF THE SHOWS DIVERSITY STRAIGHT FROM MONGOLIA

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PTC conference schedule

Week 5

July 3rd - July 9th: LDS Scouting Leadership Conference
July 4th - July 10th: National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

Continued training schedule

Below is the schedule for the beginning of the second set of Continued Training sessions. Each session will begin at 6:00 PM in the Ranger Office unless specified differently.

702—Astronomy

701 and 705—Advisor Development

706 and 708—Ecology

707 and 709—Special Treks

710 and 711—Wilderness Pledge Guía

712 and 713—Sandia Search Dogs

714 and 716—Ultralight Gear

Bridge your gap between ordinary and extraordinary

Get your free training and fitness consultation today!

9:00-11:00 AM and 2:00 to 5:00 PM

See Jason K. or call Activities (Ext. 1244) for an appointment.

Note to self: The washing machine is NOT an appropriate substitute for a shower.

Remember to bathe regularly!
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