

PHILMONT NEWS

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BANQUET ISSUE



Lifetime memories Our great occasion

To the Philmont Staff,

Over the years, I have written hundreds of letters. This one is truly very difficult but also a celebration. I now know the true definition of bittersweet! For more than 37 years I have enjoyed my career with the Boy Scouts of America. The opportunities I have had to interact with some of the finest people in America was afforded to me because of the BSA. The opportunities to assist in providing the youth of America lifetime memories of outdoor experiences and participate in a program that provides leadership development, character development, and citizenship training have made this career very rewarding.

The past 13 years has been the pinnacle of my life. Coming here in 2002 as the comptroller, and then becoming the general manager in 2009, provided me the

opportunity to full fill a dream I had and put into writing in 1995 – riding for the Philmont brand. The High Adventure team is absolutely awesome and it has been a privilege to be their leader.

Janice and I appreciate the experiences, the kindness, the friendship and the fellowship we have shared these past years. On May 31, we will be retiring to spend more time with our grandkids and do whatever else we can to spend time together. George Strait said it best in his farewell concert, “It’s time for this cowboy to ride away.” It has been an awesome ride!

Thanks to all and have a safe, Philtastic summer!

Yours in Scouting,
John H. Clark, General Manager
Philmont Scout Ranch
Department Manager – High
Adventure
Boy Scouts of America



Samantha Waidler/Photography Manager 2011

Mark Anderson
Director of Program,
Unit 2

Welcome home! To some of you who are returning for another summer when you see Tooth Ridge and catch up with old friends, you realize that you are home. To those of you that this will be the first time that you will call this place home, you are in for a special adventure. One that will forever change you for the future. We are excited that all of you will be serving as members of the 2015 Philmont staff.

E. L. Matthews wrote, “Unless a person has prepared themselves for their chance, the chance will only make a person look ridiculous. A great occasion is worth to a person exactly what their preparation enable that person to make of it.”

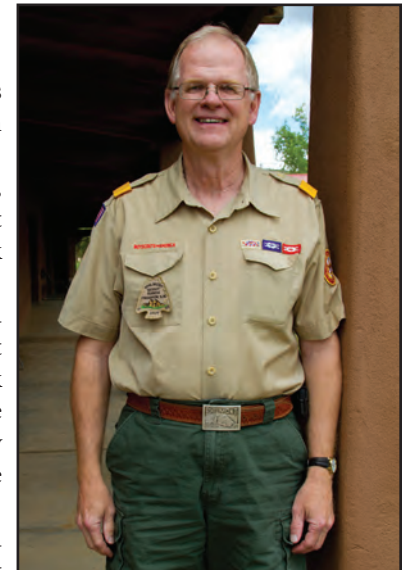
As we work together in training for the summer, I would ask that you do everything you can to prepare yourself for the great occasion. Training, practice and evaluation are the steps that each of us should repeat as often as required until we are proficient

and can execute our tasks and serve our customers with professionalism.

Theodore Roosevelt said, “Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

“Delivering wilderness and learning adventures that last a lifetime” is certainly work worth doing! We will have the opportunity to do this every day of the summer provided we are prepared for our chance.

Waite Phillips was asked many times after he made the gift what he hoped the Boy Scouts of America would achieve at Philmont. He wrote the following in 1941: “These properties are donated and dedicated to the Boy Scouts of America for encouraging the perpetuation of Faith – Self Reliance – Integrity – Freedom. Principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer so that these future citizens may, through thoughtful adult guidance and by the inspiration of nature, visualize and form a code of living to diligently maintain these high ideals and our proper destiny.”



Clearly Mr. Phillips set out a great vision for us to follow. One that is still relevant today. During the summer of 2015, I encourage you to think about these words and strive to fulfill Mr. Phillips’ dream. We will have the opportunity, through preparation, hard work, and determination, to enhance the lives of 22,000 backcountry participants, 5,000 Philmont Training Center participants, and 1,130 fellow staff members.

Truly our work as members of the Philmont staff is “work worth doing.”

Staff Opening Program detailed schedule

5:45 p.m. Flag Ceremony and Ringing of the bell at the Opening Staff Dinner at Camper Dining Hall

6 p.m. Staff banquet at the Camper Dining Hall

7 p.m. Chapel services in the following traditions: Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and LDS

8 p.m. Gather at Baldy Pavilion at the SSSAC for “The Place - Our Special Pile of Rocks”

9:15 p.m. Music and fellowship at Baldy Pavilion

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May 29-June 11

Friday, 29	Saturday, 30	Sunday, 31	Monday, 1	Tuesday, 2	Wednesday, 3	Thursday, 4
<p>8 a.m. - 1 p.m. SSSAC Blood Drive</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Aims and Methods at PTC Assembly Hall</p> <p>1:30 p.m. All staff gather on Villa Lawn</p>	<p>PTC Dining Hall Opens</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Horse department/program counselor of western lore camps cookout at Mark Anderson's house</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Intro to Leave No Trace at Baldy Pavilion</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Advanced Leave No Trace at HCC</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Intro to Leave No Trace at Baldy Pavilion (second opportunity)</p> <p>7 p.m. Driver Training at PTC Assembly Hall</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. Living History Town Hall Gathering at Baldy Pavilion</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Living History Skills Day at Rayado</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Base Extravaganza at Baldy Pavilion</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Old Mill Tour; meet at Welcome Center</p> <p>7 p.m. Camp Director's Campfire at Closing Campfire Area</p>	<p>6:00p.m. Carson National Forest Public Meeting at PTC Buster Brown Building</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Ranger Rendezvous at Beaubien</p>
Friday, 5	Saturday, 6	Sunday, 7	Monday, 8	Tuesday, 9	Wednesday, 10	Thursday, 11
<p>8 a.m. Scatter Day One</p> <p>7 p.m. Driver Training at PTC Assembly Hall</p> <p>8 p.m. Ranger Campfire at Closing Campfire area Open mic at SSSAC</p>	<p>8 a.m. Scatter Day Two</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Aims and Methods at PTC Assembly Hall</p> <p>8 p.m. Staff Snack Bar Event</p>	<p>8 a.m. Scatter Day Three</p> <p>CHQ Staff Dining Hall opens for supper</p> <p>8 p.m. Telluride Film Festival at HCC</p>	<p>8 a.m. First crews arrive</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Backcountry opens for hiking</p> <p>Tooth of Time Traders opens for season at regular hours</p> <p>1st Opening Campfire</p>	<p>Late arriving staff training (conducted Monday through Wednesdays throughout the summer)</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Valle Vidal Camp Meetings at Ring Place</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Late arriving staff training (conducted Monday through Wednesdays throughout the summer)</p>	

Useful Philmont Acronyms

When one visits Philmont for the first time, it is easy to recognize that the Ranch has a unique vocabulary. For those visiting or working at the ranch for the first time, it may be a little confusing at first, but fortunately is easy to pick up on. Here is a guide to Philmont's most commonly used acronyms and lingo.

ACD: Assistant Camp Director
 ACR: Associate Chief Ranger
 Baldy: Baldy Pavilion (for events), Mt. Baldy, or Baldy Camp
 CD: Camp Director
 CHQ: Camping Headquarters
 Cito: Cimmaroncito
 Cons: Conservation
 GIS: Geographical Information Systems
 HAB: High Adventure Base
 HCC: Hardesty Casa Central
 HOD: Head of Dean
 HOMe: Heaven on Earth
 I-Camp: Intercamp mail
 IW: Indian Writings
 NAYLE: National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience
 NPS: News and Photo Services

OATC: Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Trek
 PJ: Phillips Junction
 PhilSAR: Philmont Search and Rescue
 PTC: Philmont Training Center
 RO: Ranger Office
 ROCS: Roving Outdoor Conservation School
 RT: Ranger Trainer
 SSSAC: Silver Sage Staff Activities Center
 Swapbox: A place to trade unwanted food
 TC: Training Crew
 TOTT: Tooth of Time Traders
 TP: Trading Post
 The Val: the Valle Vidal
 Valle: the Valle Vidal

Fire Level Warning

Attention all staff! A few fire restrictions are currently in place across the ranch.

- Open fires and fireworks are prohibited
- Smoking is prohibited except for in designated areas
- Crew and staff campfires are permitted in established fire rings on Philmont property

Thank you for complying with our fire restrictions in order to keep Philmont a safe place.

We also ask that you keep in mind the importance of conserving water. Be aware of how much water you use and think of creative ways to conserve it.

Filling up buckets

Steve Nelson
Comptroller, Unit 3

It has been so exciting the past several months as I, like many of you, have followed the new hire list on Facebook and watched as the 2015 staff has been assembled. You each have numerous talents that will be put to work to bring about this great Philmont experience for all the people who come here this summer. Those talents, along with your skills and enthusiasm, are what will make this summer the “wilderness experience that lasts a lifetime” for our participants.

As I watch the staff arrive with all their enthusiasm it often reminds me of the great task we have ahead of us. I know it will take all of us working together

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as a united team to make the experience what it should be. I really like this quote from Lyndon Johnson: “There are no problems we cannot solve together and very few that we can solve by ourselves.” Together we can work to overcome any challenge that we will face. If we try to do it ourselves, it will be very difficult.

I am really excited for this summer and all the tremendous things that will happen for our participants and perhaps more importantly the changes and adventures you will all experience this summer. I do know one important point for all of us to remember: It will take each one of us working together to make all of this come true. Working together means supporting each other and



Katy Mooney/Photography Manager 2012

helping each other to feel good about the contributions that we will make to this great place.

This year I read a great book, *How Full Is Your Bucket*, that listed some great insight. Let me share this list of goals tenets of how we can have a positive impact on all those we work with and those who we will serve this summer. Review this list often and we will all have a positive impact on each other and the operations this summer:

- I have helped someone in the last 24 hours.
- I am an exceptionally courteous person.
- I like being around positive people.
- I have praised someone in the last 24 hours.
- I have developed a knack for making other people feel good.
- I am more productive when I am around positive people.
- In the last 24 hours, I have told someone that I cared about her or him.
- I make it a point to become acquainted with people wherever I go.
- When I receive recognition, it makes me want to give recognition to someone else.
- In the last week, I have listened to someone talk through his or her goals and ambitions.
- I make unhappy people laugh.
- I make it a point to call each of my associates by the name she or he likes to be called.
- I notice what my colleagues do at a level of excellence.
- I always smile at the people I meet.
- I feel good about giving praise whenever I see good behavior.

Chris Sawyer
Associate Director of
Program, Unit 4

Welcome to Philmont! It's going to be an amazing summer filled with new people, places, and programs that will enhance your lives for many years to come. For 77 years, more than a million participants and staff members have had the opportunity to share their Philmont experiences through letters, pictures, stories, and journals. Much like the news cycle of today, the ever changing landscape of the internet has transformed how we share our experiences and stories. Quick posts, likes, and “trending” articles often fill the voids of time that were once spent in deep/intentional thought, observance, and reflection.

While many news outlets follow the “trending” model, there are still thoughtful organizations that focus on authentic journalism, impartial reporting, and real issues that are being faced by people around the world today. Their hopes are to inform/educate the public, create collaborative action, and be a catalyst for change to improve the quality of life for people/places in need. One of the leading non-profit organizations with that focus is the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting.

The Pulitzer Center is currently working on a project with National Geographic Fellow, Paul Salopek. In 2013, Paul began a seven-year journey walking around the world in an effort to retrace the migration of our oldest ancestor's – from their birthplace in Ethiopia to the Middle East, Asia, North America, and on to the southern tip of South America. On his Out of Eden Walk “he is engaging with the major stories of our time – from climate change to technological innovation, from mass migration to cultural survival – by walking alongside the people who inhabit these headlines every day. Moving at the slow beat of his footsteps, Paul is seeking the quieter, hidden

stories of people who rarely make the news.”

Working as an educational partner, the Pulitzer Center identified Philmont Scout Ranch as an ideal place to tell Paul's story due to our excellence in youth development, interpretive programming, and extended day trekking. Philmont's physical location alongside the Santa Fe Trail is also a unique component of the partnership. Since 1938 Philmont has shared the rich history of commerce and conflict that unfolded on the heavily traveled trade route. Similar to Paul's journaling efforts, Susan Magoffin slowly documented her adventures across the plains, through the forts and into the oldest capital city of the American southwest in 1846. We continue to share stories of people and places along the trail and enjoy re-experiencing their journeys through the lens of our participants.

As you begin your work and time in the Philmont backcountry this summer, Paul reminds us of how journaling can help each of us be “more observant, more attentive, and more in the moment” as we navigate our walks in life. During his intentional walk, he is recording “milestones” every 100 miles where he documents his location, a photo/video, and a sound recording of what he is feeling and thinking at the time. He has challenged all of us to stop and record milestones this summer and says that when a few have been recorded, “you get to see the world unfold before you, in a stop - motion fashion, you get to see the small changes happening before your eyes.”

What could some of those milestones look like for you and how might they unfold into something more?

- Motivating our participants to overcome challenges

and helping them work together to succeed.

- Being caught in a thunderstorm and watching the weather clear.
- Watching the sun sink into the horizon from a favorite spot.
- Hiking up Sawmill Canyon or over a snow-covered Baldy Mountain.
- Laughing and telling stories during dinner at a trail camp.
- Enjoying moments of complete solitude and reflection.
- Deeply thinking about how you might make a difference in the world.
- Realizing that you have fully seized each moment in these New Mexico mountains.

In the absence of “trending” likes and posts in the backcountry, Paul encourages you to slow down and fully embrace your “milestones.” This summer, use the Passport to Adventure Journal to make entries as you navigate across the ranch. Your time at Philmont will be defined in many ways that you will discover and redefine over the course of the summer, but what you do with your life is the true discovery that will take discipline and continual refinement. We hope you'll use your time this summer as an opportunity to be intentional about how you spend each day, treat each person, and plan your next steps in life. Happy trails!



A group that cares

David O'Neill
Associate Director of
Program, Unit 5

Though our beautiful ranch has been covered by fog, with a little mist and rain, and even patches of snow in the high country, it has not diminished the Philmont spirit amongst our staff. Every day, more and more staff members continue to arrive as we prepare for another wonderful summer. As that happens, it is fun to hear the exclamation of names and greetings outside my office window, and then to see the many “bear hugs” as Philmont friends reunite for the first time in a year! What an exciting time!

This year I have had the opportunity to reflect back on my first summer on the staff at Philmont. I was as Program Counselor at Apache

Springs in 1995, which will have been 20 years ago this summer. My how time flies and how things have changed over that period of time! I can hardly believe it was that long ago. Though much has changed over that time, one that has not, is that Philmont Spirit.

I can remember the friendships that were made that summer, then how they continued into the next, and even into today.

I remember yelling names and bear hugging those long lost friends, just as the staff members were doing outside my window just a few days ago. It's great to reconnect with those that we care

about. Something about that Philmont experience builds that common bond amongst us all.

Visiting with a camp director last summer, one of my questions prompted a response of the phrase “a group that cares”. The context was describing our group of Backcountry Managers last summer, but could very easily describe the entire staff at Philmont Scout

Ranch. It is indeed a group that cares.

We care for each other and the relationships that have been built over time.

We care for the ranch and the land and want to see that wilderness experience remain for all to enjoy. We

“We care for the untold number of adventures that have taken place on the land, and the memories that they have created.”



care for the untold number of adventures that have taken place on the land and the memories that they have created. We care for the people that come through the gates every day, because without them, we would not be here at all. We care!

Think about all of the aspects of your experience that you care about. Think about the staff member that cared about you on your

first trek and gave you that unforgettable experience. And now think about how you can do that and more for the thousands of participants you will see this year. If you can do that, then you will indeed be a part of a team that truly cares for what the Philmont experience is all about.

Thank you for caring and what you will do for Philmont Scout Ranch this summer!

An amazing summer

David Werhane
Museum Director

I hope you're all ready for an amazing summer. Once again, we have a few new surprises, opportunities and improvements here at Philmont including a “new” property along the Cimarron River and some long awaited restoration down at Rayado. Of course, we still have the old standbys: dinosaur tracks; massive elk herds; the snow covered peaks of Baldy and Little Costilla; leftover relics from Native Americans; sunsets over Rayado canyon; frontiersmen; miners... and best of all - that infectious smile on a camper's face as he finally makes it to the top of that ridge, spar pole or campsite.

The summer will go by fast



so make plans now! It's a big place and some of it, like the Chase Ranch and Cimarroncita, is still a new experience for all of us. Confused about how, why and what we do on those neighboring properties in the Ponil country? Come to the Museum and “cross the fence” into our exhibit, Partners on the Ponil. I guarantee it will clear up those sometimes confusing details. It might even inspire you to hike the historic Cimarron & Northwestern Railway, stroll through a savanna type

Ponderosa forest, or learn the value of wild land stewardship. We have other exhibits as well where you can discover about how the devastating flood in 1965 changed the face of Philmont, helped to create our Conservation department and why the OA Trail Crew has been so successful for 20 years.

I encourage you to take in what Philmont and the Philmont Museums have to offer. Tour the Villa, explore the Rayado Settlement, discover the historic Chase Ranch, come to the Museum and dive into our history. And don't forget the Seton Memorial Library! It's your resource - so come in, check out a book and then go enjoy it in our naturally lit, 139,678 acre ‘reading room.’

Buena Suerte!

**Philmont Activities Department
Kicks Off:**

**Open Mic & Music Night
Friday, June 5th**

Sponsored by the Philmont Staff Association

Baldy Pavilion

8pm-10pm

Sign up for Open Mic in the Dining Hall

Bring your talent & practice your campfire music!

Instruments, singing, solo or group performances.

Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and other fun snacks!

Come listen to all of the musical talent at Philmont!

The stronger the wind, the stronger the trees

Andrea Watson
Associate Director of PTC
Program, Unit 7

Greetings from the Philmont Training Center! What an exciting summer awaits! Since 1950, the Training Center has been an important component of the Philmont operation. In fact, Waite Phillips dreamed that his Philmont ranch would be the home of volunteer training for the Boy Scouts. He also wanted the opportunity for families to come and experience Philmont together. He saw the joy that his wife and daughter had at Philmont and knew that Philmont wasn't just for the rugged adventurer. Waite felt strongly that families who experienced Philmont together would be better for it, just as his family was.

I hope you'll take the time to come and visit PTC. One of my favorite places is the greensward behind the Villa Philmonte. With lush green grass and stately cottonwood trees, this spot becomes a little oasis in the high desert of Philmont. The weathered cottonwoods that span the greensward have withstood eighty years of drought and wind. They have watched thousands of children, Scouts and Scouters experience the magic of Philmont for the first time. They have watched as people have stared up into the heavens into the expansive sky, seeing stars as never before. They have watched as staff have played Frisbee in the cool touch of their shade. And I bet if we listened, there is a lot we can learn from these wise, old trees...

- Trees always grow toward the light. As Philmont staff, we should be positive! Be energetic! Be the light that motivates others to grow in their Philmont experience.
- Trees require opposition to thrive. The Philmont experience is challenging. Each of us will experience obstacles this summer. Let's see these challenges

as opportunities to grow stronger and for our character to grow deeper.

- Trees grow best in forests, not in isolation. No one succeeds at Philmont alone. Philmont's greatest strength has always been the talented and remarkable staff who work here, all committed toward executing at the highest level. Each of us is better because we work together. When a crew finishes their trek at Philmont, it's commemorated with a plaque that states, "We all made it". It's not about the individual; it's about the team.
- Trees draw strength from the nutrients created by previous generations of trees. Philmont has 76 years of tradition – years

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of experiences and adventures that can teach us so many valuable lessons. The lessons we learn from the past of Philmont combined with our own contributions this summer will direct the future.

In the poem “Good Timber,” Douglas Malloch wrote:

Good timber does not grow with ease:

The stronger wind, the stronger trees;

The further sky, the greater length;

The more the storm, the more the strength.

By sun and cold, by rain and snow,



In trees and men good timbers grow.

Whether it's in the backcountry, at PTC, or outside of the ranch, I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Come have fun this summer! Everyone is welcome to come over to PTC and take part in our evening programs: Monday is cobbler night at the East and South Tent Cities. On Tuesdays, our buffalo barbecue takes place at 5:30 PM on the Greensward, followed by a Western Night dance at 7:00 PM in the Assembly Hall. Wednesday evenings, we feature the classic Boy Scout movie 'Follow Me, Boys' at 7:00 PM in the Assembly Hall. Thursdays, the one and only 'Wannabe Band' will play on the Dining Hall Veranda. Our Opening Program is on Sundays and Closing Program is on Fridays. The Craft Center is open and available through the week for staff as well. It has exciting projects including ceramics, leatherwork, mosaics, incredible tie-dye and so much more! It's the perfect place to work on craft projects or make gifts for your friends and family back home. Check out the flyers in the SSSAC for a full list of the fun PTC has to offer each week.

See you on the Trail!

Welcome HOmE Philmont staff!

Grant Reigelman
Associate Director of
Program, Unit 6



This in an exciting time at Philmont.

It's thrilling to see all of the staff we have worked so diligently to assemble settling into their new roles. Seeing the reunions in the dining hall and overhearing the greetings of friends reunited after nine months brings back fond memories of the friendships I have formed in shared experiences providing life changing memories to participants at Philmont Scout Ranch.

I am a new face to many at Philmont this summer and I would like the chance for you to get to know a little bit about me. I joined the full time staff in December of 2014 but my Philmont story goes back much longer than that. As a Scout I had the chance to attend a number of programs at the ranch. Two of the most memorable were OATC and hiking on a 12-day trek with my father as an advisor. Those programs inspired me to apply to work on summer staff so I could play a role in delivering the program that has shaped so many of us. I was fortunate to be selected to serve on staff for three summers during my college years. One summer as a program counselor at Apache Springs and two summers as a camp director at Baldy Town and Sawmill. Those summers spent as a steward of our program were such an important time in my life to learn and grow, while having the opportunity to provide world class program in the best place on earth.

Prior to moving to Philmont I was working as a district executive in the Conquistador Council located in Southeast New Mexico. I was very fortunate during that time to

have a leadership role in the council's camping program each summer. I spent those summers applying lessons learned at Philmont to my local camps. After a successful tenure as a district executive, I had the chance to join the professional staff here, and I jumped at the chance. Along for the ride is my wife, Roni, and our son, Garner. We love being members of the Philmont family!

My favorite part of this job so far has been getting to know a new generation of Philstaff. I am impressed every day by the dedication and passion you bring to every aspect of your jobs this summer. I would like to leave you all with some thoughts as we prepare for the arrival of participants.

First, have you thought about the kind of staff member that you want to be this summer? Take some time to consider what you would like to accomplish by the end of August and write those things down. By doing that you can be intentional with your actions. I challenge you all to keep looking for ways to be better at what you do. Only then can we keep innovating and improving upon the wilderness adventure to exceed our customers' expectations.

Meet the chaplains

Elder Paul Anderson LDS Chaplain



2015 is going to be a banner year. I have been asked by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to serve as the LDS Chaplain at Philmont this summer. I am very excited to get to know and serve the Staff and Scouts.

A little about me: I am a retired Laboratory Quality Assurance Coordinator and have worked with nine hospital laboratories by helping them maintain quality, accuracy and regulatory compliance. I am a First Class Scout and have earned both the youth and adult religious awards (LDS). I have served for 45 years in scouting on the unit, district, council, area, region and national level.

Although this is my first year at CHQ, my wife and I have worked at PTC for the last 20 years. We have a great love for Philmont and its service to youth.

My wife Mary and I live in Orem, Utah. We have two Eagle Scout sons and one daughter. We have three grandsons who have all been to Philmont.

My goal for the summer is to always have a smile and a word of encouragement for those I meet.

Always leave them with a smile on their face. Maybe it will be infectious and all of Philmont will have a smile and look out for each other.

Pastor John Lampley Protestant Chaplain



I am so pleased to be returning to Philmont for my third summer as one of the protestant chaplains. It is so energizing to drive into base camp and begin seeing so many friends from the past two seasons. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet hundreds more staff and participants in the coming weeks.

To those who I don't know yet, I have been married to my wife Claudia for 30 years and have three grown children. Both my sons are Eagle Scouts, and participated on the OATC in 2012. They have both served on staff, and one is a program counselor at Pueblano this summer.

In my free time, I enjoy hiking, backpacking and skiing. I have a real passion for motorsports and have raced numerous classes in Sports Car Club of America competitions. I have also been privileged to work as a

professional high-performance and off-road driving instructor. I have been working on restoring a Formula Vee sports car and am close to the point of getting it on the track.

But what is probably most rewarding to me, is the time I spend in scouting - either on the trail or as a chaplain. I look forward to a busy and exciting summer of 2015. I hope to see you somewhere around the ranch and hear about what is going on in your life!

Ever Upward.

The Carson National Forest invites you to
Think Like a District Ranger
at a Forest Plan Revision
Community Meeting



**Philmont Training Center
Buster Brown Conference Room,
17 Deer Run Road
Thursday, June 4
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Be prepared to discuss Management Ideas for the following key findings that affect the way you use the Carson National Forest:

1. Aspen
2. Climate
3. Fire Adapted Ecosystems
4. Forest Infrastructure
5. Grass Cover
6. Hunting/Fishing/Wildlife Viewing
7. Ranching
8. Recreation
9. Social Economics
10. Riparian/ Aquatic Habitat
11. Soils
12. Water
13. Woody Species Encroachment

What is the Assessment and why does it matter?

- Our current Forest Plan is 29 years old and does not adequately provide a "vision" of the future to manage for sustainable forest ecosystems and best provide for the needs of today's forest user.
- The forest is analyzing resource areas to assess current condition and trend based on current plan direction to determine which are not in a sustainable condition.
- The results (key findings) highlight those resource areas most at risk of not being sustainable under current plan management direction.

What is this Important?

- Resources that are unsustainable will not provide that same benefits for Forest Users that they do today.

What is the purpose of these meetings?

- The Forest will present the key findings (resource areas at risk) identified by the assessment and the preliminary change to plan management directions needed to address these risks.
- We want your input on the best way to address the risks to sustainability
- The public will have the opportunity to provide new or alternative plan management solutions.



If you need assistance with verbal translations or accessibility please contact us beforehand so that we can plan accordingly.

For more information or to provide input:
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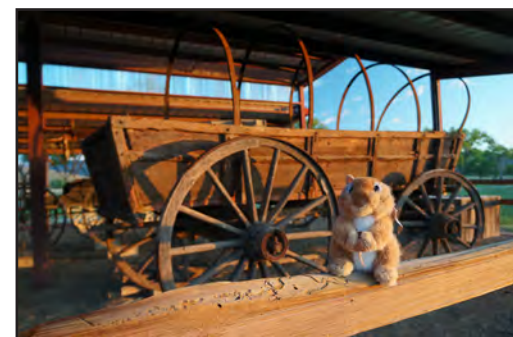
Chapel services begin Friday, May 29 at 7 p.m.

They will continue each night at Camping Headquarters until August 20 with the following services offered: Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Chip at Philmont

by Jim Stocks

Dr. Jim Stocks and his friend Chip explored Philmont and the surrounding area during their time at Philmont. Thank you to Dr. Stocks for submitting these photos. If you have any photos, poems, stories or art that you want to submit please stop by the News and Photo Services office or I-Camp "Patrick McNeill at NPS."



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Horses graze in the horse pasture next to the staff parking lot on Sunday, May 24, 2015.



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Ponil program counselor Ephraim Moore sets up tents at Philmont Training Center on Friday, May 22, 2015.



Mitchell Thomas/Philnews

Cross of the Protestant Chapel, Sunday, May 24, 2015.



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Members of Philmont leadership demonstrate how electric current travels on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the PTC Assembly Hall. The device, created by the Philmont utilities department, helped teach the reason for lightning procedures.



Dominic Baima/Philnews

Staff members participate in their final simulation during the Wilderness First Responder course on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at the Philmont Training Center Archery Range.



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ABOVE: Staff members play frisbee while waiting for lunch outside of the Camper Dining Hall on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

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LEFT: Kit Carson camp director Zach Brand extinguishes a fire during camp director training at Philmont Training Center on Friday, May 22, 2015.