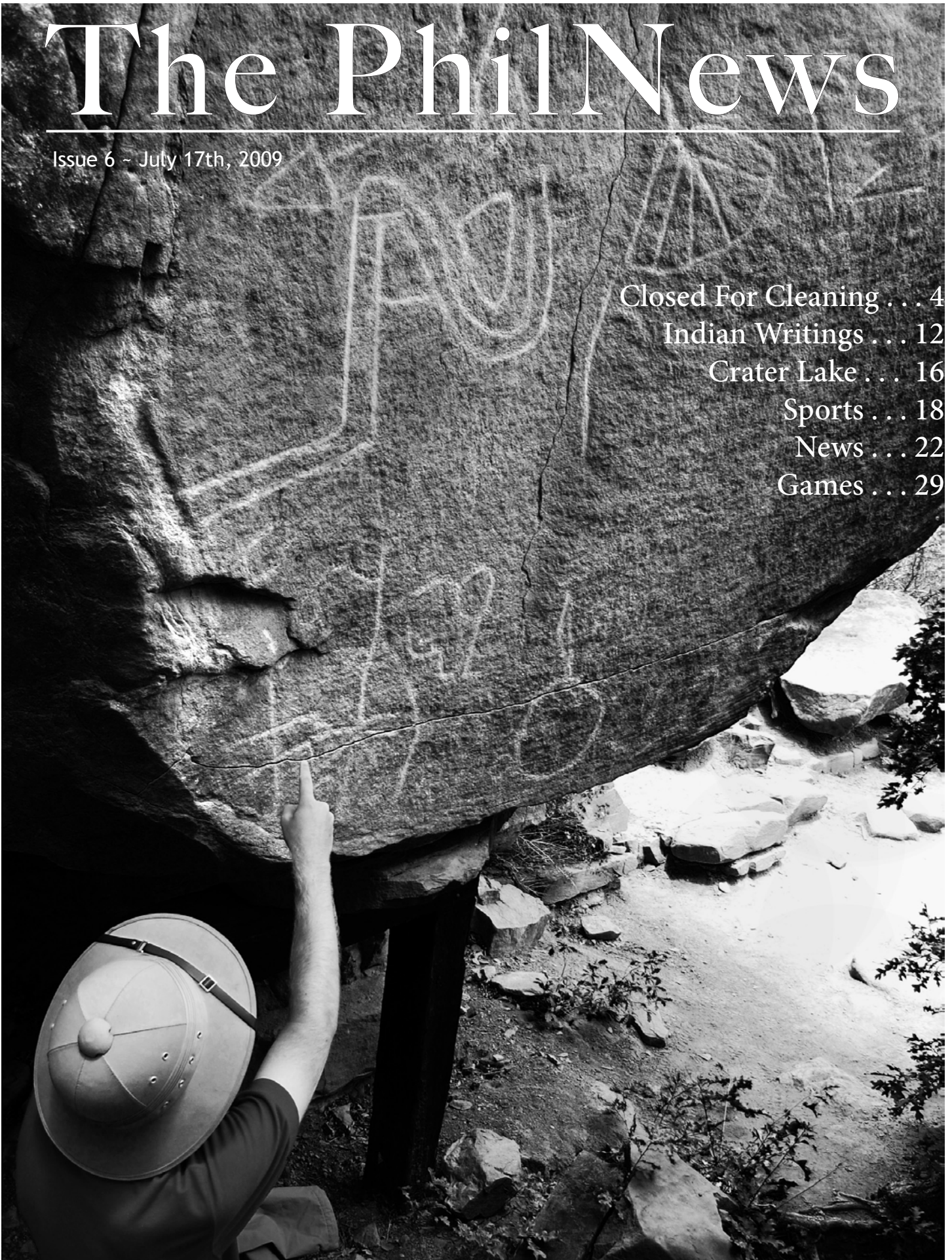


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You know you're a Scout when . . .

This week I received an e-mail from one of the Scouts in my troop with a list of "You know you're a Scout when". (The best of which can be found on page 28.) It reminded me of how even when we are far from home the Scouting family is close.

One clear example of this from my life happened to me while out with friends in college. I had gathered friends from school, work and Scouting to go out for dinner. In the course of the evening the topic of conversation turned to memories of Scouting. Then one of my friends from summer camp staff said: "Well you know the true sign of a Scout is if you have your buddy tag in your wallet". With that, to the amazement of the rest of my friends, all of my Scouting friends (including myself) pulled out of our wallets a small round weathered disc half red half blue that had once served as their swimming buddy tag. Though we may travel far, family is always there.

*Yours in Scouting,
Tawny Slaughter*

Corrections, Changes and additions

Issue Four Cover Photo by Kevin Faragher
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We had a couple names misspelled in the last few issues. We are very sorry to Gayanne Jeffers of Cimarron West and Yvonne Enloe of Yvonne's Crossroads of Style and Fitness. Also Mary Stuever's, author of *The Forester's Log*, name was misspelled.

Also if you're still looking for number 71 in the Mountain lion connect the dots, you can stop. It's not there. Sorry!

We apologize for the out of context news article in Issue 5.

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Mark's Minute

“Everything Walks the Talk!”

Last Friday, an unfortunate accident occurred when a bus hit the Gateway at the entrance to Camping Headquarters.

For many of our visitors this Gateway is an important part of a Philmont Experience. Photographs are taken of crews and individuals through out the day and the “thud” can be heard early each morning as Scouts attempt to throw their worn out boots over the bar.

After the accident it was felt that the Gateway was unsafe, so down it came. Since then crews still line up for a photo of the Gateway and shoes are still placed along the wooden cross member. A new Gateway is planned and construction will begin soon. The new Gateway will be patterned after the 1941 Gateway into Camping Headquarters. The uprights from the old Gateway will be used to enhance the “We All Made It Gateway” at the entrance to Camping Headquarters along the Tooth Ridge Trail.

We have received numerous phone calls and inquires of concern from participants who will be arriving later this summer. The Gateway is one small but important part of the Philmont Experience. This concern also points out the importance of “Everything Walks the Talk!”

Each one of us plays a part in creating the Philmont Experience – “Everybody Walks the Talk.” A few staff members shared their thoughts about what the Philmont Experience means to them:

- The beauty of nature God created and the fellowship He intended.
- Touchstone Experience
- The time of your life “Prom Style”.
- Continual!
- More amazing than all the stories you hear before you experience it yourself.

Each one of us can think of things that we can do or things that we are responsible for to ensure that “Everything Walks the Talk.” One such way is to practice the Wilderness Pledge.

The first point of the Wilderness Pledge encourages the absence of litter and graffiti in every part of the Ranch. As you look around you will begin to see an amazing amount of small pieces of litter. I call it the “litter creep”. If each of us will stop and pick up the pieces as we walk from one place to another or around our work area and living area we will achieve the Wilderness Pledge with the absence of litter. This is a small but important thing in ensuring that “Everything Walks the Talk!”

Join me in thinking and acting on other ways to help “Everything Walk the Talk!”

Mark Anderson
Director of Program

Closed For Cleaning

Submission by: Daniel Wilhelm

Soon after arriving to Philmont, the desire to brush the Tooth of Time began. I had decided to take my personal tooth brush to the Tooth to give it a detailed cleaning. Then my tent mate's fiancé went up with a group of campers to floss the glorious Tooth of Time with bear rope. No longer would my little tooth brush amount to a hill of beans in this Philmont.

As I sat in my tent looking around in dismay, I realized the cardboard boxes we use for robot wars between the PTC and CHQ dining halls were exactly what I would need. At that moment a light burst through the cloud, hitting our tent. I said to my tent mate: "Instead of cardboard robots, let's make a six foot tooth brush to brush the tooth." He said, "Do it!"

It would take a full week before construction would begin on the giant tooth brush with secrecy and planning not used since the Manhattan Project. No

work would begin until the day before the hike to the Tooth as utmost care was taken to keep the project secret. On day one, Amanda Hartz, Daniel J. Porch, and Daniel S. Wilhelm began construction of the base of the brush and the neck.



Sean McElligott with the giant yellow tooth brush

Our tent became Area 51 as several people were sent away when they inspected the cardboard mayhem on the floor. One man was even forced to stand outside for five minutes as we tested the cardboard construction and several brush bristles were made. The next day the brush head and bristles were completed, the brush assembled and was prayed yellow. Now we began preparing for our trek to the Tooth.

The group to ascend the Tooth would consist of four brave men: Sean McElligott, Daniel J. Porch, Robert Root Jr., and Daniel S. Wilhelm. The day was hot as we left at 11:00 A.M. for the Tooth. As we made our way through the gate to pasture trail we stopped to take pictures for a homebound crew. We would not see another soul until we



Robert Root "brushing" The Tooth

reached to top of the Pasture Trail. Several smiles and laughs came from passing crews as they realized that a six-foot tooth brush was making its way to the top for some routine cleaning. As we passed through Tooth Ridge Camp and started climbing the Tooth, three of the group members stayed behind as I continued up the Tooth. Halfway up the Tooth, several campers insisted that they take pictures of the bizarre sight of a man carrying a six foot yellow tooth brush.

Once at the top I found two men waiting for their group to ascend. They asked several questions but remained less than concerned by the sight. A crew of campers came and each wanted to take a picture with the tooth brush. They asked questions such as, "Why do you have a tooth brush here?" and "How long do you have to stay up here? Soon they departed and my remaining three members arrived. We had the Tooth to ourselves. We brushed swarms of ladybug that were covering the Tooth for almost an hour, took our final pictures, and headed back to base camp.

And if you ever want to tell the tale of the men and women who worked so tirelessly to make the glorious journey possible, you can find the yellow tooth brush hanging in the CHQ Camper Dining Hall. So the next time you look at the Tooth of Time, remember the journey of that big yellow brush and that there's always adventure waiting to be explored.



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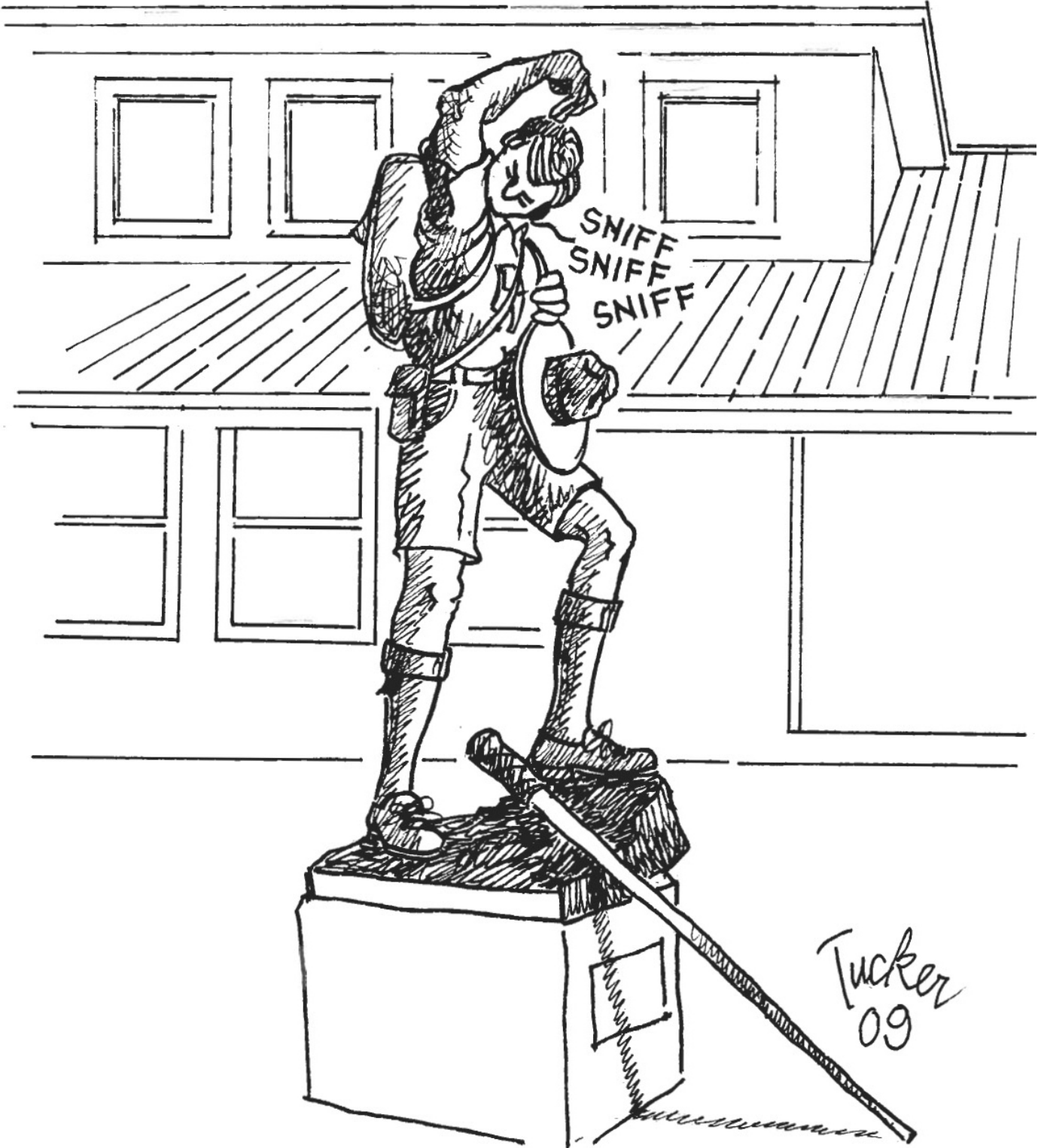
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Name: Daniel Lyons-Harrison

“DLH”

Age: 14

Rank: First Class

Crew Number: 702-N2

Hometown: Burke, VA

Favorite Camp: Cyphers Mine. Everyone was in character.



Favorite Scouting Memory:

Philmont, I’ve never been out on the trail for ten days before.

Musical Instrument Played: Viola

Extra Circular Activities: Scouting, duh. Writing and Composition.

Favorite Subject in School: History, the early middle ages.

Place you would like to visit: Zimbabwe, I have never been to a place that starts with a Z.

Favorite Trail Mix: I’m allergic to trail mix.

If you could change one thing about Philmont: More girls.

How many days did it rain on your trek: 4 or 5.

One thing you wish you brought: A Ranto to carry my stuff.

One thing you wish you left at home: My backpack because I would have my Ranto carry everything.

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THE "O-MOK-SEE" or Riding Big

By Father Ray
Chaplain

A gymkhana is a lot of fun to watch. Although this is my fifth summer on PSR staff, I recently watched my first gymkhana at Cattle Headquarters. I will definitely attend another. A gymkhana is held at the end of each Cavalcade Trek at Camping Headquarters and at Ponil.

Cavalcade participants compete in various timed events on horseback. The training and talent of both riders and horses are on display. Games may include barrel racing, flag relay, and steer herding. Participation, however, seems more important than competition. Each participant is enthusiastically encouraged by all participants and wranglers. Good sportsmanship and fair play are evident. The Scouting Spirit is alive and well at a PSR gymkhana.

I wanted to learn more about gymkhana. Research revealed that "gymkhana" is Hindi-Urdu in origin and refers to "a place where skill-based games are held." I also learned that similar games and events were held by Native Americans. The Blackfeet Indian Tribe referred to their most colorful performances on horseback as "O-Mok-See" or Riding Big. The following prayer was used to begin their games:

O God,

We pause, mindful of the many blessings You have placed along our path. We do not ask for special favors, nor do we ask that the blessings granted our opponents be diminished. Instead, we thank You for allowing us to experience friendship in one of its truest forms, and to be able to gather with friends and loved ones to pay tribute to the great sport of O-Mok-See.

We ask that You guide us up the greatest path of all, and that You, as our final judge, will allow us to ride once more, where the sun never sets, and where happiness rides beside us, and never behind.

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By Jordon Shinn
PhilNews Writer

On the East Ridge of North Ponil Canyon, scrounging upward through thick scrub oak, four men clad in red shirts, workpants and pith helmets reach the face of a sandstone ledge in search of petroglyphs—ancient etchings in the rock. There is no path only vague directions, determination and curiosity as we follow the ledge south.

Turning a bend in the raw, pink sandstone, we find a cave, dug out from underneath the ledge—a shadowy gouge in the ridge. I crouch inside. Someone lived here, once. Against the back wall I see timid scribbling—graffiti, or “Scout-glyphs.” Just past the cave, we find what we came looking for: the documented “KOA” petroglyph and some large concentric circles—circles within circles.

More than 160 documented petroglyphs depict the life of the Anasazi people who lived here nearly 1,000 years ago. They carved rivers mountains, elk, people, dwellings, the god of corn and the thunderbird—things that defined them, things they worshiped. Later, the Apache etched horses.



Photo by Michael Hunter

“It represented something culturally significant to them,” says Camp Director Anna Unruh. Significant enough to devote weeks or even months to carving a single image into the sandstone, and with primitive tools—other rocks. “It’s

kind of why people nowadays write books, do paintings [or] any other work of art. It was the same thing for them, only they had a different medium,” Unruh said.

Despite the best guesses and knowledge of the Anasazi, the actual meanings and dates of the petroglyphs are not known. “The only one we can get a rough date on is the panel typically known as ‘sputnik,’—[900 AD],” Unruh said. “And that’s only because of the pit house dwelling that happens to match up with it.”

A series of concentric circles, sputnik resembles the pit-house—a circular dwelling dug into the earth with several levels, supported by wooden beams. A single hole in the thatched roof served as the chimney and main entrance. In the center circle of sputnik is a triangular figure, and outside the glyph is an inverted-triangle figure. On the east ridge, sputnik looks out over the valley, facing an excavated pit-house. Sputnik is thought to depict the dwelling. Discovered in the 1960’s, the pit-house revealed a female skeleton in the inner circle and a male skeleton outside the dwelling.

At the time of excavation, the-pit house was carbon-dated to roughly 900 AD, according to the staff.

Since 1941, excavations have been a part of the program at Indian Writings. After 68 years, it is the longest running program at Philmont. And the program has come full-circle. Today instead of excavating pit houses, slab houses and homesteads, Scouts are finding less groundbreaking artifacts of civilization, namely trash—remnants of Philmont’s early days. Collectively, the staff has located nine “middens,” or trash sites containing cologne bottles, aluminum foil and tuna cans from the early days of IW.

“While some people think its pretty lame and just trash, it’s 50-year-old trash that has managed to survive despite us burying it in a dang pit,” Unruh said. By definition, an artifact is any found object at least fifty years old. “Now that it’s artifacts, it’s pretty cool because it’s history of Philmont,” Unruh said.

Four “test trenches” five meters across comprise the excavation sites along the river’s west bank. Scouts use rusted trowels, buckets, screens and brushes to dig

and sift down ten centimeters at a time, about the length of an index finger.

“[The Dig] is not consistent entirely though. We teach the Scouts every time it’s a new crew,” said Program Counselor Lucas Lory. “So we’re starting from scratch every two hours and going down layer by layer, shoveling, filling buckets and then sifting.”

Lory has worked on a dig in the Mediterranean, excavating a Byzantine cathedral. He said the most important tools are the screens. “Probably 85-95 percent of the things they find come through the screen.” And considering the tools and heavy use, “We don’t have to be real careful, we’re not trying to move pottery,” Lory said.

Besides a petroglyph tour and excavations, a new addition to the program this summer is atlatl throwing. An ancient hunting weapon, the atlatl is comprised of a long dart set on one end of a stick, which acts as a lever. The stick is gripped on the opposite end and swung forward, overhand, launching the dart downrange. This ancient weapon was used to take down turkey, deer, elk, buffalo and even mammoth. IW first experimented with the atlatl in 2007, but this summer the staff has actual kits. Each dart, 4 to 7 feet long, is tipped with real hunting points. In a shade-less field on the north end of camp, pairs of Scouts compete for either distance or accuracy, aiming at a target 30 yards away, under the ruthless sun.

Besides the unique program, IW’s five Program Counselors, an archaeologist, Camp Director and three Conservation staff is what make this camp one of the best on the ranch this summer. Displaying the camp’s diversity, hung over the cabin’s railing are the colorful state flags each staff member hails from, including Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Ohio, Michigan, Maryland, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois. And not to be forgotten is the newest staff member, 11-week old Addy, a grey-striped kitten from Ponil. Named after the atlatl, Addy lounges socially on the porch picnic table, catching the occasional moth.



Photo by Michael Hunter

To enhance the historical experience of IW, each member wears a beige pith helmet. “We decided it would add to the ambiance of Indian Writings,” Unruh said. “They’re a stereotype associate with archaeology. You look at any good old film, even ‘Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy,’ and you will see a pith helmet.”

They are also functional. “They’re surprisingly useful” said PC Daniel Bennett, two-time IW staffer. “They keep the sun off, they keep the rain off, they protect you from hail a little bit. You can use them to block [a] dust storm or scrub oak or whatever happens to be headed for your face.”

Looking legit, the staff strives to deliver the most authentic and exciting educational program on the ranch.

At one dig site, a group of Scouts sifts moistened dirt through a grate, searching for artifacts. As the clumps of soil filter through the metal mesh, a small tooled object appears. One Scout shouts and leaps in excitement, his arms raised in a classic Rocky pose. He found something, possibly an arrowhead. Many such artifacts found throughout IW’s history can be viewed at the museum, located next to the main cabin.

“The atlatls are an easy sell,” Unruh said. “But when we get someone excited about the dig and the petroglyph tour, that’s really something meaningful.”

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Beards and Bacon: The Boys of Crater Lake

By Chloe Euston
PhilNews Writer

Going into the backcountry of Philmont is always an adventure into the unknown. One never really knows where and when one might show up.

I took the plunge this Friday and ended up at Crater Lake, a small backcountry camp in the South Country. It is one of Waite Phillips' original camps, marking the halfway point between the Villa Philmonte and Fish Camp. It is now the home of six loggers.

I arrive at midday on July 10th. I make my acquaintance with the loggers, and the quaint rusticity of their cabins, the faint smell of bacon and the authenticity of their boots, suspenders and beards transport me to the year 1914.

I am welcomed by Camp Director Bryce Blankenship. My companions and I break bread with him briefly before making our way to the scene of action.

We follow a trail down to a clearing in the woods with three tall, wooden poles to a raucous scene. Broad-shouldered loggers are running to and fro, bellowing words of encouragement. "Eyes on the prize! Give a manly yell!" Chips of wood fall scattering on the ground. Looking skyward, I see a boy scaling a wooden pole several times his own height, using a pair of spars on his feet and a belt in his hands to climb. His name is Jared Steimer and he belongs to Crew 708-P3. He reaches the top of the pole and yells down to his comrade below who is holding the safety line.

The main program of the loggers is spar pole climbing, which continues to amaze and astound

participants, Blankenship says, but Crater Lake is perhaps better known for its evening campfire, and occasionally for making railroad ties.

This campfire starts sometime between advisors' coffee and sundown. Tonight we are plagued by rain, so we gather in the cabin's breezeway for the loggers' second display of rugged masculinity: folk



Photo by: Andrea McCurdy

Bryce Blankenship, Peter Weber, Andrew Garner, Travis Evans

music and storytelling. Four men take the stage with the sunset over the Tooth of Time as their backdrop. Their booming voices mingle expertly with the idyllic sounds of banjo, guitar, mandolin and egg shakers.

"We've been very lucky this year to have some of the finest musicians," Blankenship said.

Between songs, the loggers tell a story about the Death Lake Monster Snake—a vicious creature that has been known to kill Scouts visiting "the beautiful, majestic, completely drinkable... Crater Lake." The campfire finishes with phenomenal jokes, a dance-off and of course, more music.

When music dies down and the Scouts clear out, my companion Anita and I sit down for a late-night tableside chat with two loggers, to learn what the men at Crater Lake are really about.

I learned that although their hyper-masculine appearances might suggest otherwise, the loggers at Crater Lake are some of the finest gentlemen I have ever encountered. They are a kindly, hospitable bunch and



Photo by: Andrea McCurdy

Jared Steimer, Crew 708-P3

not the least bit rowdy. As Program Counselor Andrew Garner said, “My middle name is kindness.” Rather than butting heads with belligerent advisors, they have been known to talk them down from fights—and they always insist that men at their camp wear shirts, no matter how hot it is.

When I ask the loggers what the most important thing about their camp is, they reply to me, “That we have an undying love for each other, an outpouring of our soul that is expressed in musical form, and that we are eternally fond of beards and bacon —and we enjoy alliteration.”

Maverick Club Rodeo Results

Calf Roping: 1st – West Mack,
2nd – Chase Pope, 3rd – Chase Masengill

Ranch Bronc Ride: 1st – Chase Pope,
2nd – Pat Garcia, tie-3rd – Clay Jackson & Jake Brown

Barrel Race: 1st – Caren Lamb,
2nd – Muffy Carmen, 3rd – Kasey Becco,
4th – Debbie Armstrong

Team Roping: 1st – Jimmy & Levi Garcia,
2nd – Mark Miller & Aaron Potter,
3rd – Chase Magengill & Aaron Romero

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1st – C.J. Pope,
2nd – Casey Pierce

Cow Pony Race: Connie Harris

Ribbon Roping: 1st – John Paul Garcia,
2nd – Tanner Monroe, 3rd – Clayton Stambaugh

Wild Cow Milking: The Team of Berry Lucas, Austin Miller, & Steve McCutcherne

Wild Horse Race: The Team of Lee Bass, Aric Whittaker, Ryan Schniedermeier

Basketball

Blake Proves Value

Black Griffin showed why he was the first pick in the NBA draft, Monday night.

He helped lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 93-82 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers in its first NBA Summer League game.

Griffin scored seven points in the first 75 seconds of play for a 7-2 lead. He started with a lay-up, then shot a 12-foot jumper and finished his rally with a 3-pointer from up top. The Lakers never caught up. During his 29 minutes of play, Griffin scored 27 points with 12 rebounds, shooting 11 of 15.

Griffin led the NCAA for Oklahoma with 30 double-doubles last season.

Skateboarding

Maloof Money Cup

The Maloof Money Cup last weekend saw multiple record-moves and big cash prizes for skating biggest names.

Chris Cole won the street competition for \$100,000 in prize money. He pulled the first full-cab bluntside down a rail in contest history. Coming in second, Tommy Sandoval raked in \$30,000, while Nyjah Huston came in a solid third place, taking home \$20,000. Ryan Sheckler placed fifth.

Adam Dyet was awarded the Tech Deck Best Trick, for his kickflip back tail down the Ricon rail.

Torey Pudwill won the mens' Zumiez Destroyer Award for shedding it weekend, and Alexis Sablone won it for the ladies.

In the women's finals, some serious tricks were attempted, but few landed in the short competition time. Leticia Bufoni won, taking home \$25,000. In Second place was Lacey Baker, and third was Elissa Steamer.

In the vert finals, Alex Perelson took first, busting out a 900 in the jam session—becoming only the fourth skater to ever land the trick. Pierre Luc-Gagnon placed second, and Bob Burnquist placed third.

AMERICAN LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Tampa Bay	48	41	.539	6.5	Lost 2	4-6
Boston	54	34	.614	-	Won 3	6-4
NY Yankees	51	37	.580	3	Lost 3	6-4
Toronto	44	46	.489	11	Lost 2	2-8
Baltimore	40	48	.455	14	Won 2	5-5
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Minnesota	45	44	.506	4	Won 1	5-5
Chicago Sox	45	43	.511	3.5	Lost 1	5-5
Detroit	48	39	.552	-	Won 1	5-5
Kansas City	37	51	.420	11.5	Lost 3	4-6
Cleveland	35	54	.393	14	Lost 1	4-6
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	49	37	.570	-	Won 3	7-3
Texas	48	39	.552	1.5	Lost 2	6-4
Oakland	37	49	.430	12	Won 2	5-5
Seattle	46	42	.523	4	Won 2	6-4
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Philadelphia	48	38	.558	-	Won 5	9-1
Florida	46	44	.511	4	Won 1	5-5
NY Mets	42	45	.483	6.5	Won 2	4-6
Atlanta	43	45	.489	6	Lost 1	5-5
Washington	26	61	.299	22.5	Lost 1	3-7
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Arizona	38	51	.427	18.5	Lost 1	7-3
LA Dodgers	56	32	.636	-	Won 1	7-3
Colorado	47	41	.534	9	Won 1	6-4
San Francisco	49	39	.557	7	Lost 1	7-3
San Diego	36	52	.409	20	Won 1	2-8
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Cubs	43	43	.500	3.5	Lost 1	5-5
Milwaukee	45	43	.511	2.5	Lost 1	3-7
St. Louis	49	42	.538	-	Won 1	6-4
Houston	44	44	.500	3.5	Won 1	6-4
Pittsburgh	38	50	.432	9.5	Lost 4	2-8
Cincinnati	42	45	.483	5	Lost 2	3-7

Cycling Tour de France

Stage Winners

Prologue: Fabian Cancellara, Saxo Bank
 Stage 2: Mark Cavendish, Columbia-HTC
 Stage 3: Mark Cavendish, Columbia-HTC
 Stage 4: Team Astana
 Stage 5: Thomas Voeckler, Bbox Bouygues
 Stage 6: Thor Hushovd, Cervelo Test Team
 Stage 7: Rinaldo Nocentini, Ag2r-La Mondaile
 Stage 8: Luis-Leon Sanchez, Caisse D'epargne
 Stage 9: Pierrick Fedrigo, Bbox Bouygues
 Rest Day
 Stage 10: Mark Cavendish, Columbia-HTC
 Stage 11: Mark Cavendish, Columbia-HTC

WEEK 1 OVERVIEW

Fabian Cancellara crushed the prologue, finishing the 15.5km course in 19 minutes, 32.14 seconds—18 seconds ahead of Alberto Contador. Teammate Lance Armstrong placed tenth.

The next few stages were flat, hot, and for the sprinters. Mark Cavendish sped away to win both stages 2 and 3.

Team Astana dominated the 39km team time trial, clocking in at 46 minutes, 29 seconds. Frenchman Thomas Voeckler caught an early breakaway in stage 5, then went solo for the win.

In stage 6, Norway's Thor Hushovd of blasted away to the finish, out-sprinting Spaniard Oscar Fiere.

State 7 was the first day in the Pyrenees. Rinaldo Nocentini of Ag2r won the stage on a breakaway, taking

the maillot jaune from Cancellara. But all eyes were on Contador. He dashed away uphill from a group containing mostly major tour contenders, including teammate Lance Armstrong, Saxo-Bank's Andy Schleck and Bradley Wiggins of Garmin-Slipstream.

Stages 8 and 9 both saw valiant breakaways from non-tour contenders seeking a stage win. Spain's Luis Leon Sanchez out-sprinted Sandy Casar to win stage 8. The Frenchman Pierrick Fedrigo dashed around Franco Pellizotti of Liquigas to win stage 9.

Monday was the first rest day. Cavendish out-sprinted Hushovd in a climactic stage 10, in which radios were banned and the cyclists were left to ride on instinct. In the closing kilometers of stage 12, team Columbia-HTC pushed a hard pace on the front of the peloton, leading Cavendish out for another brutal sprint stage win.

By the end of week one, Astana was the dominant team, with four men in the top five General Classification. However, Astana has no clear leader, with Contador in second place and Armstrong in third, battling it out in the mountains for the maillot jaune.

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Caught in the Act!



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Clockwise: Father Ray - Chaplain, Caroline Davis - Ranger, Justin Lyon - NPS, James Grisetti - Ranger, Swede Opperman - Ranger, Patrick Radler - Ranger, Joshua Hahn - Logistics, Dan Rajnic - Activities, Heidi Johnson - Ranger, James "Seamus" Thomson - Ranger, Matt Gunnemann - Ranger, Jake Rochte - Ranger, Caleb Stauffer - Ranger, Laura Larson - Ranger, Jenny Sanders - Ranger, Nicole Klugh - Health Lodge Recheck*

This section of the PhilNews will highlight people the PhilNews staff has seen carrying out a part of the Scout Oath or law. So careful what you do, you just might get "Caught in the act"!

A Scout is Friendly!

These staff members made sure no one felt like it was first day of freshman year with no where to sit for lunch!

*Clockwise starting at "5". This is to the best of our knowledge we are very sorry if someone is missing or out of order.

What to do after Philmont?

Not sure yet what you are going to be doing when you leave God's Country this summer? How about staying in the mountains? Ryan King with Specialty Sports Ventures will be here at the Ranch recruiting for the winter season. Ryan is the former Associate Director of Program and Director of the Double H. He will be here on July 20th from 12:30 - 2:00 PM and 7:00 - 9:00 PM and July 21st from 3:00 - 5:30 PM in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center. He will also be available for individual meetings.

Positions available within the company include Sales Associates, Rental Technicians, and Seasonal Managers. Benefits are available and include a 5 mountain Vail Resorts Pass!

Specialty Sports Venture (SSV) is comprised of over 150 ski and specialty shops, including branded shops such as Burton, The North Face, Columbia, Patagonia, and Quicksilver. When the company was started in 1994, it was created with the vision of being the best specialty sports stores in each market. By capitalizing on the premier locations in each resort, maintaining a local personality, employing staff with hands-on knowledge of the equipment they sell, as well as a desire and commitment to provide the highest level of service to their customers. Ryan will be recruiting for locations in Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, and Keystone.

You can check out SSV at www.ssv.net. If you are unable to make it down to base camp you can also contact Ryan King at rking@ssv.net, with questions or resumé's.

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Mediation Talks Find No Solution to Honduran Political Crisis

Interim President Roberto Micheletti said mediation talks with Costa Rican President Oscar Arias may resume July 18. The first talks in Costa Rica last week, which included ousted President Zelaya, came up with no solutions for Honduras's political crisis. Micheletti has accused Zelaya of violating the Honduran Constitution while in office. Zelaya's term would have ended in January, and local commentators suspect Micheletti is buying time to make Zelaya's reinstatement obsolete.

Six Killed in Mumbai Metro One Construction Mishap

Investigations are being held to find out what went wrong on the Delhi Metro Rail on Sunday when a girder collapsed in the metro construction site. Six more were injured Monday when three cranes cracked and toppled over under the weight while trying to remove debris from Sunday's girder collapse. Four cranes were being used to lift a launcher for clearing the site on the Central Secretariat-Badarpur line in South Delhi. The boom of a 250-ton crane cracked and snapped, shifting the weight of the launcher to two other cranes—a 350-ton crane, which snapped, and a 250-ton crane which toppled over under the launcher. The operators of the cranes escaped unharmed, but six other workers were injured.

Nazi Guard Charged with 28,000 Counts of Accessory to Murder

Nazi Guard John Demjanjuk was officially charged with accessory to the murder of 27,900 Jews. The Munich State Prosecutor indicted Demjanjuk Monday, saying he was a guard at the Sobibor death camp in Poland. The 89-year-old Demjanjuk spent most of his postwar life as a United States citizen, and was extradited to Germany in May, where he has been held in a Munich prison.

New Study Shows Cats Use Special Purr-Cry

House cats use a combination of a purr and a cry to convince humans to feed them, a new study shows. While most animals make sounds using only vocal folds, cats vibrate the muscles underneath these folds to make a purr. While vibrating these muscles, the inner vocal folds can be used to produce a cry. In studies, people identified this purr-cry as more urgent. The study was conducted by Karen McComb at the University of Sussex in southern England. McComb suggests that this purr-cry takes advantage of humans' sensitivities with its similarity to the sound of a human infant's cry.

European Union Elects Polish President

The European Parliament elected ex-Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek Tuesday, making him the first EU leader from a former Soviet bloc country. The job is mostly ceremonial, but it is symbolic for EU members from eastern and central Europe. Buzek will lead for two-and-a-half years, after which a yet unnamed socialist will take over, under a tradeoff between the left and right in the EU assembly.

Former-Liberian President Denies Charges of War Crimes

Charles Taylor, the Former Liberian President has testified that the charges against him are based on lies. Taylor denied commanding and arming rebels who killed and tortured tens of thousands of civilians during Sierra Leone's 1991-2002 civil war. He is the first African ruler to go to trial for war crimes. Taylor's trial is being held in a UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone in the Hague. His charges include terrorism, murder, rape, enslavement, conscripting child soldiers, sexual slavery, pillaging and outrages upon personal dignity. He has plead not guilty to all charges. He was indicted on 17 counts of war crimes in 2003, but this was reduced to 11 in 2006 to ensure a more focused trial.

President's choice for new Surgeon General

On Monday, July 13, President Obama announced 52-year-old family practice doctor Regina Benjamin as his choice for surgeon general. Dr. Benjamin spent a large portion of her career tending to poor patients in a Gulf Coast clinic in Alabama. In 1990, Dr. Benjamin founded the Bayou La Batre Rural Health Clinic of Bayou La Batre, Alabama. She served as the CEO and continued to run and rebuild the clinic after disasters such as Hurricane Georges in 1998, and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Dr. Benjamin prides herself on treating patients regardless of their ability to pay. From 2002 to 2003, Dr. Benjamin also served as the associate dean for rural health at the University of South Alabama's College of Medicine and as the president of the State of Alabama Medical Association.

Weather blamed for death of Steve Fossett

Recent discoveries by federal accident investigators suggest that strong downdrafts caused the crash of adventurer Steve Fossett's airplane almost two years ago. 63 year old Fossett was a record-setting balloonist and pilot. He disappeared September 3rd, 2007, after departing on a pleasure flight. When Fossett didn't return, a massive aerial search was launched that failed to turn up any clues as to his whereabouts. A year later on October 7th, 2008, a hiker discovered some of Fossett's belongings, including a pilot's certificate and identification card which led to the discovery of the wreckage in the Sierra Nevadas. The National Transportation Safety Board released its official accident report on July 9th, 2009. The report stated that Fossett's crash was a result of overpowering downdrafts of at least 400 feet per minute that forced the plane down onto the mountain peaks below. Fossett was highly involved with Scouting, including having been a member of the Philmont Ranch Committee, president of the National Eagle Scout Association, and a Philmont Ranger in 1961 & 1964.

Space shuttle launch postponed again

Due to adverse weather the flight of the space shuttle Endeavor, which was slated to be launched

Monday, was postponed. This postponement marked the third day in a row that the shuttle flight had to be canceled, as well as the fifth since mid-June. The Endeavor will carry seven astronauts and a component of Japan's Kibo science laboratory to the international space station on a projected 16-day mission. As of the time this was written, the Endeavor would attempt another launch on Wednesday, July 15.

\$12 billion proposed in community college spending

Last Tuesday, July 14th, 2009, at a community college in Michigan, President Obama announced his proposal for \$12 billion in new federal spending to be used for community colleges to help prepare U.S. workers for the modern job market. The proposed spending is intended to stimulate school renovations, expand curricula, and increase the number of community college graduates by five million by 2020. A report from the Council of Economic Advisors says that the job training system has limitations that must be addressed if workers are to hope to take advantage of any new job opportunities. The federal grant has \$9 billion to help schools form partnerships with businesses to help students train for jobs, and to help community colleges coordinate their programs with high schools and four-year universities. \$2.5 billion will go to help pay for fundraising campaigns to finance renovations and new constructions. The remaining \$500 million will go to developing online curriculum programs.

Passenger plane forced to make emergency landing

Southwest Airlines Flight 2294 was forced to make an emergency landing on Monday, July 13th, when a large hole in the plane's fuselage caused the jet's cabin to depressurize. The jet was about 45 minutes into a flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Baltimore, Maryland, when passengers heard a loud pop and the jet's oxygen masks were deployed. The plane touched down at 5:10 P.M. after the crew reported a hole in the middle of the cabin. The plane was flying at about 34,000 feet when the hole appeared, and there were no injuries as a result of the emergency landing. Passengers on the jet made it safely to their destination early Tuesday morning. The cause of the damage to the plane had not yet been determined at the time of this

Autumn Adventure and Kanik Staff Applications

Now being accepted

Are you looking for some adventure? Are you avoiding leaving God's Country? Are you afraid you'll never see biscuits and gravy again?

Applications are now being accepted for fall and winter staff positions. Positions available include: Autumn Adventure, PTC Program and Services, Dining Hall, Trading Post, Horse Department and Maintenance. In addition, a small number of staff members are employed to support the winter and early spring operations for Kanik, PTC and Trading Post.

If you would like to be considered for one of these staff openings you need to complete a Philmont Seasonal Employment Application and submit it to the Personnel Department at Camping Headquarters. The deadline for applications is Friday, July 24th, 2009, 5 PM. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Offers for fall and winter employment will be extended beginning Friday, July 31st, 2009.

The Autumn Season runs September 8th through November 20th, 2009. The winter/spring season runs from December 27th through March 31st. A few positions will run through April until the start of next year's summer season.

Autumn Adventure is a fall program that allows a crew to plan a customized itinerary and hike the backcountry with a staff guide. Kanik is Philmont's cold-weather camping program, and includes ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, hiking, snowshoeing and the use of winter tools and equipment.

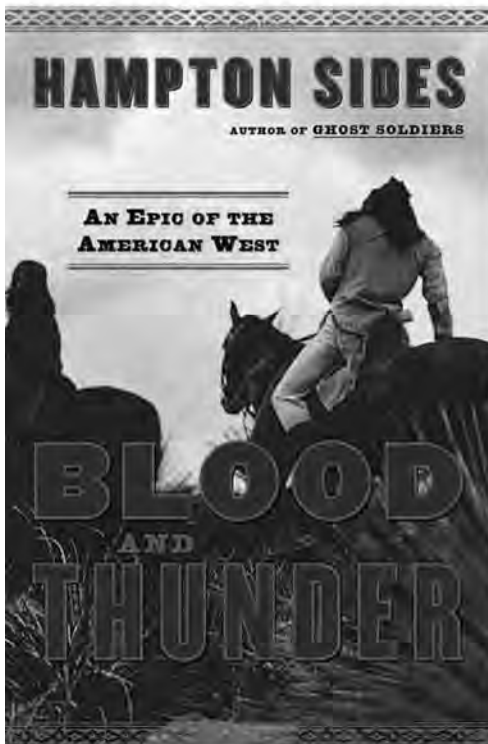
Serving as a member of the Second Season Staff is a great opportunity to be part of the "behind the scenes" action that makes the Philmont magic come alive year round. Applicants should understand they will be expected to perform many different duties if hired for these positions.

A number of staff positions are available from August 22nd to September 4th. These staff will help close base camp and prepare for the fall programs. The Ranch is happy to extend a summer contract to cover this additional time; it is also a good way to earn a little more gas money for the return trip to home or college.

Please contact Owen McCulloch or Barbara Garcia at Camping Headquarters for an application or more information.



The Seton Memorial Library Proudly Presents: Hampton Sides and Mary Stuever.



Friday, July 17th at 6:30 PM
HAMPTON SIDES

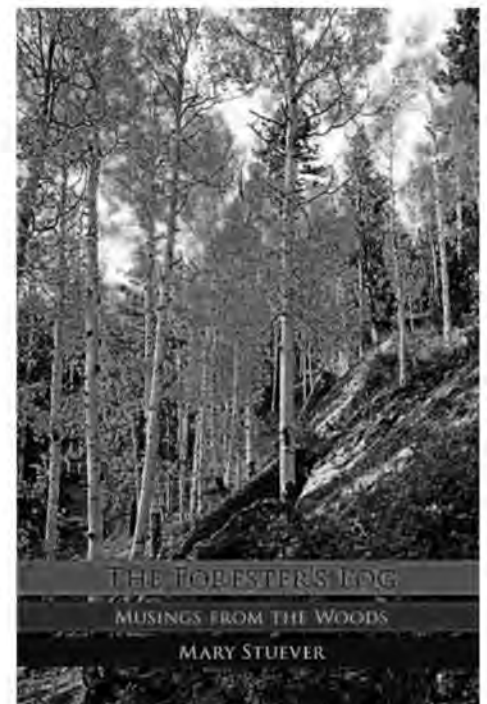
From Random House: In Blood and Thunder, Hampton Sides gives us a magnificent history of the American conquest of the West. At the center of this sweeping tale is Kit Carson, the trapper, scout, and soldier whose adventures made him a legend. Sides shows us how this illiterate mountain man understood and respected the Western tribes better than any other American, yet willingly followed orders that would ultimately devastate the Navajo nation. Rich in detail and spanning more than three decades, this is an essential addition to our understanding of how the West was really won.

Mr. Sides will be presenting and signing copies of Blood and Thunder at the Seton Memorial Library at the Philmont Museum

Friday, July 24th at 1:00 PM
MARY STUEVER

Mary Stuever is the state timber management officer with New Mexico's State Forestry Division. Her syndicated column "The Forester's Log" appears in newspapers in communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. She has published essays in such works as *A Mile in Her Boots* and served as one of the editors for *Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains* and co-author of the ***Philmont Field Guide***.

Ms. Stuever will be presenting and signing copies of *The Forester's Log* at the Seton Memorial Library at the Philmont Museum.



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Printed Name of Philmont Staff Member Signature of Staff Member Date

Midsummer Note from the Bear Researchers

Well, we've passed the midpoint of our summer. We have great and good news for you. The great news is that there have been no bear-human incidents, and the good news is that a single Croc is the only human thing that has been eaten. Fortunately, the owner was not wearing the shoe at the time!

So far this summer there have been about 300 bear sightings. To put this into perspective, a total of 323 bears were sightings last year and 337 were sightings in 2007. Our "hotspots" this year are Baldy Town, Cimarroncito, Head of Dean, Carson Meadows, Abreu, and Clarks Fork.

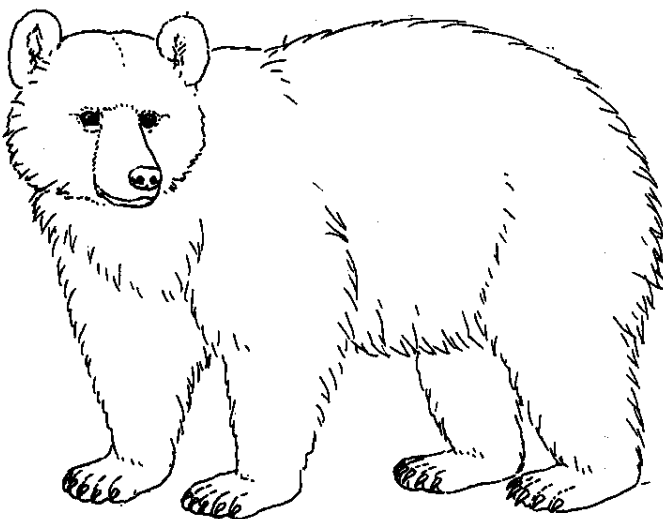
Mostly the backcountry staff camps are seeing yearlings that are very persistent—they wander in and around campsites looking for berries, insects, and acorns. These bears have yet to gain a negative association for humans. These bears see campsites as just another part of their home range. In order to keep our great record, we ask each of you to be vigilant in the backcountry camps and chase out the bears. When you chase a bear out of camp, please run at the bear with other staff members yelling loudly and throwing small rocks or sticks towards the bear. We ask that you do all of these things at the same time so that the bear gains a negative association with camps. For the staff that are doing this 3 or 4 times a day, thanks and keep up the good work!

Have a great and bear aware rest of the summer!

Sincerely

Your friendly neighborhood Bear Researchers, Dana and Matt

P.S. Enjoy coloring the animals!



You know you're a Scout When:

1. You have missed the party of the year to go camping.
2. Dressed for dinner means knee high socks, green shorts with matching belt, and a tan shirt.
3. Casually dressed means knee high socks, green shorts with matching belt, and a BSA t-shirt.
4. Half your shirts are Class B's.
5. You make less than a quarter an hour over your summers.
6. You understand what the term "made eagle" means.
7. You have gotten out of a ticket because of your uniform.
8. You live at home, but spent 120 days/nights in the woods last year.
9. You have hiked 20 miles because you were bored.
10. You have a patch collection that rivals your Earth Science teacher's rock collection.
11. You know that NOAC doesn't mean that you have no air conditioning.
12. You have used the excuse "my homework got soaked in the rain."
13. The teacher believed it.
14. You judge people by what/how many patches are on their uniform.
15. To you comfort is a crackling fire.
16. Your knife is worth more than your car.
17. You have swum in water deemed "unable to sustain life."
18. You spend more on camp gear than your family at Christmas.
19. You have lost a _____ (knife, ax, tent stake etc.) and found it a year later.
20. Your idea of a small fire is less than 6 feet in diameter.
21. The best time of your life took place in the middle of nowhere.
22. You can play Euchre.
23. You have woken up with a raccoon staring you in the face.
24. You are labeled a pyro by everyone that has ever seen you out of school.
25. You have walked into a store in full Class A.
26. You have made more friends while in the middle of the woods than you did in 10 years at your school.
27. You have 2 rooms for BSA/camping gear.
28. You are on first name basis with the local ER staff.
29. It takes 5 minutes to empty your pockets at the airport, police station etc.
30. You know the Order of the Arrow has little to do with archery.

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SUSTAINABILITY LOGO CONTEST WINNERS

We have a winner for the Sustainability logo contest, Laura Larsen! All applicants will receive a prize for turning in a logo. Please come to the Conservation Office to receive your prize.

Last week's Answers

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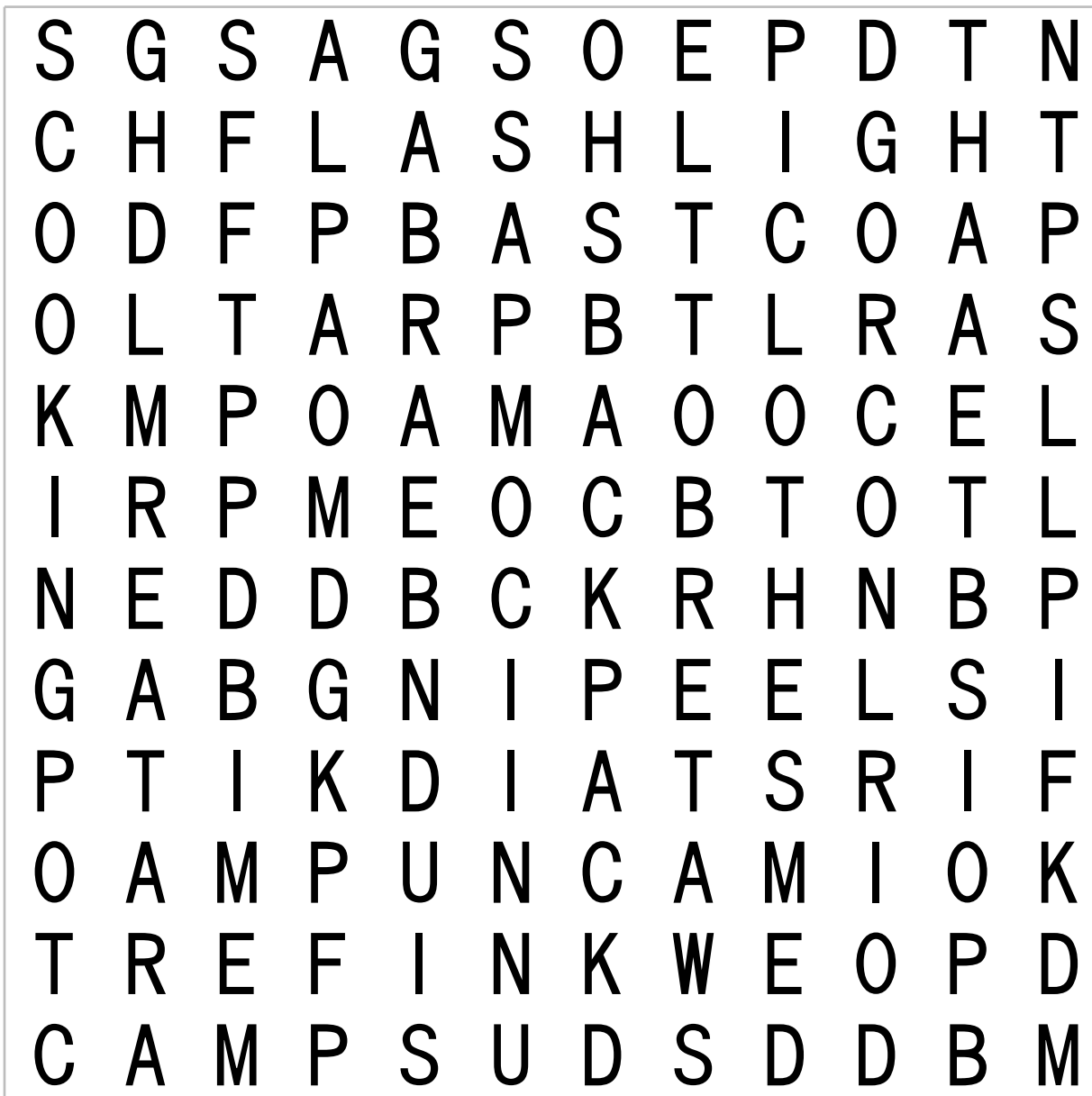
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water bottle

Calendar

Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
17 HAMPTON SIDES SIGNING 6:30PM SETON <u>CT:</u> <u>ENTOMOLOGY</u>	18 ICE CREAM 8PM SSSAC <u>CT:</u> SCAT & TRACKS	19 PING PONG TOURNAMENT 8PM SSSAC <u>PTC:</u> OPENING PROGRAM 8:15PM PTC BRUNCH 10:30-12:30 <u>CT:</u> METEOROLOGY	20 BRAT DAY! 11AM - 1PM BALDY PAVILLION <u>CT:</u> SCAT & TRACKS <u>PTC:</u> WANNA BE BAND & COBBLER 7-9 PM	21 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT 8PM SSSAC <u>PTC:</u> BUFFALO BARBEQUE 5:30PM & WESTERN NIGHT 6:30 PM <u>CT:</u> METEOROLOGY	22 YOGA NIGHT PTC SMALL FRY 8PM SALSA NIGHT 8PM BALDY PAVILION <u>CT:</u> ALCOHOL SODA CAN STOVE WISE GUYS 7PM	23 MOVIE NIGHT 8:15PM SSSAC <u>CT:</u> PHOTOGRAPHY <u>PTC:</u> WANNA BE BAND & COBBLER 7-9 PM
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
24 5K Run <u>CT:</u> ALCOHOL SODA CAN STOVE MARY STUEVER BOOK SIGNING 1PM PSA REUNION	25 <u>CT:</u> PHOTOGRAPHY PSA ANNUAL MEETING 2:30 PSA AUCTION AT RAYADO 9 -12 AM PSA REUNION	26 TWO HAND TOUCH FOOTBALL 8PM FIELD BY VOLLEYBALL COURTS <u>PTC:</u> OPENING PROGRAM 8:15PM PTC BRUNCH 10:30-12:30 <u>CT:</u> HISTORY OF PHILMONT AND SURROUNDING AREAS PSA REUNION PSA SERVICE PROJECT	27 VOLLEYBALL 8PM @ VOLLEYBALL COURTS <u>CT:</u> DISNEY & THE ENVIRONMENT <u>PTC:</u> WANNA BE BAND & COBBLER 7-9 PM PSA SERVICE PROJECT	28 ICE CREAM 8PM SSSAC KITCHEN <u>PTC:</u> BUFFALO BARBEQUE 5:30PM & WESTERN NIGHT 6:30 PM <u>CT:</u> HISTORY OF PHILMONT AND SURROUNDING AREAS PSA SERVICE PROJECT	29 TALENT NIGHT 8PM BALDY PAVILION <u>CT:</u> DISNEY & THE ENVIRONMENT YOGA NIGHT FITNESS CENTER 8PM WISE GUYS 7PM	30 BRAT DAY 11 AM -1PM BALDY PAVILLION <u>CT:</u> OUTDOOR GEAR <u>PTC:</u> WANNA BE BAND & COBBLER 7-9 PM

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