Have a thought, story, comic, drawing, photo or idea that you’d like to share with the Philmont community? The PhilNews welcomes submissions and letters to the editor. Feel free to I-Camp your submission to the PhilNews or drop it by the NPS office. Please remember that all submissions must include your name and location! For a submission to be considered for the next issue, please have it to us by Sunday at 5:00 PM. All submissions become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.
MARK’S MINUTE

2010 – Success!

As I think back on the summer the words of Henry Ford ring true for our adventure. He said:

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

As we gathered together to listen to Giovanni on the Greensward of the Villa Philmonte we learned that “anything is possible.” WOW! I knew that our summer of 2010 would be a success. That afternoon allowed us to begin to prepare for the journey and to commit ourselves to the training that would be needed to insure a successful summer.

As the Philmont Training Center launched its program on June 6th and crews began arriving for backcountry adventure on June 8th we entered the progress stage as delivering experiences that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the summer we have worked together to continue the journey and to complete a successful summer.

I thank each of you for building on the Brand of Philmont this summer. As Staff members we have had the chance to contribute to the memories of each participant and to the history of Philmont Scout Ranch. We have also built our Philmont Staff Brand that will be a part of each of us as we go forward on our personal journey.

Recently members of the Conservation Department shared this quote from Edward Abbey with me, may it help to guide you in the months ahead:

“May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view. May your mountains rise into and above the clouds. May your rivers flow without end, meandering through pastoral valleys tinkling with bells, past temples and castles and poets’ towers into a dark primeval forest where tigers belch and monkeys howl, through miasmal and mysterious swamps and down into a desert of red rock, blue mesas, domes and pinnacles and grottos of endless stone, and down again into a deep vast ancient unknown chasm where bars of sunlight blaze on profiled cliffs, where deer walk across white sand beaches, where storms come and go as lightning clangs upon the high crags, were something strange and more beautiful and more full of wonder than your deepest dreams waits for you – beyond that next turning of the canyon walls.”

Happy trails!

Mark Anderson

UNM Taos – Philmont Scout Ranch

For several years Philmont Scout Ranch has partnered with the University of New Mexico – Taos to allow staff members to obtain college credit during their work at the Ranch.

Each staff member is eligible to participate in the program.

This summer the following staff members have participated in the program:

3 Credits
- David Daggett, Ranger
- Chelsea Granados, PTC – COPE
- Jacob Koch, Program Counselor – Apache Springs
- Ashley Long, PTC – COPE
- Catherine Swanson, Program Counselor – Baldy
- Henry Watson, News and Photo Manager

6 Credits
- Audra Newbaum, Activities
- Alexander Spinelli, Wrangler
- Chris White, Health Lodge – Chief Driver
WEATHER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH
Isolated T-Storms
High 80°
Low 53°

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH
Scattered T-Storms
High 82°
Low 54°

MONDAY, AUGUST 16TH
Scattered T-Storms
High 80°
Low 53°

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH
Scattered T-Storms
High 82°
Low 53°

WED., AUGUST 18TH
Partly Cloudy
High 81°
Low 53°

THURS., AUGUST 19TH
Mostly Sunny
High 82°
Low 53°

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20TH
Mostly Sunny
High 81°
Low 53°
Greetings! Exciting days lay ahead as we begin the extensive renovation of the CHQ Dining Hall Kitchen (from the dirt up). As we end the 2010 Summer Season we will use the following schedule:

**Philmont Training Center**
The Philmont Training Center Dining Hall will close with breakfast on Saturday, August 14th.

Meals will continue to be served at PTC for guests participating in the Woodbadge Course and other special activities at PTC. Staff that are specifically assigned to live and work at PTC will be allowed to eat at PTC as well as staff who are assigned to live at PTC but work somewhere else.

All other staff will eat at Camping Headquarters either in the Staff Dining Hall or Camper Dining Hall beginning at noon on Saturday, August 14th.

**Camping Headquarters**
Camping Dining Halls will close with breakfast on Monday August 23rd.

All staff remaining at the Ranch on Monday, August 23rd and beyond will begin eating at the Philmont Training Center with Lunch on Monday, August 23rd.

Staff on work assignments will begin moving furniture and closing the Camper Dining Hall on Monday August 23rd. The Facility will be turned over to the contractors on Monday, August 30.

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Wayne Baker has been a Philmont EMT for 35 years. Congratulations to him on receiving The Governor’s Award (the highest award for EMS) and many thanks for his services!

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**A Word from Watson**

As we close out the 2010 Philmont Season I’d like to tell you the accomplishments of this year’s NPS staff. Timothy Bardin and Amy Hemsley finished the season as our PhilNews Editors. They also wrote most of the articles this summer. I relied on them to keep the PhilNews going and they rose to the challenge admirably.

The PhilNews had a higher page count than ever before! The eleven printed editions had over 420 pages of content. And we printed all the staff photographs so you can use the covers included in the electronic edition to make your own yearbook or you can use the one we’ve put together. We also published the PhilNews in color for the first time ever!

The Videographers, Sean Barber and William McKinley managed to finish the NPS training videos and several other projects. Under the leadership of Lead Videographer Margaret Hedderman, the department documented Rayado speeches, special trek, PTC and trading post promotional videos.

And our photographers took over 50,000 astounding pictures all over the ranch and scanned an additional 6690 negatives. Jeremy Blaine did an incredible job juggling all the assignments especially at the end of the season when the staff started to go home. Andrew Breglio, Zachary Boesch and Tara Raftovich were right there with him getting crew photographs and handling all the last minute requests.

Matthew Martin and Steve Weis deserve more thanks than I know how to express. They kept the photo printer up and running and printed over “27 8×10 color glossy pictures with the circles and arrows and a paragraph on the back of each one explaining what each one was to be used as evidence against us.” (Actually they printed over 36,000. I just felt like using that quote from Alice’s Restaurant.) They also took the lead role in scanning old negatives for the Seton Museum. All of the 2003 Crew and Staff photos are now in an electronic format.

Byran Hayek has taken over the electronic responsibilities of NPS. Working on the Philmont Web Page, Facebook and Twitter, he has also produced several brochures and promotional videos. He is presently trying to get the PhilmontScoutRanch.org website up and running. Remember to check it weekly to find out the offseason Ranch happenings. He will be posting the electronic versions of the PhilNews there soon.

I have so much more to say about the 2010 NPS staff. But all I can ask them to do is stand up and take their bows… clap, clap, clap!

Thank you for all your hard work, Good luck and safe traveling to all,

Henry A. Watson, II
2010 NPS Manager
**Meet Catholic Chaplain, Chris Meleski**

I am an Eagle Scout with three palms from the Black Swamp Area Council. I have served as Senior Patrol Leader for both the BSAC JLTC (Black Swamp Area Council Junior Leader Training Course) and for Troop 1102 at the 2001 National Jamboree. In 2003, I took Woodbadge (C-16-03) as a member of the Fox Patrol and earned my beads a year later.

I am a graduate of Calvert High School in Tiffin, Ohio class of 2002. In 2006, I matriculated from Heidelberg College (now Heidelberg University) with a Bachelors of Science in Religion and Biology. I began Seminary at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in 2006 and earned an MA in Philosophy in 2008. I have completed two years of Theology at Saint Meinrad’s and have a year of pastoral internship starting September 1st and then will have two more years of Theology remaining in my formation. God willing, I will be ordained a Catholic Priest in June of 2013, Philmont’s 75th Anniversary.

My Philmont experience is also quite extensive. In 1999 I attended NJLIC (now called NAYLE) where I first caught the Philmont Bug. I returned on treks in 2000 and 2002 (taking a year off for the National Jamboree), and I did mountain treks in 2003 and 2004 (in 2004 with current Phil-staffer Casey Miller who works at PTC). I have also attended PTC as a participant for courses in 2005 and 2009. This year is my eighth year out to Philmont where I am a first year staffer serving as one of your chaplains. I celebrated my 26th birthday this summer by climbing Mt. Baldy with a crew from New York. Overall, I have been involved in Scouting 18 years since becoming a Wolf Scout in 1992, and hope to continue in Scouting for many years to come.

**Summer’s End**

You have come to the end of your summer at Philmont. Do you feel good about having completed your summer? What do you think was one of your biggest accomplishments these past 10 weeks?

Not all of your accomplishments have been physical. You have interacted with God’s nature and God’s people. There has been frustration and fun. Intermingled with this has been your reflection on God’s love and care for you. Through it all, you have grown spiritually (whether you realize it or not). You have run the race and kept the Faith.

Hopefully, you have come to a better understanding of yourself and of your fellow staffers. You have grown in your appreciation of God’s gifts to you in nature and in your friends.

Now it is time to look homeward to friends and family. You have matured. Philmont does that to people. You are now an even greater and finer gift to your family and friends. May God be praised for it all!

**For reflection:**

How will we say “Thank You” for this experience? Will we say “I love you” to those who made this summer possible? What new obligations might we take on because we have worked at Philmont? What have we learned about making responsible choices? How can we make better ethical choices when we get home?

Lord, thank You for every gift that You gave me this summer. As we go home, make us special gifts to our family and friends. Amen.

Finally, an Apache Blessing:
May the sun bring you new energy by day.
May the moon softly restore you by night.
May the rain wash away your worries.
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.

May God Bless you abundantly this off-season,

**Catholic Chaplain**
The following article was published in the July 6th, 2001 issue of the PhilNews. Enjoy!

**Philmont Scout Ranch Violates Anti-Acronym Law**

*Cimarron, NM*: A Federal court ruled last Tuesday that Philmont Scout Ranch, the Boy Scout’s premier High Adventure base, has deviated from a congressional mandate which limits the use of simple two and three-letter acronyms.

“There’s just too many floatin’ around out there,” said James “J.D.” Neddermeyer, a prosecutor in the local District Attorney’s office.

The court’s ruling comes less than a month after the opening of the summer season, and charges were brought up after Neddermeyer’s personal visit to the camp in early June. Neddermeyer had been told by someone in NPS to report to CHQ; a PC directed him to the PTC. After getting directions from an RT, he eventually found himself hopelessly lost somewhere between PJ and HOD.

“This this is preposterous!” exclaimed Cathy Jean “C.J.” Jackson, the CD at ‘Indian Sightings’ backcountry camp.

Members of the Conservation staff where equally dismayed by the court’s decision: “Without some kind of appeal, we may have to cancel such programs as ROCS and OATC,” said Adam Fromerrely, a spokesperson for the department.

According to the law, the Ranch is in violation not for having acronyms, but for having too many. Neddermeyer argued in court that the sheer number of acronyms made it simply impossible to move around at Philmont. “I almost wish PhilSAR had left that creep in the wilderness,” said Jenny Martin, a longtime member of the PSA.

The BSA had no immediate statement after the ruling except that they would look into provisions ASAP.

Daniel Smithwick
Conservation Department

Hey staffer! Wondering what all those goofy acronyms mean? Check them out:

NPS = News and Photo Services
CHQ = Camping Headquarters
PC = Program Counselor
PTC = Philmont Training Center
RT = Ranger Trainer
PJ = Phillip’s Junction

HOD = Head of Dean
CD = Camp Director
PSA = Philmont Staff Association
PHILSAR = Philmont Search and Rescue
ROCS = Roving Outdoor Conserv. School
OATC = Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

Can you think of any others?
NAYLE = National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience
**Top Ranked Colleges, from US News Publication**

For Masters programs (by region):
- West - Trinity University, San Antonio, TX
- Midwest - Creighton University, Omaha, NE
- South - Rollins College, Winter Park, FL
- North - Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Highest ranked National University:
- Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Highest ranked Undergraduate Business Program:
- University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Highest ranked Liberal Arts College:
- Williams College, Williamstown, MA

Highest ranked Undergraduate Engineering Program (where Doctorate is offered):
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Highest ranked Undergraduate Engineering Program (where Doctorate is not offered):
- Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA

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**Sluggish Hiring Means Trouble for Economy**

The persistently high unemployment in the U.S. is battled by the companies trying to hire and help the economy. Still, the last 3 months show that the hiring process, at best, is dragging. While the economy is showing points of improvement, they are ‘weak’ say economists. Economists have also considered the dropping momentum of the recovery and say that more actions should be taken in the next week to boost the economy. “If we don’t see significant job growth by the end of the year, the economy could be in serious trouble,” said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock.

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**Boy Scouts of America Reaches 100 Year Mark**

In 1910 the Boy Scouts of America was founded. As is pointed out by David McGuirt of The News Star paper: “Not many things last a hundred years. Few people do. Most businesses do not.” He adds, “Twinkies might.” In its hundredth year, the BSA has raced in the Indianapolis-500, featured a 35-foot-long transportable adventure base, held a Jamboree, and made a stamp of commemoration with the United States Postal Service. *Keep it up BSA!*

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**New Mexico Deaths Linked to Arizona Escapists**

A pair of fugitives from an Arizona prison were linked to the death of a couple found in New Mexico, says an official from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. The couple’s bodies were found burnt in their camper in Santa Rosa, NM on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, 8 days after the fugitives had escaped prison. Evidence is still under investigation and its nature can not be fully disclosed at this time, says Peter Olson, Communications Director for New Mexico Public Safety.
**US NEWS**

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**Party Like It Is 1773**

In 1773 there was what is now called “The Boston Tea Party”. Tired of the taxes and oppression from England, a few gathered at the dock one night and tossed the most heavily taxed item into the ocean to make the point that they had been Taxed Enough Already (T.E.A.). In modern times, another movement has begun, this time with many more people involved.

The T.E.A. Party Movement began on April 15, 2009 as folks across the nation petitioned that they did not like the way their tax dollars were being spent. Signs that read “Taxed Enough Already”, “Party like it’s 1773” appeared, along with chants like, “Keep your change, give me back my taxes.” These signs and chants continue to flourish all over the nation, at gatherings large and small.

With 81 days to elections (from the time of this edition), the TEA party has an additional challenge beyond what they are initially protesting (big government and excess spending), but now are dealing with infiltrators who are showing up at these ‘parties’ who pose as ‘tea-partiers’ but with signs far from what the group stands for. Signs like, “You might be a red neck if you don’t like taxes.”

Friends of the TEA party movement are making this a legal battle, fighting for the right to use the “Tea Party” label. Those in opposition to the nation-wide movement are either showing up at these parties in opposition, or are making their complaints known by means of media and other outreaches.

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**Coffee Cup Cuts California Burglary Short**

In Crescent, CA an attempted burglary was cut short by the store manager who threw a cup of hot coffee in the face of the invader. Chris Hegnes, manager of Eungland Marine and Industrial Supply was at work early when an intruder charged him with a hammer. His morning cup of coffee saved him from injury. The burglar, unidentified at this time, was caught and confined.

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**Truck Driver Survives Train Collision**

49 year-old Luis Camagro of McFarland, CA was on his typical truck route when a southbound Amtrak train, from Oakland to Bakersfield, California, collided with him as it went 79 miles per hour. Camagro walked away without injury. 219 passengers were aboard the train when it collided, 20 of which sustained minor injuries.

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**College Students Can Breathe Easier Now**

A new federal law requires that publishers provide textbook pricing information to professors and requests colleges to provide that information during registration so that students have the opportunity to shop around for the best price. As David Lewis, Dean of the Indiana University-Purdue University says, “Change is coming but it’s not going to happen immediately.”
**World News**

**UAE Victim of Terrorist Attack**

After an al Qaeda-linked group claimed to have attacked an oil tanker in the United Arab Emirates, the UAE acknowledged that it had indeed been ambushed. The militant Islamist group claimed responsibility on Monday, August 2, 2010, but it took the UAE four days before they would acknowledge the attack. The statement from the Abdullah Azzam Brigades said the attack on the tanker was the "conquest of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman" -- a reference to the imprisoned blind cleric who inspired the 1993 World Trade Center bombing in New York.

**North Korea Increases Dispute with South Korea**

North Korean authorities seized a small fishing boat of South Korean origin. The seizure happened while four South Korean and three Chinese fishermen were accused of allegedly violating an exclusive economic zone belonging to North Korea. North Korea is stating that they have nothing to do with the incident, but that they have warned civilians to steer away from the area, as they would "counter the reckless naval firing projected by the group of traitors with strong physical retaliation," says North Korean spokesperson.

**Deadly Mudslides in China**

At least 127 people were killed in mudslides on Sunday, August 8, 2010. An additional 1,300 people are still missing. Rescue teams are digging midst rubble and debris which have stopped the flow of the river. The clogged river runs through Zhouqu, a main town in the Beijing area. Tuesday has a forecast for more rain in the already drenched area.

**Ice Island Breaks Off From Greenland**

An ice island about 100 square miles (260 square kilometers) separated from northern Greenland at the Petermann Glacier. The island is also about half the height of the Empire State Building, says research leader Andreas Muenchow. Some environmentalists claim that the cause of this break is global warming; and some researchers predict that the Arctic Ocean could become ice free in the summer months.

**10 Killed in Afghanistan**

Out of the 10 killed in a militant raid in Kabul, Afghanistan, 6 were part of a medical team volunteering their expertise in the area. "We are a humanitarian organization. We had no security people. We had no armed guards. We had no weapons," said Dirk Frans, director of the International Assistance Mission.
WORLD NEWS

WORLD SAUNA CHAMPIONSHIP CAUSES DEATH

The World Sauna Championship is an annual event in the town Heinola, Finland. At this year’s competition the winner of the championship, Russian Vladimir Ladyzhenskiy, died despite ‘all precautions being taken’, says Ossi Arvela, event coordinator. The Finnish finalist Timo Kaukonen was also taken to the hospital for assisted recovery shortly after Ladyzhenskiy.

WILDFIRES BURN IN RUSSIA

Suffering from extreme drought conditions, Russia currently faces an outbreak of wildfires. 554 separate fires burn in an area of only 109 hectares (just under 500 acres). Over two hundred of these blazes began in a twenty-four hour period over August 7th and 8th.

In Moscow, residents are forced to wear masks to protect themselves from the brutal layer of smoke covering Russia’s capital. Poor visibility has delayed flights, causing concern to those traveling into and out of the city. The fires have already claimed the lives of 52 people, and left dozens more hospitalized as Moscow scrambles to create anti-smog centers to provide people with clean air.

MEDITERRANEAN VACATION

In Estepona, Spain, United States First Lady Michelle Obama and daughter Sasha relaxed on a beach by the Mediterranean after Spanish police cleared the beach for the two. Onlookers were distantly present, even though the famous visitors had their own section of the beach portioned off. The two were simply taking a beach break after a busy day of sightseeing. Although not in Spain on official business, Mrs. Obama is expected to visit with King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia on Sunday, August 8, 2010. President Obama and their elder daughter Malia remained back in the United States.

OIL EXECUTIVE’S WIFE CHARGED WITH MURDER

Theresa Riggi, the 46 year-old American wife of oil executive Pasquale Riggi was charged with the murder of her three children on Friday, August 6th. The children’s bodies were discovered in the burnt rubble of their Edinburgh home in Scotland, but police suspect that their death was not the result of the blast which caused it to burn.

In the middle of a messy divorce, the couple was engaged in litigation for custody of the children. The Colorado woman will appear in Scottish court despite being in critical condition from injuries suffered the same day as the explosion.

POPE TAKES VACATION

Pope Benedict XVI spends a day of seclusion in the Apennine mountains for a day of prayer and lunch. The mountains of central Italy in the town of Apennine, east of Rome, offers a skiing escape to some, but offered the Pope time to reflect and relax.
SPORTS

RICE, SMITH INDUCTED INTO NFL HALL OF FAME

Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith, were recognized as two of the greatest football players the NFL as they entered the Hall of Fame Saturday night, August 7th. Five other inductees joined the two greats, bringing the total to seven. John Randle, Dick LeBeau, Rickey Jackson, Russ Grimm and Floyd Little where the others inducted as the Class of 2010.

Rice, the offensive game-breaker for the San Francisco 49ers, holds all the important pass-catching records from his 20-years career as a wide receiver. Many say his marks may never be broken. Rice accumulated 1,549 receptions (more than 400 beyond anyone else), gained 22,895 yards (more than 7,600 ahead of second place) and he scored 208 touchdowns, easily exceeding the previous record. Rice was also chosen for 13 Pro Bowls, made 10 All-Pro teams, and caught at least one pass in an almost-unbelievable 274 consecutive games.

Emmitt Smith made the Hall in his first year of eligibility, capping an incredible career as the NFL’s all-time leading rusher. The former Dallas Cowboy running back rushed for 18,355 yards and garnered 164 touchdowns during his career. Smith had 11 seasons with 1,000 or more yards on the ground and played 78 games in which he accumulated 100 yards rushing. He also won 3 Super Bowls and was named the MVP in the 1994 game.

TEBOW SPORTS WACKY HAIRCUT

The crowd at Invesco Field buzzed Saturday night when Tim Tebow, the Denver Bronco’s first round draft pick out of Florida, ran onto the field for practice. Tebow sported a wacky hairdo, compliments of his veteran teammates. The top of Tebow’s head was shaved, leaving a ring of hair that left the college star looking decidedly like a monk. Other rookies also sported weird haircuts, which Tebow said was the veteran’s way of playing pranks and building chemistry among teammates. Tebow’s ‘do’ was done by Wesley Woodyard, a linebacker and former rival from SEC’s Kentucky.

But a new hairdo wasn’t the only thing Tebow brought to the field. The rookie quarterback made a good showing, throwing a 25-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas. He also scored on the ground, after scrambling during a QB keeper play.

NFL Hall of Fame

A-Rod injured in batting practice

Alex Rodriguez was taken out of the line-up an hour and a half before the start of the Yankee-Red Sox game Saturday. He was listed as day-to-day after suffering what was reported as a “contusion on the lower left leg”.

Rodriguez was injured during pre-game batting practice when an errant one-hopper off the bat of Lance Berkman collided with his left shin. Rodriguez hobbled about for a few moments before falling to the turf and rolling in obvious pain. Trainers attended to him before A-Rod walked off the field under his own power. Berkman apologized as Rodriguez was leaving, saying “I wasn’t aiming for you, it just happened.”

It was not reported when A-Rod would return to the lineup.
MLB Standings as of August 8

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2nd Place—Travis Scherschel, Ranger “U—Rock—A Ghost Stories”

3rd Place—Justin Kernes, Apache Springs, “Upkeep”
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1ST PLACE—CARRIE ANDERSON, CONSERVATION, “CAMPERS AT COSTILLA”

Adventures of a Lifetime

3RD PLACE—JASON PROFFITT, RANGER, “AN OPEN WINDOW”

2ND PLACE—MATT PROKOSCH, PONIL, “GOT ‘EM”
FLOWERS AND PLANTS

2ND PLACE—IVANNA READ, ACTIVITIES, “SUNFLOWERS”

3RD PLACE—JILLION FORESTIERE, MAILROOM, “ASPEN VIEW ALONG THE TRAIL TO BLACK HORSE MINE”
W I L D L I F E

1ST PLACE—KATIE LEIGH HEISS, RANGER, “Food Please?”

3RD PLACE—BRIAN PARKHAM, CONSERVATION, “Living At the Top”

2ND PLACE—JUSTIN KERNES, APACHE SPRINGS, “Yellow Bird”

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HUMOR

Laughing Out Loud

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3RD PLACE—Satchel Parker, Kit Carson, “Philmont Chicks”
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3rd Place—Alex Wood, Ranger, “Indian Writings”

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PORCH VIEW

2ND PLACE—STEVE HENTZELMAN, SECURITY, "VILLA VIEW"

3RD PLACE—JACK KARSTEN, MAILROOM
"VIEW FROM CRATER LAKE PORCH"
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3RD PLACE—JOSHUA PACK, SAWMILL, “BALDY TOWN RAINBOW”

WOW!
Sunrise and Sunset

2nd Place—Katie Leigh Heiss, Ranger, “Tiger Striped Sunset”

3rd Place—Chris Lo, Ranger, “Inspiration Tree”

Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, New Mexico

1st Place—Savannah Moore, Activities, “Sunset 2”, See in Dining Hall

Unfortunately, Savannah Moore’s 1st Place photograph in the Sunrise and Sunset category does not print well in black and white. Please go online to see this beautiful color photograph.
BLACK AND WHITE

1ST PLACE—MATT PROKOSH, PONIL, “TOOTH WINDOW”

2ND PLACE—ALEXANDER ACETUNO, RANGER
“BLACK AND WHITE 1”

3RD PLACE—STEVE HENTZELMAN, SECURITY
“MAKING THE ANVIL SING”
STAFF SPOTLIGHT: BATBAYAR “B” DASHNYAM

Batbayar “B” Dashnyam, of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia made his way to Philmont to become part of the seasonal staff for 2010. Being 23 years old and so far from home is surely a large challenge in anyone’s life.

To help in the adjustment, at least Scouting would be familiar to him here. He came to Philmont with a strong set of camping skills and was familiar with Scouting endeavors.

Back home he is a Rover Scout Counselor with the Mongolian Scouting Association. He completed Woodbadge in 2007 and continues to sharpen his Scouting skills.

Like some, he may have come so far from home with slight trepidations, but he also came excited about the opportunity. Now as the summer nears its end he says he is still enjoying himself.

Yea for a summer at Philmont!
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF SERVICES
Submission by Drew Carr

Every morning at 7:15, the twelve staff members of the Services department arrive in uniform ready to work. These twelve staff members are: Andrew “Drew” Carr, William “Kenzie” Query, Sam “Samwise” Vincent, Adam van Antwerp, Jacob “Godzira” Phelps, William “Billy” Koenig, Kevin “Kevvo” Albrecht, Kyle Crotty, Dave Byrne, Chris Taylor, Tony Carter, and Rosario “Rosie” Serna. The managers are Dale Hiatt, James “Jim” van Hecke, and Ross Kinally.

The first task of the day is sweeping the entire complex, including the locker rooms, mail room, and lobby area, always keeping in mind the phrase, “pay fascinating attention to detail.”

After our quick brush of the place, we head to our posts. There are four different stations in Services: Initial Distribution Commissary (IDC), Equipment Checkout (ECO), Equipment Check-in (ECI), and Packs and Gas (P’s & G’s). Services is open every day from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm, then 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The sole purpose of IDC is distribution of food to the trail bound campers and staff. Once the meals are pulled from the crew leader’s “Life,” the “accessory bag” (camp suds, ten yum-yum bags, salt, pepper, matches, and scrub pad), and toilet paper, we give a speech that incorporates all the main points with a few gags in between.

Here is what a typical speech looks like: Shouting over the afternoon rush that was behind the crew, “Welcome to Philmont! How y’all doin’?”

“Well then, I’ll get started! I have here your food, labeled and color coded for breakfast, lunch, and dinner! Keep in mind that each set of meals should be eaten according to the number on each bag. Each bag is good for two meals, so now share. Moving on to your accessory bag, ten yum-yum bags, one holding everything, and nine rolled up inside. Your scrubber! Now, I advise you cut into ten pieces as you will be on the trail for ten days. If you don’t, by day seven it will grow some arms, legs, a tail, and horns, and chase you around camp!” The crew smiled.

“Your spice kit: salt, pepper, and matches. I have no earthly idea why there are matches in a spice kit, maybe it’s unintentional double-play.” The crew laughed again. “But keep in mind that they are not waterproof, nor are they to be used for anything but lighting the stoves.”

He grabbed a roll of toilet paper and fell silent for a second. “This...” he said dramatically, “is your T.P., A.K.A. gold, holy grail, or Chuck Norris stationary. Keep it dry, keep it clean! There is nothing worse than a wet roll of toilet paper!” He stacked a second roll of toilet paper on top of the first, “except for two ret rolls of toilet paper! Ruh rhoa!” The crew is smiling more than they did before.

“Finally, I have the honor and privilege to offer you this amazing bag of condiments, complete with mustard, mayo, and relish! I often use it on the rather boring and bland tuna and chicken you will be feasting on sometime during your trek. Would you like it?” He got an affirmation. Then held up the Crew Leader Copy.

“Excellent! Now, Crew Leader, this is your life. What are you willing to do for it?”

“I’m willing to die for it,” a smile cracked on his face. He mock-sliced the crew leader copy across the crew leader’s neck, “Your life has just taken your life. Congratulations. Now take everything off of the table and have a great trek!”

Over in the shared space of ECO and ECI, staff members are constantly pulling and returning tents, dining flies, dining fly poles, sump strainers, sump
strainer scrapers, cooking spoons, hot pot tongs, bundles of trash bags and Micropur from and back to their respective places. In addition to issuing equipment to trail bound crews, ECO also gives a speech that gives the what, and sometimes the what not, on all of the equipment they are taking on the trail. As always there are a few jokes thrown in, like the sump strainer. A sump strainer once was a Frisbee, but now it is not. If someone dares name it as such they will be promptly told to wash their mouth out with soap, since they said the “f-word.”

On both the Home Bound and Trail Bound sides there are signs saying in big bold yellow letters “DO NOT PULL BUNGEEs.” It is our duty to inform the campers that they should not be doing so.

Often I will shout into the lobby in my best pirate voice, “ARGG, NO PULLING ON THE BUNGEEs!!” Most campers will glance around and wonder where the sound is coming from, until they see me smiling and waving at them.

Two feet over in ECI, we inspect tents and dining flies, checking for rips or tears trying to get the tired and worn-out crews checked in as quickly as possible. I would say that working in ECI is the most stressful section of the department, mainly because of the tired and sometimes frustrated crews trying to check in with a missing pot(s) or major rips in their dining flies.

The main concern over in ECO is Micropur, for it is possibly the most important piece of equipment they will take on their trek. A crew without water purification or a water filter is a crew destined to fail.

Outside and up on the hill, there sits the fourth section of Services, P’s & G’s. Here, services staff issue packs to both campers and staff. There are two brands of packs that are issued: Osprey and Kelty. Osprey packs are made so that they are adjustable and fit the camper as perfectly as possible, using a bright yellow sizer designed by Osprey. The Osprey packs are only the Philmont Arrowhead, made of nothing but dead bear rope.

Across the breezeway, opposite IDC, is the Mailroom. It is important to note that it is part of Services. Here you will meet its six staff members: Linda Anderson, Deborah Diamond, Jennifer “Peaches” Holmes, John “Jack” Karsten, John Joyce, and Jillian Forestiere. It is open every day (even Sunday!) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, then 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. It is not a post office, but a mailroom, able to receive UPS, FedEx, US Custom, and US Postal. It also can send out UPS and US Postal.

Like its brother next door, the Mailroom sees everybody. When crews come in to check their mail, they are greeted by the happiest staff at the camp.

As Peaches says, “We’re all social butterflies here. We enjoy everyone that comes in, because with every person comes another cool story.”

In addition to selling stamps and envelopes, Mailroom Services offers shipping of large packages (packs, for example.) that would otherwise cost a hefty sum at the airport. A popular use of the hub of base camp is the I-camp. You just fill out the location of where you want your message sent and it gets there. This is used by both campers and staff who may want to contact their friends, crew or ranger.

Sometimes when someone has change they are willing to part with after paying for their postage and post card, they drop it in the “give a penny, take a penny” jar, which may help a Scout who is mailing a post card home and doesn’t have the exact change.

There is also the “sad bulletin board” located by the front door. It is chock full of postcards that were sent back to Philmont because of incorrect labeling. Some of them were sweet, but most of them were downright funny, what with the stories of every person’s epic Philmont experience.

I encourage everyone to come visit (especially in the mornings) the entirety of Services. I promise we don’t bite (although some of us nibble.) We want to hear your experiences and stories! Until then, I hope to see you in the Mailroom, IDC, ECO, ECI, or P’s & G’s!
Dear Lord

In the beginning ~
May my intent to hunt be honorable and great anticipation
accompany sincere preparation
Then help me be aware of your presence in my appreciation
of the magnificent wilderness

Let ~
The wind be in my face;
The sun shine upon my back and the earth quiet beneath
my tread;

Only after ~
I see and admire the wile of the quarry;
May my aim be good, bow silent and arrow true;

As the years pass, memories recalled, tales told ~
Grant that my friends be near and our campfires many;
Let me be humble and those who listen impressed by
the wonder of it all;

Finally, if it be Thy will ~
When the coals of my last fire dim;
Bless me with a smooth release of my soul into the
hollow of your hand; and
Let the legacy of the hunt live on.

AMEN
Armed with a smile and a sense of humor, Gene Schnell gets to work bright and early. “In the morning I put the backcountry in motion,” says Gene, and he isn’t kidding. With pen and paper in hand, Gene keeps track of who is driven to the backcountry, as well as when and why. Prioritizing ‘returning staff’ over those with ‘days off’ Gene enlists his humor when kindly telling folks if logistics require them to hike in to their destination.

Once the organization is created and carried out, Gene lives up to his unofficial title: “Backcountry dispatcher, expeditor, and facilitator”. More than a title this is exactly what he does. As the ‘Phil-burbans’ are dispatched to their various locations and the backcountry is in motion, the backcountry warehouse becomes ‘logistics west’, says Gene, as the needs of the Trading Post, Health Lodge and other departments in relation to the backcountry are met. This continues on into the evening as he “offers direct support to the backcountry.”

Gene’s first year on Philmont staff was in 1985 where he became the first and only volunteer to hold the position of Director at the Philmont Training Center. Being an interim director, he knew that if he came back to Philmont it would be in a different capacity. The next five summers were spent as a manager in the Services Department, then he became the Backcountry Manager up until 2009 when he took on his current position of Backcountry Distribution & Support Manager.

As intense and intriguing as Gene’s schedule can be on the average day, more excitement comes with the unique challenges of Search-and-Rescue and other out of the ordinary requests. Only a few weeks ago, he was part of SAR efforts for a lost boy. While this was an out of the ordinary request, it was not the first time such a request was made.

Year after year, a few times now, he has been part of SAR endeavors and each search has always taken a logical course for him. He says that if he were lost he would look for a road, because people would be on the road: “Trails lead to roads,” he concludes. He sees it as completely logical that while on this recent SAR case, he was on a road regarding another request made of him when he found the young man.

SAR and other wilderness situations are far from foreign to Gene as he is a “Sole Survival Instructor” who is “well versed in alpine and desert solo survival.” With eleven treks at Philmont, previous to his employment at the ranch, and several other backpacking adventures, Gene has nothing short of a vast inventory of stories to tell. He has backpacked extensively in areas such as the Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and has been employed in the Canadian wilderness, including the Canadian National Park Service.

With having undertaken such extensive wilderness training, it can hardly be a surprise that Gene puts such knowledge to use by being a volunteer for Youth Leadership Development and High Adventure through the Boy Scouts of America. His expertise is in Situational Leadership at National Leadership Seminars.

In addition to volunteering for the BSA, Gene wastes no time while away from Philmont, as he is a high school administrator- Dean of Students at the Trinity Catholic School in Saint Louis, Missouri. He is also the head track coach at the school in addition to teaching engineering graphics. Whether the life of a coach, a teacher, a manager or a Sole Survival Instructor, Gene Schnell definitely lives life to its greatest measure, and can say he has learned some things along the way. One such lesson could be that life is an adventure and one should let it be so.

Along with being a leader here at Philmont, both in the Backcountry and as an OATC Lead Advisor, Gene is a leader in every position he holds. He believes that the mission of Philmont is worth his efforts: “What we’re all about here is changing lives- we are servant leaders. We put the welfare of others before our own, not seeking personal recognition.” He goes on to say, “I’m committed to the cause here at Philmont.”

One may grow tired of hearing the stories Hollywood has to tell, or that appear in Sunday papers around the nation, but Gene has stories to strike up a flame in anyone’s imagination and hold their attention for the duration. He doesn’t slow down as life progresses, but only increases the intensity of his adventures. He loves to run here at Philmont and at home; he swims as well, and has been head coach since his college days. The message his example gives is as clear as his words: “You live your dreams.”
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“NOTHING GREAT IN THIS WORLD HAS EVER BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT PASSION.”

~EBBEL, GERMAN POET & DRAMATIST
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“Art is not a handicraft, it is the transmission of feeling the artist has experienced.”
~ Leo Tolstoy
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"Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything."
~ Aaron Siskind

“All I know is what I read in the papers”
~ Will Rogers
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CHAPLAINS (A.K.A. “Soul Patrol”)

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
NEW MEXICO, AMERICA


LDS CHAPLAIN: Elder David Wilson, Head Chaplain


* Not pictured

They get their work done with a smile on their face. It’s not always easy, but to be at Philmont is definitely worth it. These men seek to share their love of a higher Power. Whether they call that Power “Jehovah”, “Allah”, “Almighty”, “Christ”, or “Messiah”- they share a love of God. How perfect a commonality for being here in God’s Country!

“I WOULD RATHER LIVE MY LIFE AS IF THERE IS A GOD AND DIE TO FIND OUT THERE ISN'T, THAN LIVE MY LIFE AS IF THERE ISN'T AND DIE TO FIND OUT THERE IS.”

~ Albert Camus
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“... I'D SAY ONE OF THE GREAT LESSONS I'VE LEARNED OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF DECADES, FROM A MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE, IS THAT REALLY WHEN YOU COME DOWN TO IT, IT REALLY IS ALL ABOUT PEOPLE AND ALL ABOUT LEADERSHIP.”

~ STEVE CASE
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~ KENNETH BURNS
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"AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE GOALS ARE SIMPLE: SAFETY AND SECURITY."
~ JODI RELL
STAFF SUBMISSION

A PHILMONT FAIRY TALE

PhilNews would like to thank the Camp Directors of Philmont who knew we were short submissions and took a moment away from their meetings to pen this story for your reading pleasure!

Once upon a time, there was a crew at Philmont and it was a dark and stormy night. There was this dame Elaine with beautiful gams! And as the dame Elaine and her crew settled in for the night...they heard a noise!

Something was shuffling in and around the tents. It was a runaway camper named Archibald Pennyfeather. Arcibald then ran to Ring Place.

Archibald caused massive havoc and Unit 43 and the beautiful Unit 44 were called in to save the day. But they were not up to the task and after valiant effort, they called for... Unit 41.

Unit 41 is so amazing that to stop Archibald from wreaking his havoc upon the land, he yelled, “Archibald, you are an infidel!” Archibald froze and for a tense moment he stared into Unit 41’s eyes.

Archi (that’s what his friends called him), used the tense moment to reflect upon his one true love. The lame dame Elaine with beautiful gams. (They were beautiful, though lame), for in his moment of fear, he wanted his last thought to be of true beauty.

Unit 41 stormed over to Archi, placed a hand upon his shoulder and said, “It’s not too late.” With a firm squeeze, he then informed Archi of the virtues of Sham-Wow in returning to his true love.

“It all makes so much sense now,” said Archi.
“Smile, Jesus loves you,” said Gene, as he turned and began to walk away.
“I never said thank you,” said Archi.
“And you’ll never have to,” replied Gene. “I don’t search for people... I find people.”

The Philmont Staff hat is now for sale at Tooth of Time Traders
Get your hat now for only $10
Discount does not apply.
Ask at the patch counter for your navy blue hat with khaki embroidery today.

Also, there is currently an ongoing sale: For every $100 you get a free t-shirt. Select sizes and styles.
2010 PHILMONT STAFF MEMORIES

Poem by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

First year staff
Arrive with hopes,
Intending to learn
The various ropes.

Philmont offers in
One summer more than France,
And views that are worth
Your backward glance.

Offered also
Are training and guidance
So getting fired
Has less chance.

Unwritten rules,
Unbeknownst to we,
Were the etiquette for
The backcountry.

Though not cause
For immediate dismissal
Traveling staff know kindness
As the general rule.

Second year staff
Returning back
Know the rules
Of both ‘base’ and S\(^3\)AC.

Writers, Rangers-
All different kinds-
Decide that Philmont
Is worth their time:

They came back again-
Three years and four-
If they can after that,
They’ll come back for more.

2010 offered,
As years past,
Memories, friendships,
And adventures to last.

Whether here for the first time,
Second or more,
Each year brings
The good times- as before.

If you had a good time,
And don’t want it to end,
Turn in your request
For twenty-eleven.

Fifth year or sixth,
Seventh, eighth or more,
Still there’s plenty of
Philmont to explore.

More than live music,
Rhythm or dance,
Philmont gives all
The opportunity to advance:

Building skills and
Uncovering talent,
While doing a job
Anyone would want.

So drink it up
While you still can
And hope you get
Back to Philmont again.

“Adventures that last a lifetime”-
More than a phrase-
Something you’ll see
The rest of your days.
The Ranger’s Creed
Poem by T. A. Bardin, staff writer and Ranger ’09

Who is a Ranger?
A Ranger is an individual,
But part of a whole.
Rangers are friendly and considerate.
They are patient, but determined.
Rangers are focused and direct.
They are always prepared and rarin’ to go.
These men and women are heroes to their crews.
The men are bearded,
The women adored, and
These individuals
Love their jobs,
Love their crews
(For the most part),
And love this, “God’s Country”.

What does a Ranger do?
A Ranger guides, yet simultaneously
Follows; an epitome of “humble-pride”.
Rangers instruct and nurture; they shelter and observe.
Rangers are walking Phil-pedias,
Full of facts and knowledge (all the little-known details),
About their temporary- eternal HOME.
Rangers defend the purity of nature,
They safeguard Waite Phillip’s generous legacy.
Rangers administer a charge;
They obtain pledges from all, to
Honor and preserve our pristine wilderness.
And these leaders deliver a challenge,
To individuals and to crews:
“Walk together. Strengthen one another.”

How does a Ranger uncover the mystery of Philmont?
Rangers “see” with more than their eyes.
They contemplate their surroundings with all six senses.
Rangers taste and touch; they listen and smell.
But Rangers also FEEL.
A graceful fawn, a trundling bear.
Lofty purple mountains and regal pines.
The aromatic scents of vanilla or butterscotch.
And majestic lightening-laced thunderheads.
Rangers pause to reflect on the wild beauty around them.
They stoop to run their fingers through a babbling brook.
Rangers lie in a meadow at midnight,
Just to see the diamond-studded sky.
They participate in the grandeur of Philmont: Heart, soul and mind.

This is a Philmont Ranger.
STAFF SUBMISSIONS

The Ballad of the PhilCot
By Rebecca Boodee, P.C. at Seally Canyon

I occupied the tent in the fore-part of June.
We assembled our Cots under dim-light new moon.
Too late did I find that my new sleeping place
Could only host a sleeper of the Lilliputian race.

So this is my ode, to a small, green Cot.
Painful or Not,
Without it, Philsummer would all be for naught.
Cot Number One had a tendency to shriek
Or resemble repose on a sharp mountain peak.
Even much kindness to aforementioned bed
Would only result in a much-bruiséd head.

So this is my ode to a small, green Cot.
Frigid or Hot,
Without it, Philsummer would all be for naught.
The worst nights on Cot were the nights water-frozen.
I’d deeply regret the P.O.S. I had chosen.
Six-Sun arrived with an eye-blinding fire,
Transforming dear Cot from a freezer to pyre.

So this is my Ode to a small, green Cot.
Intact or Shot,
Without it, Philsummer would all be for naught.
When painless and temperate, Cot still managed drama.
Springs fell from below ‘til I cried for my Mama.
Rusted and foul more than “weathering” decrees;
A Cot of bare wires could make Superman bleed.

So this is my Ode to a small, green Cot.
Donated or Bought,
Without it, Philsummer would all be for naught.
If only I’d known the idea of “Philbed.”
I’d drag my own bed here, if it made me quite dead.
Bearing in mind, I don’t sleep on the ground.
With this summer’s rain, the Philground might have drowned.

So Painful or Not,
Frigid or Hot,
Intact or Shot,
Donated or Bought,
This is my Ode to that Golf-Delta Cot.

Presence

From the lofty mountain peaks’ purple grandeur,
To the lush, secret dusty-emerald valleys.
From silver sage carpeted wild-flowers meadows,
To ice-blue water teeming with glistening life and energy.
From whispering pines and shimmering aspens,
To limitless vistas that see into forever.

-You are powerfully and richly present.

In cool, crisp morning’s light,
Scorching, oven-hot midday
Surprise explosion of unrestrained thunder and lightning,
With the drenching afternoon showers and hail,
And soothing soft evening breezes around a languid campfire.

-You are lovingly and reassuringly present.

In the eagles’ soaring, gliding flight,
Or cheerful squirrel and chipmunk chatter.
In harmonious hymn of bear, antelope, deer and coyote.
Or ink-dark, starlit symphony of evening vespers.

-You are gracefully and gently present.

Under strain and sweat of pack-strap,
Through shared frustration and exhilaration,
On dusty-dry paths and bare-rock summits;
Through the shaken-down, arm-in-arm comradeship of the trail.

-You are personally and intimately present.

In the sudden, unexpected trail-turn,
That reveals that life-transforming,
Never-be-the same again glimpse—
Your divine face.
We boldly, hopefully reach
And touch—
And we know profoundly.

-You are mysteriously, eternally present.

We listen,
With the ear of the heart.
We see,
With the eye of the soul.
Those who have not,
Cannot.
Those who have,
Are certain.

-You are presence.

Written by, Fr. Don Hummel
Catholic Chaplain
THE ABC MEMORIES

Poem by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

Activities at the S-S-S-A-C
Brat Day every 10th, 20th and 30th
Carry out breakfasts when you were running late to work
Dogs barking somewhere, though you couldn’t tell where
Everest of Philmont- Baldy
Friendships that last a lifetime
Gym use is for all- though Rangers used it most
Heaven on Earth- God’s country
Interdepartmental assistance
Jokes and jest between co-workers
Keeping up with the Chaplains- Services each night at 7
Living in tents in the New Mexico rain
Money comes and money goes – at the Cimarron shops
Nights of music, rain and laughter
Opposites attract and similarities last – Phil-flings sometimes work.
Phil-burbans clink and clank until they run no more
Quick aid from the Backcountry Warehouse team
Rodeo dances in Cimarron – Live music with Rod Taylor and the Rifters!
Sunrises and sunsets with friends and tent neighbors
Training – WOW! – What an experience!
Unconventional customer services causes ‘good ripples’!
Views of mountains and mesas against the plains
Walking or hiking the 215 square miles of Phillips’ generosity
X-pell the bad for the good- focus on the positive
Yum-yums at the food wall- yea for Nutter Butter!
Zombies verses Humans (Yeah, yeah, so it’s backwards)
To my fellow staff members,

The last crews are hitting the trail and we are wrapping up another memorable season at Philmont. Don’t be shy, there are plenty of ways to stay connected with Philmont as we disperse to our respective corners of the United States and even the world. Stay connected with Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and of course PhilmontScoutRanch.org.

During 2010 we have made huge leaps of progress in the digital media world. In January we received permission from the national office to maintain our website right from the ranch. In a short period of time we made many content updates, but we aren’t stopping there. At the end of August we will be launching a brand new Philmont-branded website at the same URL: PhilmontScoutRanch.org. Over time we will continue to make the site both more informative and more interactive with videos, photos and other social media.

Philmont’s Facebook page has been a big hit with staff, scouts and parents. Launched in March, Facebook.com/PhilmontScoutRanch now has about 6,000 fans and more join the fan club everyday. While our News and Photo staff takes many photos each summer, there are only about 16 of us and 1,100 of you. So we strongly encourage you to post photos, stories and respond to questions that arise on the page. Meanwhile, we will do our part to keep all of you updated with the latest happenings here at Philmont.

If you’re a Twitter person, feel free to follow along at twitter.com/philmont. We will post updates about what is going on around the ranch year round. This may be a nice way to get a behind the scenes look at Philmont.

When you visit YouTube.com/BSA100years, you’ll find all sorts of scouting videos. However, a quick search for “Philmont” will narrow the results down a bit. This fall new additions to the channel will include the following promotional videos: OATC, Trail Crew Trek, Mountain Trek, Philmont Training Center, Trading Post product videos and several staff camp videos.

With our new website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, it won’t be hard to stay connected with Philmont long after the summer has ended. I encourage all of you to make this the richest experience for all by contributing your photos, comments and answers wherever applicable. As staffs all of us have an inside look at Philmont that the rest of the world often seeks a glimpse of.

Bryan Hayek
Philmont Marketing Manager
Dear Friends and Co-workers,

The 2010 Summer Season is beginning to wind down and there are staff members checking out nearly every day. We, the Mail Room staff, would like to request your assistance with a couple of matters:

We are still receiving a thousand or more pieces of mail each day. Checking each letter or package against a database to see if, perchance, that person has departed the ranch would be tremendously time-consuming and not realistic. If you receive mail in your department or camp for someone who has gone home, please bundle it with a note cheerfully reminding us that they have left. We will promptly forward these items as soon as we get them back. Please don’t send us nasty I-Camps calling us morons because we are too stupid to realize that these persons are no longer here. We are sensitive people who need love and acceptance just as much as the next guy…

Secondly, our staff is shrinking as well. We lost 1/3 of our staff as of August 7th. If you are going to be shipping gear home, please do so ASAP. Our busiest days will probably be August 19th, 20th and 21st. If you can ship your stuff before then, you will make life easier for us and avoid the possibility of having to wait in line on those days.

Backcountry staff: If you would like to charge your phone while in Basecamp and need a source to do that, the mail room will have that service available for you.

We greatly appreciate your assistance,
Jack, John, Peaches and Linda
HOW BIG IS PHILMONT?
Submission by Vicky Harper

*150,000 acres where your son, daughter, spouse, brother, sister, grandchild or self might be. (*For comparison sake, I have added 13,000 acres of the neighboring Forest Service's property where we have several staffed camps that are accessible from the 137,000 acres of Philmont property to add up to 150,000 acres.)

640 acres = 1 square mile thus 234.375 square miles

Still not comprehending how big that is? Compare this to cities of comparable size:

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The only cities in the U.S. that are larger than Philmont

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**Sustainability Statement**

Article by Sarah Burgess

"Scrap, not Waste"

The difference between these two words is slight but meaningful. Something that is scrap can be an old, discarded or rejected item that is potentially still useful in other ways. A waste item is something that is consumed or employed uselessly or used without reaching its full value. Waste can still be useful and realizing that component of consumerism is a big part of living the slogan Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Each year 10-15 new computers are purchased for Philmont Scout Ranch through a budget set by BSA National Office. These computers are placed across departments for office work as well as for recreational use in the staff lounge. The PCs typically last about 8-9 years and are then sent to Albuquerque to an electronics recycler called Enchantment Recycling. We remove and destroy hard drives and all private files on site here and then Enchantment Recycling scraps the other parts, reselling what it can within its zero -landfill policy. Any components that are found to be damaged, obsolete or non-functional are sent to a refinery to have the precious metals smelted from them so they can be reused in new equipment.

Inkjet printer cartridges are collected ranch wide and turned over to the Cimarron School District. The district sends these collections of cartridges to a company called Recycling Fundraiser, which pays schools, corporations, churches and community groups for their electronic scrap. These funds provide a great boost when Cimarron schools purchase new electronics or classroom materials.

So why recycle our computer equipment and other electronics in the first place? Electronics are the fastest growing waste stream in Municipal Solid Waste; it grows by 3-5% per year. Americans retire over 130,000 computers every day and within each monitor there can be up to 6 pounds of lead. A single cell phone has enough hazardous chemicals in it to contaminate about 40,000 gallons of drinking water.

The reuse and recycling of electronics keeps harmful substances out of landfills. Recycling these materials also saves money, time and energy. Recent studies have found that “landfill mining” is a profitable and ecological sensible idea. Countries across Europe and several sites in America have used this technique that excavates full landfills and “mines” for recyclables or reusable material. Not only are lots of valuable items are being extracted for profit but the rehabilitated landfill can be repurposed for agricultural, commercial or recreational uses.

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**Potential Summer 2011 Sustainability Initiatives:**

- Collecting used cooking oil from kitchens and depositing at Angel Fire Transfer Station where it would be turned into biodiesel fuel for their city vehicles.
- Collecting plastic trail meal bags and selling to a plastics recycler.
- Purchasing a compactor to bale cardboard on site and be paid upon pickup by an in-state paper company.
- Recycling Nickel Cadmium batteries from electronics like portable radios and cordless drills.

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- 23 tons of recycled corrugated cardboard saves 69 tons of wood pulp; it saves the equivalent of 3,000 kilowatt hours of electricity of the energy needed to process cardboard from fresh wood pulp.
- By recycling 1 ton of aluminum cans this summer, we have saved 64,300 kilowatt hours.
A staff member can learn a lot during their time at Philmont. For instance, it’s best not to add all of the recommended water for trail meal dinners, headaches at this elevation can be a sign of dehydration, and illegal downloading is called “illegal downloading” for a reason. Three months at Philmont can teach us important qualities.

Humble pride is a great trait to pick up while at Philmont. This virtue is reinforced by the Ranger Department. While the idea may seem contradictory, it makes perfect sense if you put some thought into the meaning. You may think that you’re hardcore, but other people may not be as impressed. The only person you have to impress is yourself.

While at Philmont, you pick up quickly that actions are contagious. Even the smallest things such as the way that you greet (or not greet) a participant can affect the outcome of their afternoon. For instance, giving someone a hand with opening the door reflects upon your character as well as makes the day better for someone else. They have a higher inclination to treat someone else as nice. It should be a habit to be polite to all people regardless of whether or not they return the favor to you.

Whatever you have learned this summer, make sure that you don’t forget those important things. It can be feeling good about the way you look or new morals that you may have picked up along the trail.
FUN FOR THE WEEK

JOKE

FOREST SERVICE COMPLAINT LIST

This list is circulating among Forest Service employees. These are actual comments left last year on Forest Service registration sheets and comment cards by backpackers completing wilderness camping trips:
"A small deer came into my camp and stole my bag of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed? Please call."
"Escalators would help on steep uphill sections."
"Instead of a permit system or regulations, the Forest Service needs to reduce worldwide population growth to limit the number of visitors to wilderness."
"Trails need to be wider so people can walk while holding hands."
"Ban walking sticks in wilderness. Hikers that use walking sticks are more likely to chase animals."
"All the mile markers are missing this year."
"Found a smouldering cigarette left by a horse."
"Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill."
"Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pests."
"Please pave the trails so they can be plowed of snow in the winter."
"Chairlifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them."
"The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals."
"Reflectors need to be placed on trees every 50 feet so people can hike at night with flashlights."
"Need more signs to keep area pristine."
"A McDonald's would be nice at the trailhead."
"The places where trails do not exist are not well marked."
"Too many rocks in the mountains."

QUOTES

“I wanted to show how a man of sensitive and noble character, born for religion, comes to throw off the orthodoxies of his day and moment, and to go out into the wilderness where all is experiment, and spiritual life begins again.”
~ Mary A. Ward

“In wilderness I sense the miracle of life, and behind it our scientific accomplishments fade to trivia.”
~ Charles Lindbergh

“On the mountains mistakes are fatal. In politics, mistakes are wounding emotionally, but you recover. Personally, wilderness helps me get back in touch with natural rhythms, helps me reflect and, in the process, restore my creativity.”
~ Mark Udall
GAME: THIS MEANT THIS

FILL IN THE BLANK SPOT. CAN YOU FIGURE OUT THE LANGUAGE OF THE 20’S? YOU MAY FIND THAT OUR SLANG HAS CHANGED SINCE!

HINT: There is one answer to several numbered words. For example, both 1) and 46) could mean the same thing—do they?

1) All righty
2) Banana oil
3) Buck
4) Cheaters
5) Divine
6) Flapper
7) Goofy
8) Hep
9) Hooch
10) Jake
11) Keen
12) Lollygagging
13) Peeved off
14) Ritzy
15) Smackaroo
16) Super
17) Amusing
18) The Berries
19) Buffalo
20) Darb
21) Dog
22) Guff
23) Het up
24) Horsefeathers

A-Stylish young woman
B-Jazz
C-Nonsense
D-Just wonderful
E-Silly
F-With it
G-Alcoholic beverage
H-Great
I-Being lazy
J-Dressed up
K-Angry
L-Dollar
M-Posh
N-Terrific
O-Eyeglasses
P-Okay
Q-25 cents
R-Foot
S-Back talk
T-Old beat up car
U-Mouth
V-Tease
W-Nickel

X-Stylish young man
Y-Nose
Z-Short haircut
ZZ-Boy or man
YY-Boring person
XX-Small kid
WW-Playboy
VV-Mischievous
UU-Fancy
TT-Home
SS-Smaller kids
RR-Gangsters
QQ-Fancy stuff
PP-Fancy
OO-Just great

Compliments— you’ve finished! You are the… Pig’s wings! Eel’s Ankles! Bee’s Knees! Clam’s Garters! Cat’s Meow! And the Tiger’s Spots!

ANSWERS

answers
ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK’S GAME

VILLA PHILMONTTE CROSSWORD

ACROSS
4 The Tooth of...
7 The nickname of the trophy room bison
8 Other name for the Kit Carson Museum
10 One of the backcountry camps the Phillips family created
13 The Land of Enchantment
18 Last name of the builder of the Villa Philmonte
19 The Boy Scout motto
21 The number of shower heads in the pink bathroom
22 What sort of player piano is mentioned in the living room?
23 Where visitors make their Villa tour reservations

DOWN
1 The name of the famous Philmont camel
2 Lucien Maxwell is considered the father of this town
3 Name of Waite Phillips' favorite horse
5 Homestate of Waite Phillips
6 The original name of the Philmont Ranch
9 The nickname of Elliot Phillips
11 The name of the office building in Tulsa, OK
12 One of the Phillips' guests, a one-eyed aviator
14 One of the Phillips' guests, the Ropin' Fool
15 The image on the three-paned stairwell window
16 Frank and L.E. Phillips oil company
17 The play fort built for Helen Jane and Chope Phillips
20 The last name of the architect of the Villa

CONTINUED TRAINING SCHEDULE

813—OUTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHY

814 AND 815—OFF-RANCH ADVENTURES
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