All of Philmont’s special treks offer Scouts a unique way to experience Philmont, and the Trail Crew Trek (TCT) program is no different. This season, several crews of 11 participants will choose to spend a week digging, hauling and sledging, all in the name of progress, on one of the newest trails on the Ranch. After a week of hard work, they will begin a week-long trek through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Trail Crew Trek’s current project is the continuation of a trail that connects Flume Canyon with Wilson Mesa that bypasses the Elliot Barker State Wildlife Area. Construction on the trail began in the 1970s. Philmont currently shares a land use agreement with the Barker area, and although there are no foreseeable significant land management policies that will change Philmont’s ability to use the land, “as Scouts, we have to be prepared,” says Associate Director of Environmental Education Mike Sudmeier.

The Trail Crew Trek program began in 2007. “We wanted a program that focused a little more on trail-building, leadership and conservation,” says Coordinator of Environmental Education Andy Sheets. Trail Crew Trek is also an alternative available to Venturers and to Scouts who are not members of the Order of the Arrow.

The program was originally designed to prepare Scouts to earn the Hornaday award, the Boy Scouts of America’s highest award in the field of conservation. The award’s requirements are plentiful, however, and not all participants have the two years it normally takes to complete them. In light of this, the Conservation Department re-oriented the program to attract a wider audience.

Though not the explicit focus of Trail Crew Trek, the award “still provided a great philosophical underpinning for the program,” including “service through conservation, environmental education and honing one’s sense of stewardship,” says Sudmeier.

Much of every day is spent working on the trail, but participants also have the opportunity to learn from guest speakers, such as members of the Conservation Department and Ranch Superintendent Bob Ricklefs, who address a variety of topics related to trail-building and conserving the environment.

Environmental Educators, staff members who supervise participants, take advantage of teachable moments throughout every day and share lessons on botany, biology, hydrology and a host of other “ologies.” Lessons taught during the work week tend to address more general topics, while the trek week grants Environmental Educators the opportunity to engage in more place-specific ecological dialogues based on the crew’s daily destinations.

Participants also have the chance to hone their leadership skills. Each day, two members of the group act as project managers who oversee the work. “They’re setting goals, and they also do a safety meeting every morning to make sure that everyone is on the same page and we can maintain a safe work site,” says Environmental Educator Kellen Baggett.

“I’m really loving it,” says participant Hunter Morton, “the beauty of these mountains and the fact that we get to make our mark on the land for future generations.” Morton is the sole participant of the group pursuing the Hornaday Award and is using his Trail Crew Trek experience to fulfill a portion of his requirements.

TCT: Build, Hike, Learn

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

The Five Steps of Trail-Building

1. **Surveying**: Surveyors use maps,clinometers and distance measuring devices to determine where potential trails should go. Recent philosophies in trail-building focus on trail harmony, or making the trail blend into the landscape.
2. **Pioneering**: The preliminary work on a new trail involves clearing trees and removing other major obstacles.
3. **Roughcutting**: After a rough pathway has been cleared, the tread, or hiking surface, begins to take shape. Trail builders angle the tread and define the upslope, the backslope and the all-important inner edge.
4. **Finishing**: Once a pathway has been roughly defined, it is fine-tuned. Treads are smoothed, small rocks are sledged and any trail structures, such as rock walls, are installed. At the end of this step, the trail is ready for use.
5. **Maintenance**: Even though a trail may be ready for hikers, it still requires periodic maintenance. Trails left unmaintained can become overgrown and precarious.
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CRAFTS: A young girl paints her birdhouse red at Handicraft on July 28.

Activities Calendar Aug. 4 to Aug. 17

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Weather Forecast Aug. 4 to Aug. 13

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Isolated Thunderstorms
High: 84
Low: 60
Rain: 30%

Friday 5
Scattered Thunderstorms
High: 86
Low: 55
Rain: 40%

Saturday 6
Isolated Thunderstorms
High: 87
Low: 55
Rain: 10%

Sunday 7
Mostly Sunny
High: 87
Low: 55
Rain: 10%

Monday 8
Sunny
High: 89
Low: 55
Rain: 0%

Tuesday 9
Sunny
High: 88
Low: 54
Rain: 0%

Wednesday 10
Mostly Sunny
High: 86
Low: 54
Rain: 10%

Thursday 11
Partly Cloudy
High: 87
Low: 54
Rain: 20%

Friday 12
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Saturday 13
Historically on This Day:
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High: 81
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Records
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Mark’s Minute
Aiming for Excellence
By Mark Anderson, Director of Program

With the arrival of the last month of the summer, I would encourage each of us to continue the commitment that we have shared throughout the summer to provide a quality experience to each participant and visitor. We must aim for excellence. I would ask that you consider five words:

Cause: We know that we have an objective worthy of our commitment. We can brag about it to our friends, our family and especially when we look in the mirror. Our cause is focused on the many aspects of the brand “Philmont.”

Space: One of the things that makes working at Philmont so special is the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of each participant. Each staff member is encouraged to take initiative and engage themselves in their job and to find new ways to enhance it throughout the summer. By being a change agent we can share the “cause” with each participant and visitor with fresh energy.

Decency: Each of us must make thoughtfulness a fault in everything we do. We must also make fairness a fault in everything we do. It is important that we have respect for every person with whom we come in contact. I hope you will join me in approaching each person with “decency” and respect.

Service: We have talked a lot this summer about customer service. I hope that you have an unfailing aim to “be of service.” When we are “in service” to our peers and our internal and external customers we will be able to share “decency” and help others to gain from their encounter with our “cause.” This combination becomes life-changing. Our personal action “in service” makes the difference.

Excellence: Our ultimate aim is always . . . Excellence, nothing less. We should achieve excellence in our treatment of one another, while we are “in service”, and through the “decency” we share through our relationships with everyone in our community.

I would ask you to reflect on these five words—cause, space, decency, service and excellence—and find ways to practice the concepts throughout each day. How are you doing today? Which one are you focused on now?

Owen’s Corner
Leaving Philmont
By Owen McCulloch, Associate Director of Program

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

Your last working day is specified on your Terms of Seasonal Employment. You should plan to check out at CHQ and leave Philmont late in the afternoon upon completion of your work assignment, or check out and leave the next morning.

You must secure a Staff Check Out Procedure card from the CHQ registration/personnel office. It will direct you to necessary places to complete all responsibilities of forwarding addresses, returning checked out items, turning in keys, etc.

Know that your last paycheck will not be available to pickup when you check out; final paychecks will be mailed to you at the address you provide upon your checkout.

Make sure your living area is clean, that all items have been removed from it, and that it is ready for occupancy by the next person. Please remove all personal items from the area. Also, make sure no trash/food/smellable items are left, as we are particularly concerned about attracting bears and other wildlife.

Turn in a staff application for 2012! This fall we begin our staff selection process for 2012, and if you have enjoyed working at Philmont this summer, get your application in for next summer as soon as you can!

When you get home, we’d encourage you to keep in touch. Our 2011 Staff Facebook Group will remain active for you to post messages, photos and to keep getting your Philmont fix! IWTGBT!

10 Ways Your Resume Irks Hiring Managers

Job seekers do themselves a disservice when they send out resumes with more information than they need. Here are 10 things your resume could do without:

1. Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors.
2. Opening objectives.
3. Personal attributes. Listing personal information such as height, weight and age and providing photographs is a pet peeve for Heather Mayfield, vice president of training and operations for Snelling Staffing Services.
4. Interests and hobbies. If these points of information don’t pertain to the job in question, there’s no need to include them.
5. Details of every task you’ve ever performed in every job you’ve ever had.
6. Excessive bragging.
7. Outdated information.
9. Unexplained gaps in work history.
10. Lack of professionalism. Colored paper, cutey fonts, links to personal websites and childish e-mail addresses all scream unprofessional and are a turn off to hiring managers.

Credit to: Mary Lorenz, CareerBuilder.com writer
Chaplain’s Corner
Like the Tooth, Make Your Life a Landmark

By Jim DeLair, Protestant Chaplain

As I begin to write this Chaplain’s Corner, I am taken slightly by surprise to realize that it is my second; where did the time go? It is also perhaps my last for the season. I will share with you all what I have shared with the Ranger Staff over the last few days. I would ask that you gaze at the Tooth of Time for a moment and consider the following:

We are all aware that the Tooth is an igneous intrusion of dacite porphyry; this provides some interesting observations regarding its formation. As an intrusion it formed within and changed other rock types as it flowed upward from deep in the Earth’s interior. I encourage you to be flexible and fluid under the pressure that mounts as the season comes to a close. Remember, that your time spent at Philmont is not only changing you, but your presence and service at Philmont is changing others. The Tooth also cooled as an intrusion at a very slow rate, and I would encourage you to allow yourself to cool in those moments of frustration and anxiousness.

Because of its slow cooling and chemical and structural nature, it has stood the test of time, you too have been changed in such a way that will prove to assist you in whatever comes next, be it tomorrow or years from now.

So in closing, just as the Tooth of Time has been a recognizable landmark in history and at Philmont consider that who you have become will become a recognizable consistent way point for others as you continue to live by the ideals and teachings of Scouting and your individual faiths.

I wish you clear skies and smooth trails as we move forward into the closing of another season and the beginning of a new season of adventures. Always remember and never forget… IWTGBTP.

Quitting Tobacco Use
Join People Everywhere and Quit Smoking

Graphic by Rory Chapman, NPS Manager

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Percent of Smokers Quitting per State

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Average number of people quitting for greater than a day, 2002 – 2008

1-800-quit-now
Sustainability Statement

Careful Logging Creates Healthy Forests

By Sarah Burgess, Sustainable Resource Specialist

"Each time a forest is logged, there is opportunity to make the forest an overall healthier ecosystem."
—Mary Stuever, The Forester’s Log

There are several incentives for logging a forest. Along with providing a resistant force to catastrophic wildfires, thinning a forest will promote thriving conditions for younger trees, and finally, there can be economic gain from a commercially harvested forest. It is important that the landowner gets an area logged in a way that leaves the remaining forest in better condition than it was.

A cutting plan is devised between the landowner and the timber company so both parties’ goals can be met. Timber companies want to log an area in a way that will maximize their profits, however landowners are concerned about the health of a tree stand before and especially after the cut. Through writing careful and purposeful cutting plans, both landowners and timber companies can reach agreements that are sound in principle, ecosystem health and economic gain.

Since logging and timber cut methods are so diverse, the state of New Mexico and the American Tree Farmers Association have formed a cooperative that showcases various methods of cutting and harvesting trees in six areas around the state called Demonstration Forests. We have our own 45-acre plot east of the Cimarroncito Reservoir along the trail between Clarks Fork and Hunting Lodge, which is a self-guided tour of cut methods, forest health issues and sustainable forest management. There are learning stations with posters illustrating a variety of topics including, timber cut methods, meadow management, bark beetle infestation and the methods of harvesting timber after its removal from the forest.

Education of our visitors, staff and participants about maintaining healthy forests is vital to keep sustainable forestry processes alive. For almost three decades it was decided that no logging would occur on the Ranch, even though Waite Phillips’ desire to maintain a working ranch and healthy forest to support those operations was a paramount concern in his gift to the Boy Scouts of America. Fortunately, in the early 1990’s thoughts about timber cutting changed. Now we conduct annual forest treatments and develop inventories of our timber, and the Ranch is on an effectual and responsible pathway in managing our forests.

Philmont voluntarily belongs to a third-party organization called the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). In accordance with the goals of this initiative, we meet objectives and measure our performance by many standards including monitoring insects, disease and stand density, compiling annual harvest information and developing soils inventory. Aesthetics are an important factor in the acceptance of our management program by the Philmont community and its visitors, so the Ranch carefully manages the impact of harvesting and other methods so as to please the eyes of many. Efficient tree utilization in harvesting is important, so methods such as slash scattering and use of residue from cutting are employed. Creating defensible space is a constant project for many backcountry camps and fuel hazard reduction is a necessary method that can be taken care of through pile and burn methods or chipping, such as our work crew’s current methods at Beaubien and Copper Park.

The Philmont Volunteer Fire Department initially attacks wildland fires, and this summer they have quickly responded and successfully extinguished 12 fires in our backcountry and on neighboring properties. Wildfire management is an essential policy of forest management, and we are fortunate to have trained professionals and volunteers from our permanent and seasonal staff working extremely hard around the clock in a dangerous fire season like this summer.

Philmont Scout Ranch does not conduct clear-cut harvests, and only five-acre patches are considered for cutting to prevent diseases, stem insect spread or to salvage an area from weather or fire events. Under exceptional circumstances Philmont employs artificial regeneration methods. Since the Ponil Complex Fire of 2002, over 7,000 Ponderosa pine seedlings have been planted in the North Country. Water quality and protection of riparian zones is another part of Philmont’s sustainable practices. A buffer strip of uncut trees is maintained during harvests and disturbances toward the ecology of streams are kept to a minimum.

In all of Philmont’s forest management practices, the Ranch does their best to train employees and operators in best management practices, encouraging the use of qualified resources and logging professionals. The management of Philmont’s forests is a job far from over and will require continued improvement in our written policies, harvesting plans and educational resource development.
Wow Staff—it’s August! I can’t believe the work and talk is now centered on “end” dates, checkouts, gather, etc. Like me, you’re probably thinking “where in the world did the summer go?”

But since it is here, there are a few things from the Seasonal Personnel Office that might help you when it comes to your end date and any questions you might have about the checkout process.

Remember that every staff member must go through the checkout process just as you had to check-in when arriving at Philmont. This is to ensure that every department affected by your departure has correct address information, checked-out equipment is properly returned, any keys that were issued to you are returned, your housing is left clean and in good shape, and you get your 2011 Philmont Staff Mug for the wonderful service you provided this summer. You must obtain a Staff Checkout Process Card (aka: “Yellow Card”) from Camping Headquarters (CHQ) to start your checkout.

On your last working day, you are allowed to start your check-out procedure after lunch, when your supervisor lets you, no earlier than 1:00 p.m. and be paid for that day. (We have a couple of departments that have exceptions, and they will convey that to you; i.e., Ranger hike-in days, or last overnight shift worked.)

The checkout process only takes about 20 minutes (depending on how fast you walk).

For those of you who need transportation to Raton to connect with the train or bus, please come to CHQ to pay the $10 fee and you’ll take your receipt to Logistics to be placed on their bus schedule. If you need to sign up for a shuttle to the Albuquerque, Colorado Springs or Denver Airports, please do so ASAP with Betty Pacheco at the CHQ Office (ext 1140).

Our Payroll Administrator, Jo Duran, will start confirming your last working day with you as well as letting us know if your address is correctly listed. This is extremely important because the address you leave us is where your final paycheck and year-end W-2 tax form will be mailed.

Your final paychecks will not be available for pickup upon your departure, they will be mailed to the address you have left on file with us.

On a personal note: Let me take this opportunity to let you know that it has been amazing seeing all of you, helping with problems or projects, getting to visit (even for an ever-so-brief moment), sharing stories, hugs and smiles. I am blessed to know each and every one of you.

Greetings from Security,

It is that time of the season when everyone begins to think of going home and life after Philmont. What that means is we tend to get lax on basic procedures. From the Security Office we are seeing an increase in theft of personal items. The thefts mostly occur after hours and out of Staff Tent City. The solution is simple, secure your gear! Use the lockers provided and a personal lock. This simple act will keep your season a happy one.

Another issue is vehicle use. We are seeing an increase in speeding on the Ranch. Both personal vehicles as well as staff vehicles are in violation; please watch your speed... We are! And lastly, do not loan your personal vehicle to anyone.
Continuing on our adventure theme from last week, it's getting down to those last few off days before we all scatter to the four corners of the country for the fall. It would be an awful shame to miss out on all the fun that New Mexico and its surroundings have to offer. So if you are going to run for it, take your tastebuds on a trip too! Let's get out of the usual American staples, even the New Mexican favorites for something a little more foreign, a little more...Asian.

The Wonderful House Chinese Restaurant in Trinidad, Colorado. It's a ride to get there, so me and some gal pals decided to make the journey as epic as possible, through scorching sand dunes and a glorious waterfall to end up at our prize of stir-fry chicken and egg drop soup.

We packed up and set out for the Great Sand Dunes National Park located 35 miles northeast of Alamosa, Colorado this week.

We got there around 1 p.m. and attempted to conquer it—I kid you not, the place is like a plot taken right out of Egypt, with dunes as high as 750 feet. We did not come well-equipped, sliding around in our sandals in 140 degree sand. Before we even got to the base of the dunes, we decided to quit and come back later in the day when it wasn't so hot. Miserable and in pain, trying to get out as fast as possible, I threw off my flip-flops and ran as far as I could towards the entrance barefoot. Halfway there the pain made me start to cry, throw my shoes back on and shuffle the rest of the way back, thinking about how terrible it would be to die, deserted, in such a place.

We came back towards the evening after playing in the Zapata waterfalls not far away, and buying water shoes just in case! But by then the sand had cooled off and felt wonderful barefoot, and although we did not feel up to climbing the three miles to the very top, we conquered a few minor dunes and made it a sport to run down their steepest sides. It turned out to be great fun.

On the way home we drove through Trinidad and stopped for dinner at Wonderful House Chinese restaurant. Between the four of us there were two bowls of soup, spring rolls and two heaping plates of chicken and veggies (the kung pao chicken was not as spicy as most places tend to serve it, which I really liked). There was so much food we could have fed ourselves, the rest of Philmont and had some left over for the mini-bears to share. And all that we feasted on for less than thirty dollars. Service was prompt and friendly, the food savory and absolutely delicious.
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the requirements.

The knowledge that participants gain goes beyond environmental lessons. “Walking and seeing the trails left me in awe at how much labor had to go into those trails, and getting to experience that really leaves an impression on me,” says participant Brian Pagliai.

 Participant Selina Seyfi agrees. “Knowing that I’m making a difference, just the idea that hundreds, if not thousands, of people are going to be walking on the trail that I’ve helped build, that’s an amazing feeling. I’m glad that we’re not being recognized for it; just that selfless service, that’s a great feeling. Now that I’ve been working on trails, I really appreciate the work that’s gone into them. I stop and look at the structure of the trail and what technique they’ve used.”

The ultimate goal of the Trail Crew Trek program, says Sudmeier, is to give participants “a sense of empowerment.”

He adds that “a lot of people come off the trail and are actively thinking about ways they can give back to the land and thinking about areas back home that could benefit from them stepping up, rolling up their sleeves and becoming a leader in conservation. There is a lot of responsibility that comes with the education [participants] seek out and attain here at Philmont.”

Savoring Salsa

By Andrea McFarland, PhilNews Editor

Staff crowded four tables lined with bowls of chips, a baking pan of guacamole and exactly 53 different types of salsa at the Philmont Staff Association (PSA) Salsa Night on Wednesday, July 27.

Salsa Night, which has been going on for four years according to PSA Executive Director Randy Saunders, gives staff the opportunity to interface with PSA members and other staff, dance, eat and win prizes.

Staff members who tried 20 types of salsa were eligible to enter a drawing for water bottles, backcountry cookbooks and a lifetime PSA membership (valued at over $500.00).

Though staff were only rewarded for trying 20 types of salsa, some took the challenge further. Eddie Toro, from San Juan, Puerto Rico decided “to do all 50 of them without drinking water.”

The PSA is considering offering a special award next year for staff members who, like Toro, try every variety.

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DIGGING: Hunter Morton of Harrisonburg, VA, member of trail work crew 726-TCT, sends dirt down slope with a “spoon” on July 30.

TASTE: Daniel Nuttall dips a tortilla chip in salsa during Salsa Night.
Come to the Philmont Staff Association’s 2011 Annual Reunion

By Randy Saunders, PSA Executive Director

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) will have its Annual Reunion at the Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. The festivities begin on Friday, August 5th and will conclude on Sunday, August 7th. Former Philmont staff from all over the country and every walk of life will gather for a weekend of fellowship, making new friends, hikes and Philmont memories. The PSA invites you, the summer staff, to join them for a number of the weekend’s events. No reservations are required… just drop on by.

On Friday night, August 5th, the Wanna Be Band will be playing for the reunion attendees at the Heath Pavilion, down at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. If you haven’t seen the Wanna Be Band perform this summer, this is your chance. The show will begin at 8:00 p.m. Bring a chair and your sweet tooth. After the Wanna Be Band show, there will be an ice cream social, also at the Heath Pavilion. You are invited to enjoy ice cream and meet some former Philmont staff. The Rabbi Zeke Palnick Porch Talk will follow the ice cream social. Rabbi Zeke was famous for the meaningful conversations that took place on his duplex porch. Come visit with the Philmont Chaplains and join in at the Rabbi Zeke Porch Talk.

Saturday, August 6th, will be a grand day at the PSA Reunion. The Silent Auction, held at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, will feature a wide selection of unique items. There will be artwork, literature, Scouting memorabilia, camping gear and unique Philmont items available for you to bid on and win. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Seasonal Staff Scholarship Fund.

The Silent Auction will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude at 1:30 p.m. The Annual Business Meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. All PSA members are invited to attend the meeting, which features reports about the association’s successes.

“The PSA invites you, the summer staff, to join them for a number of the weekend’s events. No reservations are required… just drop on by.”

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Philmont Conservation Department, there will be a “Trail and Tool” Fair on the Greensward at the Philmont Training Center. The fair will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Come see the Conservation staff share with us a number of topics, including bear cube technology, latrines, work sites, sumps, tools and more. Following dinner, Bob Birkby, Philmont’s first Conservation Director, will speak at the PTC Assembly Hall.

The Silver Sage Award ceremony will start at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night. This ceremony will be at the PTC Assembly Hall. This year’s recipients of the Silver Sage Award are David Caffey, Ed Pease and Mark Stinnett. David Caffey is a founding PSA member, former Chief Ranger and the author of **Head for the High Country**, among other titles. Ed Pease is the former Chairman of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, member of the Philmont Ranch Committee, and a past PSA President. Mark Stinnett is the Chairman of the Outdoor Programs Committee for the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Philmont Ranch Committee and a past PSA President. You are invited to attend this special presentation.

So, please make plans to visit the PSA Annual Reunion as your schedule allows. We are looking forward to sharing our Phistory of days gone by with you. If you have any further questions about the reunion or the Philmont Staff Association, please I-Camp us or stop by our office at PTC in the Beaubien Building.

2011 PSA Annual Reunion Schedule of Events

Friday, August 5th

- 8:00 p.m. Campfire @ RMSC Heath Pavilion
- 9:00 p.m. Rabbi Zeke Palnick Porch Talk & Ice Cream Social @ RMSC Heath Pavilion

Saturday, August 6th

- 10:00 a.m. Silent Auction Opens @ RMSC Lodge
- 1:30 p.m. Silent Auction Closes @ RMSC Lodge
- 2:00 p.m. PSA Annual Meeting @ RMSC Pole Barn
- 4:00 p.m. Conservation 40th Anniversary Trail and Tool Fair @ PTC
- 6:30 p.m. Conservation 40th Anniversary Guest Speaker Bob Birkby @ PTC Assembly Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Silver Sage Award Ceremony @ PTC Assembly Hall

Campfire Video Links Generations

By Doug Marquis, CHQ Activities Closing Campfire Manager

It was the summer of 1939 when a group of Scouts piled into their leaders’ cars and headed for adventure at the newly established Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, far off in the West near Cimarron, NM. They were one of the very first crews to hike what was soon to become Philmont, and by a stroke of luck it happened that someone in the crew used a home movie camera to record the group’s adventures.

By the summer of 2002, more than sixty years later, those home movies had been transferred to VHS tape and had made their way back to Philmont with the grandson of one of those Scouts. According to former CHQ Activities Manager Steve Willis, this gentleman walked into the Camping Registration Office and left the tape with the staff there, with the explanation that it contained home movies from his grandfather’s Philmont trek. Unfortunately, it was a while before anyone had a chance to look at the tape and realize the significance of what we had been given. No one had gotten the man’s name.

Members of the 2002 and 2003 Activities staffs captured and edited scenes from the VHS tape, and since then, Philmont campers have seen clips from these videos at the Closing Campfire. The goal is to encourage today’s scouts to reflect on their place in the continuing saga of Philmont, all these years later.

The complete movies include footage of the group leaving home, camping along the road on the way to Philturn, and interacting with Ray “Slim” Bosley, the first wrangler hired at Philmont. On the way home, the group travelled to Taos, then to the Hoover Dam, Yellowstone National Park and Devil’s Tower. There are some startling peaks at how Scouting and the larger world have changed over the years, too. For example, check out what “bear procedures” at Yellowstone looked like in the 1930’s, and watch for the scene where Slim shows the boys how to roll cigarettes!

Who were those Scouts, though? We wish we knew more about their troop, and their experience at Philturn. It is difficult to make out what the patches on the uniforms say, but it appears that the Scouts may have been from Troop 3 in Milwaukee. Some informal investigation has indicated that the troop and its records no longer exist.

We wonder how Troop 3 heard about Philmont, who brought up the idea of coming here and how they were able to fund their trip in those Depression days. We also wonder how those very first Philmont campers fared in Word War II, which was just around the corner at the time of their trip. It is sobering to realize that some of those boys and men may not have survived the war, just as a number of Baden-Powell’s Brownsea Island Boys were killed in World War I.

So, as the summer winds down, why not come on out to the Closing Campfire before you head for home? Have a look at the beginnings of Scouting at Philmont and get an idea of your place in the long history of uncommon adventure here in God’s Country.
The winners of the Annual Philmont Staff Photo Contest* were announced July 29. The contest, run by the Activities Department, received 326 entries for the 11 different categories. Winners were chosen by a panel of nine judges, consisting of Bob and Rachel Ricklefs, Mark and Linda Anderson, John and Janice Clark, Owen McColluch, David O’Neil and Gordon McKinney, in an evening review of the photographs. The judges were asked to review each category and choose their top five photographs based on clarity, creativity and personal preference. The top photographs were then narrowed down to the top three and placed in order. According to Gordon McKinney, all the winning pictures “were just good photos.” Winners received prizes from the Trading Post and will be displayed at the Philmont Training Center and in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center.

*Note: Most of the featured photos were taken, and meant to be viewed, in color. Please visit www.PhilmontScoutRanch.org/PhilNews to see the full-color versions.
Winners by Category

**Overall:**
1. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Barbed Wire”
2. Justin Kernes, French Henry “Ore Cart Fun”
3. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Villa Sunset”

**Digital Creation:**
1. Aaron Johnston, Ranger “The Reason We Return”
2. Savannah Moore, Activities “Philmont Grace”
3. Ivanna Read, Activities “Butterfly”

**Flowers and Plants:**
1. Caroline Davis, Seally Canyon “Wallflower”
2. Caroline Davis, Seally Canyon “Golden Home”
3. Caroline Davis, Seally Canyon “Lilacs”

**Black and White:**
1. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Rockin’Sky”
2. Ivanna Read, Activities “Laundry Services”
3. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Miranda Porch”

**Wildlife:**
1. Jamie Limpert, Medical Recheck “C. Vittiger”
2. Justin Kernes, French Henry “Lima Sierra, the Problem Bear”
3. Dina Finato, Logistics “Wildlife”

**Humor:**
1. Steve Hentzelman, Security “Humor”
2. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Happiness”
3. Jillian Forestiere, Mailroom “Chicken and Goat Waltz”

**Storms and Rainbows:**
1. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Double Rainbow”
2. Matt Wineland, Sawmill “The Storm”
3. John Lauber, Activities “Baldy Town Porch”

**Sunrise/Sunset:**
1. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Villa Sunset”
2. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Philmont in the Morning”
3. Freddy Wheeler, Activities “Wranglet”

**Porch View:**
1. Jeremy Bryner, Miners Park “Untitled”
2. David Danker, Ranger “Tooth View”
3. John Lauber, Activities “Baldy Town Porch”

**Landscape:**
1. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Barbed Wire”
2. Caroline Davis, Seally Canyon “Decay”
3. Aaron Johnston, Ranger “Log Rolling Aspirations”

**Camper Activity:**
1. Ivanna Read, Activities “Friendship”
2. Haylee Train, News and Photo “Happiness”
3. Caroline Davis, Seally Canyon “Balance”

**Staff Activity:**
1. Justin Kernes, French Henry “Ore Cart Fun”
2. Matteo Prokosch, News and Photo “Carabiner With a View”
3. Jamie Limpert, Medical Recheck “B Roll”
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Cavalcade Treks Carry On

By Nicole Butler, PhilNews Writer

“There’s about 22,000 Scouts that come through Philmont a year, out of those 22,000, there’s only approximately 330 that will do cavalcade,” explains Cavalcade Horseman Alisha Van Wagoner.

Cavalcade treks are eight-day expeditions through Philmont on horseback, where crews of 10 to 15 people not only experience the Ranch from a new perspective, but also learn about horsemanship and horse care. The treks, which either pass through the north or south country, are each led by staff, a Horseman and Wrangler, for the entire trip.

The first day that crews arrive, they follow the same check-in process that all crews undergo. The second day is known as the Circle Ride Day, and the Cavalcade crews are sent to their starting camps. North Country Cavalcades are taken to Ponil, and southbound crews go to Cattle Headquarters. Once at camp, the crew’s Horseman and Wrangler give the Scouts a demonstration and introduction to the basics of horsemanship which they will need to learn for their trek. The Scouts are then matched with a horse based on height, weight and personality.

Van Wagoner explains that once she has paired Scouts to their horses, she likes to take them each individually into the corral and explain to them their horse’s name, markings and unique traits or habits. She then has the Wrangler, which rotates for each crew, take each Scout and show them how to properly halt and saddle their horse.

The instructors take the crews for an afternoon ride to ensure the Scouts are comfortable with their horse and can work well with them. Once they get back to the camp, the crews learn how to properly unsaddle and feed the horses. Within the following days, Scouts are also taught how to catch, halter, brush and care for their horse, as well as how to properly ride.

Cavalcade Trek Adviser Bobbie Tompkins explains that before coming out, many of the Scouts in her crew had no prior experience and were very nervous to ride through the Ranch. With the help of the crew’s instructors (Van Wagoner and Wrangler Marshall Zimmer), the Scouts became much more comfortable and “were really enjoying themselves.”

Throughout the trek, the Horseman and Wrangler work together to give crews the best experience possible. The Horseman typically leads the crew in their camping procedures, along the trails and with the programs at the camps. Meanwhile, the Wrangler helps Scouts with horse skills they are learning and specific problems they may be having with their horse. “You really see the growth of these kids who have never really done anything with horses before. They understand, and they figure out a routine,” says Van Wagoner.

Once crews acclimate to caring for an animal while on trek, they can enjoy the benefits of seeing the Ranch on horseback. “When you’re hiking, you’re watching your steps... but on horseback, [the horse] is doing all the work. He’s watching where he’s stepping, so you can look out and enjoy the beauty that’s around here,” says Van Wagoner.

Tompkins adds that the crew “did a side hike up Baldy, and afterwards, they couldn’t wait to get back on the horses.”

The crews will spend several hours on horseback each day. Van Wagoner explains that in North Country Cavalcades, the longest ride is 11 miles and takes about five hours, and in the South, the longest ride is about 18 miles and can take eight to nine hours to finish.

At the end of the trek, Cavalcade crews compete in a gymkhana, where they participate in several rodeo-style events such as burro-herding and barrel-racing.

Cavalcade treks are highly sought after, and crews must sign up early to be considered in a January drawing that chooses which crews can participate in a cavalcade. Van Wagoner explains that she highly recommends crews to apply for the program, even if they’ve been to Philmont multiple times in the past. “If you’ve hiked Philmont 20 times, try it on horseback...it’s a whole new picture,” she says.

The Leave No Trace philosophy is one of the most fundamental aspects of Philmont’s mission to teach participants about responsible resource management. This season, the Ranch added three new trail camps, all located in the Heck tract, that offer Scouts the chance to practice low-impact camping.

An agreement between Philmont and Vermejo Park Ranch management, which oversees the operations of the land just over Philmont’s eastern north-central country property line, was reached at the beginning of June. Negotiations began in April of last year.

This is the second piece of Vermejo Park land that Philmont has incorporated into its program. The other, located in the north, is a 12,000-acre tract, home to Rich Cabins. Philmont has used the tract, called Greenwood, since 1990. Vermejo Park Ranch, owned by Ted Turner, is known for trying “to find ways to connect with young people,” says Director of Program Mark Anderson, and Philmont is happy to give them the opportunity.

Throughout the relationship between Vermejo and Philmont, “there has never been a [stipulation] about costs. It’s always about stewardship,” says Anderson. Over the past two decades, Philmont has watched over the Greenwood tract, controlled invasive species and improved stream quality. Similar conservation projects will be undertaken on the Heck tract in coming seasons.

The agreement was put in writing after Logistics Manager Sid Covington, “we made the assumption that we were going to get [access to] it, so we’d already designed three itineraries to go through it.”

Those itineraries, numbers six, 28 and 31, will route 52 crews, approximately 500 participants, through Campos Heck, Dean Heck and Slate Hill Heck camps this summer. The land “gives us an ability to get more crews into Dean Cow,” says Covington. Dean Cow, which lies on the edge of Philmont property, presents a challenge to include in more than a handful of itineraries.

While two of the three itineraries that currently utilize the Heck land simply grant the opportunity to practice and enjoy Leave No Trace camping, Slate Hill includes a geocaching program that is based at Dean Cow.

Incorporating new land into Philmont’s program and itinerary offerings is not always easy. “It’s difficult to open a brand new camp in brand new territory quickly,” Covington says. Before allowing crews into the area, “we had to get people into it and figure out where we could hike... [and] where people could camp.”

Although the terrain is rugged, hot and dry, Covington reports that crews who use the Heck tract generally give positive feedback. Part of it, he says, is because the camps are new. “A lot of crews like to do things that nobody else has done and be the first ones to experience it at Philmont.”

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

The Leave No Trace camping, Slate Hill includes a geocaching program that is based at Dean Cow.
Climbers on the “Moo”ve
By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

“Climbing... is a game of chess,” says Program Counselor Jack Henza to the group of eager Scouts that has just arrived at Dean Cow’s sandstone rocks. “Do not attempt to parkour your way up this wall,” he instructs during his attempt to parkour your way up the wall. “You figure out where you want to go and then figure out which is the better path to take.”

Henza’s metaphor speaks not only to the personal way Scouts have a smile on their face when they get to the top of the climb but also to the way in which they have never climbed on real rock, nor have they put on a harness. “We all love each other,” says Program Counselor Mike Meade. “We all make a difference, and you just made a change in someone’s life.”

Every participant who chooses to climb is guaranteed one climb and one rappel, but on days with lower crew leaders or faster climbers, some lucky participants can try their hand at each climb or may attempt to better understand one through a second attempt. For evening program, the staff opens the traverse wall and often offers participants the chance to face off in a game of volleyball-esque Dean Cow Ball.

Meade says that the majority of participants who climb Dean Cow’s rocks have climbed before in some capacity, usually in a gym or on a climbing wall. About 90 percent of participants, however, have never climbed on real rock, nor have they rappelled off of rocks.

Program Counselor Bobby Root says that one of the more challenging aspects of his job at Dean Cow is “kids who are terrified of heights.” “It’s a challenge to talk them down the rocks,” he says. “They do get down, and they usually have a smile on their face when they get down.”

Meade agrees. “It is definitely a skill to convince someone who has just realized how scared they are of heights to walk backwards off of a 50-foot cliff. It’s definitely a process,” he says.

While giving participants the confidence to face their fears is certainly a challenge, the most rewarding aspects of the job hinge on participants’ success on the rocks. Meade says that he enjoys “seeing the people who have never gotten a chance to climb before do it for the first time and make it all the way up without too much of a problem.”

Giving Scouts the chance to do something they have never done before is the “moment you realize why you do this job. You’re making a difference, and you just made a kid’s day.”

The personal aspect of the staff’s job at Dean Cow extends beyond interactions with participants, too. “We have a really solid group,” says Meade with certainty. “We all love each other. We’re a small little family here, and we just have a great time.”

The camp is known for its view of central Philmont from the South Country. “A lot of staff comes up, and it’s like ‘Whoa! There’s the Tooth of Time and Urraca Mesa and Stonewall Pass and Fowler Mesa,’” explains Program Counselor Emily Megee. “While not enjoying the view or the porch, Scouts can participate in the camp’s search and rescue program.

During the program, the six member staff begins with a refresher on first aid. The Scouts “forget a lot of first aid when they come out here, and we try to remind them,” says Program Counselor Reece Blanton. The staff then teaches crews about the different aspects of search and rescue, such as how to set up an incident command system (ICS), which is the structured process for emergency management.

Once the Scouts are trained, the staff hides a crew’s adviser, a Ranger or a fellow staff member in order to create a realistic situation for Scouts to put into practice what they learned. Staff favorites include bear attacks and Scouts who walk off to locate mysterious sites they can never find and get lost along the way. The staff explains that they use fake blood for effect when the lost individual is a Philmont staff member.

Crews are then given a Place Last Seen (PLS) and assisted in developing their own ICS before being sent to find and rescue the victim. “I like watching [the Scouts] go after us, and watching them actually go out there and put it all in place as they come together as a crew,” explains Megee.

Megee says that the crews’ experiences often help to test and improve a group’s communication skills and help them to work better with each other.

In the evenings, crews that spend the night compete in skit competitions and meadow frolicking contests. The staff explains that the most enthusiastic crews usually win, especially in the meadow frolicking contests, but occasionally the contests will come down to frolicking face-offs, which are often the most hilarious moments of the day.

According to Megee, the best part of working with the crews is “just interacting with them, giving them the Philmont experience I got when I came out and getting them to work as a crew.” Camp Director Briana Howland adds that “a lot of the staff are just brilliant and into learning about search and rescue... It’s a lot of fun and interactive.”
**Backcountry Managers Mentor, Mediate**

By Danielle Edwards, PhilNews Writer

A group of red shirts gathers at the Backcountry Warehouse every morning around 8:00 a.m., waiting to be placed in a vehicle heading out into the backcountry. Three of those vehicles belong to the Backcountry Managers (BCM).

“Our role is to provide coaching, mentoring, and leadership to the Camp Directors,” said Mike Ritterhouse, Backcountry Manager.

Each of the Backcountry Managers oversees seven camps which are divided between them by the programs the camps offer. For example, Ritterhouse is over the shooting sports camps because he has experience and expertise in that area.

The Backcountry Managers take care of many things such as taking supplies, transporting people and managing the camps in the backcountry.

“80 percent of our job is probably driving,” said Phil Lewis, Backcountry Manager. They travel anywhere from 50 to 80 miles in a day and may be out in the backcountry for most of the day. “We’re working from the minute we wake up to the minute we go to bed and sometimes we’re working until 3:00 in the morning,” Ritterhouse commented.

Even though they are working a lot and driving all over the Ranch, each Backcountry Manager agreed that they love doing what they do. “It’s very rewarding getting to help people that are having challenges,” said Zac Crawford, Backcountry Manager, “it’s nice to...lift a burden because as a Camp Director you deal with enough as it is.”

As Backcountry Managers, they assist in training the Camp Directors and backcountry staff and also work with staff and crew dynamics. “When there are problems above a certain level, when Camp Directors can't solve it themselves, they tell us,” said Amy Carlisle, Backcountry Manager.

Ritterhouse reiterated what Carlisle said. “When they [Camp Directors] get a situation or challenge that is too big for them, they hand it up to us.” He continued to explain that they do much more than just resolve problems. Backcountry Managers are also there to be the “patient or experienced ear” as Ritterhouse put it, for the backcountry staff to bounce ideas off of or share concerns with, whether they be work-related or personal.

Carlisle also explained that as a Backcountry Manager, she travels to various camps on a daily basis and takes care of anything that needs to happen there. Carlisle said that they try to make it to the camps they oversee often, but sometimes it doesn’t work out for one reason or another.

Each of the Backcountry Managers expressed how much they enjoy doing what they do. Ritterhouse said, “It’s hard, but it’s really fun...this may be the most rewarding job on the Ranch, as a seasonal staffer, because of the things we get to do.”

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**Backcountry SAR Lesson:**

Camp Director of Carson Meadows Briana Howland teaches search

**Aim to Please; Shoot for Excellence**

By Danielle Edwards, PhilNews Writer

“‘You’re going to take RV5 30-.06 shells and make them back into fireable rounds,’ said Josh Pack, Program Counselor, as he explained program to a crew at Sawmill on Friday during a porch talk.

Program at Sawmill consists of 30-.06 rifle shooting and reloading of RV5 30-.06 shells. Scouts have a chance to reload three bullets and take them to the covered range about 10 minutes from the cabin.

Before Scouts reload the bullets, they learn of why the gun and bullet are called a 30-.06. “It used to be that the bullets were denominated by the caliber and the grains of black powder but not with 30-.06,” explained Matt Wineland, Camp Director. The 30-.06 was named for the caliber, 30, and the year it was made, 1906, according to Wineland.

The gun became popular after World War I and World War II when people figured out that the 30-.06 rifle was “perfect to kill all arch game in North America,” said Wineland.

Under the direction of Wineland, crew leaders began reloading three bullets followed by each crew member reloading three bullets. Each bullet casing is filled with 48 grains of powder along with primer and a copper projectile. Wineland checked each of the bullets when the Scouts finished the reloading process and gave each Scout a fun nickname for his or her individual round.

“Even though you are a unique, special individual...I do not have enough Sharpies and duct tape to write everyone’s name,” explained Wineland as he gave one Scout the nickname of Shrimp for his round. Scouts are asked to remember these nicknames until they get down to the rifle range because they will shoot the bullets they have made when the nickname is called.

After all the Scouts have received their round’s nickname, they head to the rifle range. When they arrive at the range, two staff members are there to explain gun safety procedures. “Number one, always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction,” said Steven Peterson, Program Counselor. Scouts are able to shoot at personal items as long as they are not the 10 essentials, expensive items, religious texts or American flags. According to the men of Sawmill, the most common items shot at the range are bandannas.

All the men of Sawmill agree that they like working at Sawmill because they get to shoot guns and do not have to wear interpretive clothes. Wineland added, “We’re really fortunate. It’s a fun program.”

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**Support:** Backcountry Manager Zac Crawford discusses supplies and personnel with Blue at Rayado, while Matilda the goat eats leaves on July 30.

**AIM:** Program Counselor L.J. Ellis of Simi Valley, CA, pretends to load a cartridge in a .30-06 to demonstrate on July 27.
“God Squad” Provides Spiritual Support
By Danielle Edwards, PhilNews Writer

Hebrew words, songs sung in Latin and English hymns waft through the air as campers attend nightly worship services at 7:00 p.m. “Philmont has had Chaplains for over 60 years in one way or another...doing our duty to God is integral in the Boy Scouts of America,” said Elder David Wilson, LDS Chaplain.

Philmont Chaplains come from different places and different religions to provide opportunities for staff and campers to attend worship services for their faiths or to learn about others faiths. “It’s a wonderful educational opportunity here...an open and welcoming atmosphere for people,” said Cantor Michael Dzubin, Jewish Chaplain.

Each chapel is set in a different location but close enough to other chapels that someone could walk and listen to each of the four services within the hour. Three of the four chapels (Protestant, Catholic and Jewish) are located outside with metal or wood benches for the Scouts to sit on. According to Catholic Chaplain Padre Gerald Gettelfinger, Philmont was given special permission, from the Archbishop of Santa Fe, to have a Catholic tabernacle outside.

While providing nightly worship service, the Chaplains also have daily responsibilities to attend to and work on a rotating schedule. “That allows us to cover most of the responsibilities all around camp,” said Clark Scalera, Protestant Chaplain.

Rotations include Logistics, Health Lodge, PTC, Camping Headquarters (CHQ) and the Backcountry. When a Chaplain is on the Logistics rotation, they are on call in case there is something urgent, such as a message, that has to be delivered into the backcountry or within Base.

On the Health Lodge rotation, chaplains may sit in on rounds or visit people who are in the hospital. Chaplains on PTC or CHQ rotations visit and support staff members. The backcountry rotation is similar to PTC and CHQ, but it is with backcountry staff. Chaplains also assist in picking up Health Lodge patients and transporting staff members, supplies and mail within the backcountry.

The Chaplains interact with many staff members and participants during these rotations, and Jim DeLair, Protestant Chaplain, said that he knows he is connecting with people here because “if you’re talking about Scouting and how it relates to scripture and your experience here, you know you’re hitting it 100% of the time.”

Scalera said that as Chaplains, they are here to support the people, or as Catholic Chaplain Adam Carrico said smiling, the Chaplains are the “morale officers” here at Philmont.

“We are always available here if people want to talk, hang out, have a conversation, need advice or just want to complain. We are here to support people,” said Scalera.

When Parents are Away, PTC Kids Play
By Nicole Butler, PhilNews Writer

“Part of our job is to be silly and have fun,” says Director of PTC Family Program Kari Rundman. PTC Family Program is responsible for organizing and directing the activities for the families of PTC participants.

The department is broken into three main components: Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E.) staff, Handicraft staff and Group Leaders, who lead the participant groups for the week that they are at Philmont.

The participants are divided by age groups from the Small Fry participants, who age from nursery to five-years-old, to the Broncos, ages 14 to 20, and the Silverados, who are the spouses of PTC participants.

The 24 Group Leaders, who all receive classroom, radio, Leave No Trace and first aid training, rotate among the age groups. By rotating among the groups, “you get to play with a lot of different kids, from all walks of life, from all around the country, so you get a lot of different viewpoints,” explains Group Leader Scott Smiros.

Participants in the children’s groups are offered hikes, archery and rifflle shooting, pony and horse rides, visits to Philmont’s museums and an array of interactive games. The Group Leaders also use the time to teach the kids. “I always do a trail talk before hiking and...make sure they know about Leave No Trace,” explains Group Leader Pamela Wyckoff. Participants also learn about animals and the history of the area. “A lot of it is learning as we go along...through a guided question and answer,” explains Smiros.

Older groups also learn skills such communication, problem-solving and teamwork during their time at the C.O.P.E. course, where they complete challenge events at both high- and low-ropes courses.

Groups also visit handicraft, where they can make shadow boxes and jewelry, stamp leather and fabric, tie-dye and paint ceramics and pottery. At Handicraft “they have fun all day,” says Assistant Director of PTC Program Coralie Graham.

According to Wyckoff, the best part of working is “the diversity. You’re not doing the same thing every day or even every week. It all changes when the group changes.”

The Silverado adult groups have more freedom in choosing their activities, according to Rundman. Participants can choose to go hiking, whitewater rafting in Taos or fly-fishing. They can also choose to go on tours of Chimarron and surrounding towns, go to Handicraft or relax and read a book.

PTC Program is also responsible for evening programs. Evening programs include Western Nights, stargazing, Philmont Jeopardy, showings of Follow Me Boys and Family Nights, where the staff serves cobbler as participants enjoy Handicraft activities and the Wanna-Be Band.

PTC Opening and Closing Campfires are also produced by the Program staff. Opening Campfire focuses on the history of Philmont. Closing Campfire is more interactive and involves 15 minutes of singing, a series of skits by campers and staff and a slideshow of participant photos from the week. “It’s our chance to be fun. Even if we see the skits over and over again, they’re hilarious every time,” explains Rundman. “We’re just goofy,” she adds.
After listening to the radio for just a few minutes, one is sure to catch at least part of a dialogue between the Health Lodge and backcountry staff detailing, diagnosing and recommending treatment for a participant’s illness or injury. More often than not, Health Lodge signs off with “Health Lodge cares,” an embodiment of the long-standing tradition prioritizing health care across the Ranch. Philmont established a Health Lodge in its early days, and that operation continues today.

The Health Lodge, which now occupies a building completed in 2009, is equipped to care for an array of injuries and ailments. Among the most common are musculoskeletal “due to the type of work that we do,” says Health Officer Nate Lay. He adds that patients with wounds and lacerations also comprise a significant portion of cases, and in recent years, gastrointestinal illness has become more prevalent.

For cases that occur in the backcountry, Health Lodge radio operators consult with physicians to diagnose problems and assess the seriousness of each case. Sometimes minor illnesses can be treated by backcountry staff, but in many cases, patients are transported down to Basecamp for treatment.

Minor surgeries and lacerations can be cared for on-site, but Lay says that “we don’t have the ability to do any X-rays,” and “any major surgery we send off.”

All participants and staff visit the Health Lodge at least once during their time on the Ranch when they go through a mandated medical recheck. During the season, the medical recheck staff sees 35 to 42 crews per day, about 400 people.

The standard procedure involves going through each crew member’s paperwork and medications, ensuring both that participants have an adequate supply of medications and that those medications are not expired. The aim of the exam is to ensure that participants are fit enough for the trail; if they are found unfit, recheck staff will not sign off on their paperwork and will not permit them to hike. This is one of the most challenging aspects of the job, says Medical Recheck Coordinator Larry Danna. “We’re breaking hearts but saving lives.”

One of the unique aspects of the Health Lodge is its partnership with the University of Kansas. For over 50 years, University of Kansas students in the fourth year of their medical training have come to Philmont to do sub-internships.

During the first years of the partnerships, medical students would stay for the entire summer. Now, they rotate through three four-week sessions and receive academic credit. Through working with the Health Lodge, students “get a lot of clinical experience that they wouldn’t normally get,” says Lay. “They are definitely supervised, but they have a longer leash here than at other places.”

Students have the opportunity to work closely with attending physicians, who rotate in and out of the Health Lodge every week. Physicians come from a variety of backgrounds. This summer, attending physicians have held specialties in surgery, critical care, emergency medicine and neurology.

While student rotations provide excellent learning opportunities and visiting physicians bring unique talents and specialties, “we never stop training here,” Lay says. “Just when we get to the point when we’re just about fired on all four cylinders, we’re rotating out some portion of our staff.”
African Union Calls Summit

The African Union has called for a summit to pledge aid for the drought and famine in Somalia and other nations in the Horn of Africa. The announcement comes after pressure from the United Nations, who warned that the crisis was intensifying. UN officials report that more than 11 million people are in need of assistance and more than 1.9 million people have been displaced due to food shortages, drought and war, particularly from Somalia.

Asteroid Discovered in Earth's Orbit

Astronomers discovered a Trojan asteroid in close proximity to Earth, following the Earth's orbit around the sun. The asteroid, 2010 TK7, was discovered by NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer telescope, and orbits 80 to 25 million km from the Earth. Trojan asteroids have previously only been found around Jupiter, Neptune and Mars and open the possibility for space travel destinations. 2010 TK7 is unlikely to serve as a destination but gives scientists foundation for the discovery of more Trojan asteroids.

Massive Flooding in South Korea and the Philippines

At least 32 people were killed in mudslides in South Korea following several days of heavy rain and massive flooding throughout the northern area of the nation, including the capital, Seoul. Hundreds of homes have been flooded in Seoul.

Slow-moving Tropical Storm Juaning killed 27 and left more than 60 injured or missing in the Philippines. Torrential rains and wind gusts reaching 60 mph have caused extensive flooding in several villages and cities and mudslides and flash flooding in low-lying and mountainous areas.

Physicist Creates Equation for Insurgent Attacks

University of Miami Physicist Neil Johnson and his research team have developed an equation to determine the time between insurgent attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan conflict areas. The team used publicly available data to discover a distinct upward curve when graphed. The equation estimates the time until the next attack by multiplying the time between two attacks and the number of attacks modified by the escalation rate for the area.

Cartel Leader Admits to Ordering 1,500 Killings

Mexican police announced Jose Antonio Acosta Hernandez, leader of the La Linea Gang and one of the key figures in the Juarez drug cartel, admitted to ordering the murder of 1,500 individuals in northern Chihuahua state. The Juarez cartel controls many of the main smuggling routes from Mexico into the United States and is responsible for much of the violence in Juarez, the world’s most dangerous city. Hernandez is also suspected to be responsible for the murders of a U.S. consulate worker and her husband last year.

Syria Update

Syrian troops have launched an anti-government protester crackdown in the city of Hama. Reports claim approximately 130 people died in the conflict on Sunday, making it one of the bloodiest days since the uprising began in March. Unrest is expected to grow as the holy month of Ramadan begins.

Global campaigns estimate more than 1,600 people have died in the uprising, and approximately 3,000 have disappeared and 26,000 have been arrested, beaten and tortured.

The United Nations called for an emergency Security Council meeting Monday in response to the increased conflict and pressure from rights groups. The committee's decision on how to proceed with the conflict has not yet been announced.

Venezuelan Prisoners to be Released

Venezuelan Minister for Prisons Iris Valera announced the country will be releasing 40% of its prison population, 20,000 individuals, in an effort to reduce overcrowding in the prisons. The nation’s prisons are notoriously overpopulated, which has led to increased violence among inmates. Valera emphasized that only prisoners who had committed minor crimes, did not pose a threat to society and had completed requisites for conditional release would be freed.

70 Released After Thai Human Trafficking Raid

Thai authorities released 70 women and girls from Laos and Myanmar after a raid in southern Thailand. Forty-one of the females were forced into prostitution, 20 of whom were under the age of 18, according to officials. Five suspects were arrested.

HSBC Cutting 30,000 Global Jobs

HSBC, international banking giant, announced it will be cutting an addition 25,000 jobs globally in addition to the 5,000 it is already eliminating. The cuts will reduce the company’s workforce by 10% and save $2.5 to $3.5 billion by 2013, when the cuts are expected to be completed. The bank will also be terminating operations in 20 countries, including Russia and Poland, and selling 195 branches in the United States. Despite the cuts, HSBC shares have risen 3.4% in London trades.
Senate Debt Talks

The House and the Senate voted Monday and Tuesday, respectively, in favor of a deal that will increase the nation’s $14.3 trillion debt limit. The last-minute vote took place hours before the country would default on its debt.

The House passed the deal with a 269-161 vote, and the Senate voted 74-26.

The debt limit will increase by $400 billion immediately, which will float the Treasury until the end of September. After that increase, a second, $500 billion increase will be enacted at Obama’s discretion.

The initial $900 billion increase will be matched by $900 billion in spending cuts.

After the initial increase has run out, Obama can extend the limit another $1.5 trillion.

The deal stipulates that a new congressional committee must be formed, called the Super Congress. It will be comprised of 12 members, six Republican and six Democrat, who will be charged with the task of finding $1.2 trillion in spending cuts over 10 years.

The deal also states that there will be a vote on a balanced budget amendment, though it is not expected to pass.

Both parties benefit from the deal, which took weeks to negotiate. Democrats achieved the debt limit increase they wanted, and hopes are high that the issue will not be a factor in the 2012 presidential elections. Republicans, who during negotiations unfailingly petitioned for spending cuts, should see at least $1.2 trillion in government savings over the next decade.

In addition to avoiding defaulting on national debt in the immediate future, other ramifications include a relatively steady AAA credit rating (which would have plummeted had the country defaulted) and an anticipated 1.5 percentage point decrease in 2012 gross domestic product.

Watergate Testimony Released

After more than 36 years and following an order by a federal judge, the testimony given by former U.S. president Richard Nixon, regarding the Watergate scandal, will be released. Stanley Kutler, historian and author of many books about Nixon and the Watergate scandal, requested the records be released because of their historical significance and the request was granted by Judge Royce Lamberth on July 29. However, it will not be unsealed until the government has had a chance to appeal the ruling.

Six New National Natural Landmarks

Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, designated six new national natural landmarks in four western states on June 15. The landmarks are in southern Arizona (Barfoot Park in the Chiricahua Mountains), West and north of Golden, Colorado (19-acre Golden Fossil Areas), east of Glenwood Springs, Colorado (Hanging Lake), about four miles west of Kahlotus, Washington (Kahlotus Ridgetop), near Medford, Oregon (Round Top Butte) and in east-central Oregon (The Island). More details about the national natural landmarks can be found on the National Park Service website.

Former Obama Aid Starts Liberal Tea Party

Van Jones, President Obama’s former adviser for green jobs has founded a new political group, The American Dream Movement. The new party is similar to the conservative Tea Party, but instead aims to raise taxes on the wealthy, withdraw from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and invest in public infrastructure to create jobs. The group comes in response to criticism Jones drew from conservatives in 2009 and currently has 127,000 members.

New Guidelines Ensure Women’s Preventive Health

The Department for Health and Human Services announced new guidelines that will require health insurers to cover women’s preventive services, including birth control, voluntary sterilization, screenings for gestational diabetes and the human papillomavirus (HPV) and counseling. The legislation was passed with the intention of preventing unwanted pregnancies, saving billions of dollars spent on publicly funded births and helping women who cannot afford preventive healthcare. All insurance plans must comply with the guidelines by August 1, 2012.

State Budgets Hit Education Hard

State governments have begun to finalize budgets for next year, but many of the budgets include steep cuts to education. North Carolina, particularly, will cut half of its $6 million education budget, resulting in cuts to early-childhood programs, teacher lay-offs and eliminated professional training and development. Lawmakers argue that the cuts are necessary to reduce the debt without raising taxes. North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue warns the cuts “will do generational damage” to the educational system.

Fort Hood Solider Charged in Court

Naser Abdo, 21 year-old U.S. soldier, was accused of plotting an attack on the Fort Hood army base in Killeen, Texas and arrested near the base on July 27 for the illegal possession of a firearm. On July 29, a criminal complaint was unsealed in court that alleged Abdo possessed a .40-caliber handgun, ammunition and various bomb-making components and that Abdo was planning to assemble two bombs with the intention of detonating them in a restaurant that is frequented by soldiers from the Fort Hood base.
**MLB Scores as of August 2, 2011**

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**Notable MLB Trades**

The MLB trade deadline elapsed last Sunday. Here are a few of the most notable deals:

- The Red Sox traded Tim Federowicz, Stephen Fife, Juan Rodriguez and Chih-Hsien Chiang for Seattle's Erik Bedard and Joshua Fields.
- The Texas Rangers traded Robbie Erlin and Joe Wieland for San Diego's Mike Adams.
- Cleveland traded Drew Pomeranz, Alex White, Joe Gardner and Matt McBride for Colorado's Ubaldo Jimenez.
- The Red Sox traded Mike Cameron to the Marlins for cash.
- San Francisco traded Zack Wheeler for the Mets' Carlos Beltran.
- The Cubs traded Kosuke Fukudome to the Indians for Abner Abreu, Carlton Smith and cash.
- Pittsburgh traded Aaron Baker for the Orioles' Derrek Lee.

**Former Yankees Pitcher Found Dead**

Hideki Iarbu, a former pitcher for the New York Yankees, was found dead in his Rancho Palos Verdes home last Wednesday. His death is believed to have been a suicide.

**Serena Williams On Top at Stanford**

Williams took the title at the Bank of the West Classic in Stanford, Calif. on Sunday. This was her first major victory since she won Wimbledon in 2010. Last year, the tennis star faced blood clots in her lungs and two foot surgeries that put her out of major tournaments.

**Olympic Skier Found Dead in Utah**

Jeret “Speedy” Peterson, a silver medalist in freestyle skiing at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, was found dead in a remote canyon in Utah on Tuesday, July 26. The 29-year-old was known for the “hurricane,” a move Peterson created. Police are calling his death a suicide.

**Tseng Takes Fifth Major Title**

22-year-old Yani Tseng, the top-ranked women's golfer, took her fifth major title after winning the British Open on Sunday. Tseng won the same championship last year. She defeated Brittany Lang of the U.S. by four strokes.

**US Men's Soccer Coach Sacked**

Bob Bradley was relieved of his coaching duties after five years in charge of the U.S. men's soccer team. Under Bradley, the American team won the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup, finished second in the 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup and reached the round of 16 in the 2010 FIFA World Cup. In the past year, however, the team has struggled. An announcement regarding Bradley's replacement is expected as early as Friday.

**Swimming World Championships**

The 14th Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) Swimming World Championships concluded last Sunday. The event was held in Shanghai. China won the most medals with a total of 36. The U.S. came in second in total medal count with 32, but took away 17 gold medals, the most of any participating country. Swimmers Ryan Lochte and Michael Phelps walked away with five and four gold medals, respectively, and 16-year-old Missy Franklin made an impressive first appearance on the world stage after winning five medals.

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The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) opened a crypt Thursday, July 28 at the All Saints Church in Billesley to inspect the church floor. They think it is possible a marriage licence could be found there offering proof of where Shakespeare wed Anne Hathaway. However, the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust doesn’t believe the license would have survived. At this point there are no further details or discoveries.

Schwarzenegger Museum Opens in Austria

The birth home of Arnold Schwarzenegger, former Governor of California, in Thal, Austria was turned into a museum this year. It houses his childhood bed, some of his first dumbbells and a motorbike from one of the Terminator films. It also houses trophies and photographs from his early days of bodybuilding, when he pursued his dream to become Mr. Universe, and a collection of Schwarzenegger movie memorabilia.

Marvel Wins Copyright Claim

Marvel sued the family of late co-creator, Jack Kirby, and won the copyright claims to comic book characters like Spider-Man and The Incredible Hulk on July 29. Kirby’s family had laid claim to copyright works Kirby had created from 1958 to 1963. The New York judge ruled that Kirby’s illustrations of characters had been ‘for hire’ under contract with Marvel and were rightfully Marvel’s property. There is an intended appeal of the ruling by the Kirby family.
CHILE: New Mexico passed a law specifying that only chiles grown in New Mexico can be labeled New Mexican Chiles.

MONEY: Apple now has more cash on hand than the U.S. government.