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## Cimarroncita: a diamond in the rough

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Staff Writer

Along Highway 64 in Ute Park, New Mexico, nestled between the Enchanted Circle Byway and the Santa Fe Trail, lies the timeless Cimarroncita Historic Ranch Retreat. This June, Philmont officially purchased this land, adding 2,684 acres of beautiful landscape to Philmont's 137,493 acres of terrain

Cimarroncita has served many different purposes. According to the Cimarroncita Ranch website, the land was a destination for mining and lumber industries to work off the railroad going through Cimarron Canyon during the 1800s.

In 1931, Minnette "Minnit" Thompson established the Cimarroncita Ranch Camp for Girls (CRC). Thompson married Frank Burk in 1936, and ten years later they established the Cimarroncita Ranch Camp for Boys, with a ridgeline separating the two.

"The CRC offered a broad range of activities, from horseback riding to ballet, and ensured that all campers had the time of their lives spending their summers enjoying the high country of New Mexico's fabled Cimarron Canyon," states the Cimarroncita website.

Thompson, Burk, and eventually their children ran the camps successfully for 65 years. Camp opera-



Philmont staffers cross the bridge to Cimarroncita, Philmont's latest addition of land - 2,678 acres.  
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tions closed after the summer of 1995. According to an article in the Albuquerque Journal, operations shut down because, "By the early 1990s, social customs

had changed ... and fewer families were sending their children to camp for long periods."

Minnette Burges, cousin  
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## The hardy constitution of the Conservation Department

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Staff Writer

"One of the penalties of an ecological education is that one lives alone in a world of wounds. Much of the damage inflicted on land is quite invisible to laymen. An ecologist must either harden his shell and make believe that the consequences of science are none of his business, or he must be the doctor who sees the marks of death in a community that believes itself well and does not want to be told otherwise." – Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*

The Conservation Department is hard at work helping to keep Philmont's landscape healthy. The department is one of Philmont's most diverse. They manage work crews, environmental education programs, crew conservation service projects, geographic information systems, the ranch's sustainability efforts, eradication of invasive species, as well as four of Philmont's individual trek programs: Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS), Trail Crew Trek (TCT), Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Trek (OATC), and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Treks.

According to Field Manager Zach Seeger, "conservation is the relationship between the land, people, and the future. For every positive or negative decision we make regarding the environment, there is a corresponding consequence that will impact all three."

The department's existence is owed to the Rayado River flood of 1965 and the work ethic of the

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## Robert Gates visits the PTC

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If you ever look for Robert Gates, national president of the Boy Scouts of America, you might find him thinking about change for an hour each day. A former Texas A&M University president, secretary of defense, and CIA director, Gates has led large, bureaucratic institutions

during his career while keeping the big picture in mind.

On Monday, June 8th, Gates spoke to a group of BSA national executives and Philmont Training Center participants about several aspects of leadership required for leading change in organizations. Throughout his speech, he emphasized the

overriding importance of a clear vision.

"You need to make time to strategize," said Gates. "When I was secretary of defense, president of A&M, and head of the intelligence community, I

**"Leadership is more about the heart than the head."**

set aside at least an hour every day to think about my agenda – my agenda for change – because bureaucracy will swallow you up."

During his presentation, Gates said great leaders, as opposed to managers, effectively articulate organizational visions and know how to achieve goals.

"You have to have a vision, a goal. We need practical visionaries. People who can not only have a vision of what the

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<p>6 p.m. Ecology Continuing Edu. Training at Baldy Pavilion</p> <p>6:30 p.m. PIYO or Zumba in SSSAC T.V. rooms</p>	<p>6:30 a.m. Insanity in SSSAC T.V. room</p> <p>11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brat Day in Baldy Pavillion</p> <p>Country theme night at the Snack Bar</p>	<p>6:30 a.m. Yoga 1 in SSSAC T.V. room</p> <p>6 p.m. STEM Continued Training - Baldy Pavilion</p>	<p>6:30 a.m. Yoga 2 in SSSAC T.V. room</p> <p>7 p.m. Patch Trading at PTC South Tent City</p> <p>8 p.m. Dance Workshop at the Baldy Pavillion</p>	<p>5:45 p.m. Western night at PTC</p>	<p>7 p.m. Crafts at PTC</p> <p>8 p.m. Open mic night at Baldy Pavillion</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. P90X in SSSAC T.V. room</p>

## Bears of the Southwest – A gait through history

Jordan Rosell and Marco  
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Bear Researchers

L.L. Dyche felt a pang of sorrow as he stood over the monstrous grizzly he had shot on a rainy day in 1883. A collector and naturalist, Dyche was travelling through the Sangre de Cristos of northern New Mexico when he crossed paths with the massive bruin. After several weeks of arduous stalking and waiting, Dyche had finally prevailed in his ambition to bag a Southwestern Grizzly. Though a skilled and very experienced hunter, there was something about the majestic creature which lay before him that stopped Dyche in his tracks. The death of this beast carried a certain tragedy, one that has been felt by many throughout the course of history in the U.S.

The first bear descendants appeared in North America around 42 million years ago



Bear researchers display bear remains

Kaitlyn Chaballa/PhilNews File Photo

as a family of raccoon-like creatures much smaller than today's bears. However, the bears which now exist in North America (Grizzly, Polar and Black) descended from Ursus Minimus, an animal similar to the American Black Bear, which traveled across the Bering Strait around 13 million years ago.

Humans and bears in the Southwest U.S. have long held

a strong link. From the Apache and Navajo nations to scouts and staff hiking Philmont's trails, humans have worshiped, hunted, watched, and studied both grizzlies and black bears for thousands of years. Early native peoples in the Southwest performed several ceremonies which centered on bears and some of these people hunted and used bears as a part of their livelihood.

These practices are by no means solely in the past as many peoples continue to use and include bears in their culture.

For centuries, grizzlies and black bears lived together throughout much of the U.S. The grizzly bear, a subspecies of brown bear, is an impressive animal.

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## Kate Johnson

Staff Writer

Have you ever heard of disc golf? Ever wanted to try it? The Activities Department can provide maps of Base Camp's very own course, which begins behind the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center (SSSAC) and goes all the way to the Villa Philmonte. Disc golf is played much like regular golf; the goal is to throw a disc into the basket in the least number of throws possible. However, disc golf

## Disc Golf in Base Camp

is substantially less expensive than golf.

There are different varieties of discs, with variations in weight, material, style of rim and so on, that affect trajectory. The three basic types are long-range drivers, mid-range discs, and putters. Most come in brilliant neon colors to help players find them after they are thrown. Which disc is best to use will depend upon the skill level and

strength of the player as well as the distance and angle to reach the basket.

The Activities Office has discs for staff to borrow and use. The Tooth of Time Traders



Pat McNeill/PhilNews

sells a three-disc starter set available for \$30.

## The unsung heroes of the ranch: the Maintenance Department



Mike George, right, of Cimarron, inspects one of the leaky sinks the closed male tent city bathroom with Casey Wetzell, left, of Clinton, Missouri. PhilNews/Justin Gilliland

### Caleb Wong Staff Writer

If you've ever taken a hot shower in a clean stall after a long, sweaty day on the trail, someone started working at 7 a.m. the day before to make sure the showers are clean. If you enjoyed fresh food from the dining hall, someone worked overtime to repair the condenser in the kitchen refrigerator to keep the food at the right temperature. The unsung heroes of the ranch, the Maintenance Department staffers, clean shower houses, repair water lines, fix plumbing, and perform other general maintenance tasks.

Michael George, CHQ maintenance foreman, said he has to be available to work extra hours to keep ranch operations running smoothly which includes emergency repairs.

"If we have a water main break, we have to fix it. We have to have running water to the showers; we have to have drinking water."

George said his job sometimes requires him to navigate tricky work conditions to maintain vital ranch equipment.

"I stood in a walk-in freezer last night for two hours with a hose running water on an iced-up condenser," George said. "I was soaked to the bone and freezing cold, but that's just part of the job and something that's got to get done. We don't really take breaks. We just work."

George said the Maintenance Department will work even harder when homebound crews start to come off the trail and the weather becomes warmer.

"We'll have a crew of kids out painting probably starting in two weeks when it warms up a little more," George said. "We'll start replacing old shower curtains next week with new shower curtains and go through the cycle of 100 [shower curtains] that we took out to the housekeepers. They'll get them all clean and ship them back out to us. It's just a never-ending cycle all summer long."

To make the lives of the maintenance crew easier, CHQ maintenance technician Leo Martinez said staffers and Scouts should leave muddy, dirty boots outside of the shower doors.

"Please do not clean your hiking boots in the shower," said Martinez. "That's going to plug up our drains."

Maintenance Foreman George said he works in maintenance because he likes working with his hands and can see the direct impact his work has on participants.

"I love standing back after you get something built and knowing 'yeah, I did that' and knowing that it's built right and going to last a long time. The satisfaction is knowing that everything is working, and that you had a hand it getting that working."

## From page one: Cimarroncita

to Minnette Thompson Burk, and her husband Alán Huerta acquired the land shortly after 1995 and have since preserved its rich history. They have maintained the historic structures and buildings, creating a recreational space for CRC alumni families to enjoy.

The relationship between Philmont and Cimarroncita dates further back than many realize. According to John Clark, former Philmont general manager, Waite Phillips advised the CRC in its early years and his daughter was a participant in the summer camp.

In October of 2014, Philmont Scout Ranch, which borders on Cimarroncita, agreed to purchase the ranch from the Cimarroncita LLC holding company, according to John Clark. Negotiations were made to finalize the transfer of ownership and the deal closed on June 1st.

Clark said, "There is still a lot of renovation to do. It has been in process for more than a year."

"There are 23 buildings or structures on the site. Only five to seven of those will be used



John Clark puts a lock on the gate to Cimarroncita, the latest piece of land purchased by Philmont. Josh Galemore/PhilNews

for Philmont purposes in the future. As of now, some buildings have been used for council meetings and conferences, and we know of three crews who will pass through Cimarroncita this summer," said Clark.

One of the buildings will be converted into a museum of artifacts from Cimarroncita's early days as a ranch.

Even with the change in ownership and ongoing reno-

ventions, Cimarroncita's future remains bright. The ranch will become a working backcountry camp with the historic title remaining the same. Scouts and staff from everywhere will be able to understand its rich history and experience its surrounding beauty.

Clark said, "It has a heritage of its own, and we want to be able to tell the Cimarroncita story."

## From page one: Robert Gates Visits the PTC

future looks like and where we ought to go, but also have the political and practical skills to get us there."

To accomplish their goals, great leaders need to listen to the people below them, said Gates.

"I think the first thing for you to decide for your council or area...is what's wrong, what's not working," said Gates. "You'd be amazed how much they realize about what's working and what's not working. And they actually have some really good ideas on how to fix [issues]."

Breaking up the "bureaucratic concrete" often found in task forces and committees encourages individuals with

strong ideas to come forward and share them, Gates said.

"Consensus is agreeing to say collectively what nobody believes individually. If you form task forces, if you form a working group or a committee or whatever, and they come to you with a consensus, you need to ask yourself: is this bold enough, or is this the lowest common denominator? Is this what everyone will minimally agree to? And if that's the case, reject it, and make them go back to work."

Ignacio Gonzalez, a PTC participant who attended the speech, said Gates validated his approach to how he strategized for each day.

"I've always tried to take time

out first thing in the morning to think about, you know, 'What am I trying to get done today?' Once your day gets going, and you get into the office, and you start working with people, you've got everybody's agenda that you're really dealing with. It was very validating to hear somebo'dy that has had the responsibilities on the scale that he's had that he believes that that's a good practice."

Great leaders relate to their people and know how to inspire and motivate them, said Gates.

"Formal education can make someone a good manager, but cannot make someone a good leader because leadership is more about the heart than the head."

# Arriving Crews

Marie Reynolds  
Staff Writer

Base Camp is bustling with Scouts from all over the country and staffers are excited for what this summer will bring. It is finally time to do what everyone came here to do: provide the crews with the best experience we can offer.

At the Welcome Center, rangers are ready and waiting to greet their crews and begin the check-in process. Juliana Mellgard, an academy ranger, said her goal for her first crew is to help them to feel comfortable in their abilities and teach them everything they need to know.

The decision to come on a trek through Philmont's rugged backcountry is a meticulously planned process.

"The paperwork and preparation

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Ranger Christian Brandon shows Troop 632 where they will hang their dining fly for inspection at Outfitting Services on Monday, June 8. Erin Irwin/PhilNews



Ranger David Cuban sits alongside Troop 2000 to explain to them a few expectations of their upcoming trek including bears and leadership roles. Tyler Sanders/PhilNews



Jesse Hubbell, the crew leader for Troop 632, marks Clark's Fork as a staff camp during his meeting with Logistics. Erin Irwin/PhilNews



Above: Jesse Hubbell, the crew leader of Troop 632, shares details of the upcoming trek with his crew outside of Logistics and Registration on Monday, June 8. This is the first trek for all of the scouts of Troop 632. Erin Irwin/PhilNews



Left: Tyler Williams and Alex Bergosh of Troop 632 wait for their ranger, Christian Brandon, to ask for the next item during the crew's shakedown in trail bound tent city on Monday, June 8. Erin Irwin/PhilNews

Right: Crew leader, Patrick Shaw, from Troop 649 out of Scottsdale, Arizona high-fives his fellow scouts as they wait at Logistics on Monday, June 8, 2015. Tyler Sanders/PhilNews



# From page one: Conservation

Ranger Department – basically, “staff members saying, ‘I’m not going to quit until this is as good as it was for me when I came here,’” said Director of Conservation Robert Fudge. Today, the Conservation Department has grown from a cramped one-room work shed to a department with multitudinous subgroups.

The conservationists manage 69,000 volunteer man-hours of work from the three-hour service projects crews complete during their treks. In talking about managing this program, Associate Director of Conservation for Conservationists Nathan Coney mentioned the ripples that the conservationists are able to create; after all, the service projects are the only backcountry program that every participant experiences.

“It’s about trying to get the physical work done, but also trying to inspire stewardship and conservation. One of our biggest hopes is inspiring a work ethic. For a 14-year-old this might be the first time that they actually swing a hammer, use a tool, actually do dirt work.”

Conservationist Coordinator Carl Vogt talked about the excitement that some crews have for this project and said one crew even skipped horse rides at Ponil to do an extra shift of conservation work, ripping up tree stumps with gleeful energy.

Tim Doherty is the leader of the Invasive Species Team, which tracks and destroys invasive plants that have infested the ranch. Some plants, like leafy spurge and Canada thistle, are particularly difficult to destroy due to their ability to propagate through their root system without needing to produce seeds. Seeds for some invasives also lay dormant in the soil for years, meaning a plant that is eradicated in one year can be flourishing in the next. Wilderness Pledge Guis and backcountry camps located in problem areas receive information to aid in identification of invasives.

Doherty noted, “the number one way we find out about stuff is people telling us.”

His vision for the future is hopeful.

“As a whole, we’re in a fairly early stage of infestation. Getting things under control now is the time to do it. I don’t know that we’ll ever completely get rid of everything, especially plants like leafy spurge and Canada thistle, but we can minimize their impact.”

Sustainability Specialist Taylor Anderson heads up the Conservation Department’s sustainability initiatives. The net benefit of sustainability efforts in Philmont’s operations is valued at about \$95,000 yearly. Plans for the summer include researching and prototyping composting methods. Currently, much of Philmont’s waste is food waste. Composting is a challenge because open-air

composting is not an option in an area where bears and other wildlife are a concern, and in New Mexico’s dry climate, enclosed composting is unlikely to be effective. Anderson hopes to find a viable solution that will benefit Philmont by turning waste into a useful product.

Environmental educators manage several of Philmont’s individual treks (TCT, ROCS, and STEM), and also manage the Backcountry Environmental Education Program (BEEP). Last year was Philmont’s biggest year for ROCS attendance, and many BSA trail-building programs continue to grow.

Associate Director for Environmental Education Sarah Burgess said her program’s goals of affecting staff, visitors, and participants are helping them to gain something beyond the boots and backpack in front of them.

The BEEP initiatives enhance existing backcountry and build staff credibility about STEM topics, while encouraging curiosity, or questionering, as the Conservation Department terms it. Recent additions to the environmental education programs include colorful infographic posters highlighting the STEM focus of Philmont’s Logistics, Outfitting Services, and Infirmary departments.

Also, Cimarroncito’s bouldering gym has become a ‘discovery center’ including items like a demonstration and explanation of how pulleys work. Burgess stated Philmont is the first high adventure base to actively pursue STEM programming.

The Conservation Department still has openings for individual treks. Somewhere is a person who thinks he or she will never be able to make it out to Philmont, and “it’s tragic that we have spaces on ROCS, on TCT, on OATC, where you can come out here for significantly less money, for longer, without any adults, and have an incredibly special good time,” said Director Fudge.

Work crews manage over 360 miles of Philmont trail, as well as maintaining approximately 1000 individual crew camping areas. Fudge stated the work crews’ best work is often overlooked.

“If they’ve done a really good job, what you’re doing is you’re looking at the view, you’re talking to your friends, you’re thinking about the program at the next camp, and the thing you’re not noticing is the trail. You just walk. The only time you notice trail is when it is really bad.”

Some of conservation’s recently finished projects include the Baldy Skyline trail, the Apache Springs trail, and the Horse Canyon trail. Nonetheless, Coney noted, “trail is never done,” referring to the endless job of trail maintenance.

New conservation projects tend to focus on reducing camper load on trail camps and staffed camps, getting hikers off roads, and getting hikers off poorly designed trails. This year’s conservation sites are Flume



**John Celley, Trip Corder, and Robert Fudge set concrete blocks in place before moving the Bear Canyon Bidge back into place.**

Sean McElligot/PhilNews

Canyon, Crater Lake, Harlan, Indian Writings, Sawmill, Hidden Valley, and Whiteman Vega.

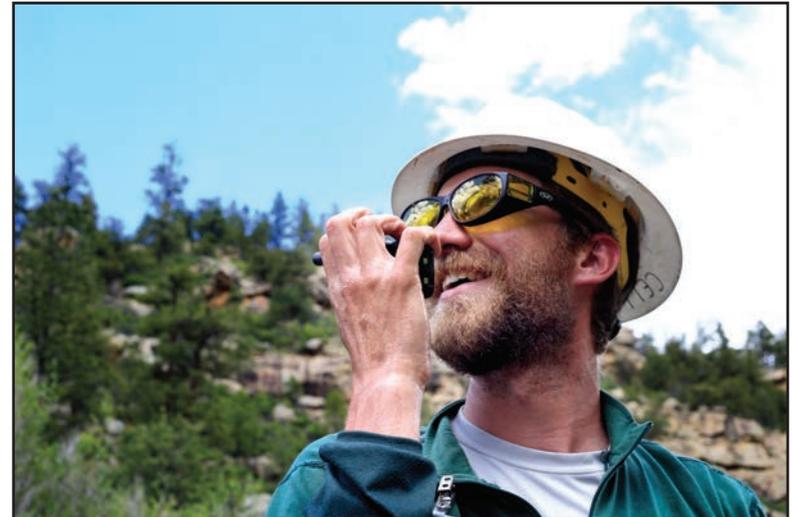
Additionally, the recent excess of wet weather for Philmont has necessitated extra work for conservation staff. Displaced bridges need to be moved back to their original locations. Trails, like the current Hidden Valley trail, which crosses a meadow, have flooded, highlighting the need for new trails. However, the water is also a blessing – the impact of crews using downed wood for campfires will reduce fire danger around camps.

In another change for the conservation department, Recreation Resource Manager John Celley has become the department’s first full-time employee.

When asked about his job description, Celley stated, “I ensure that the wilderness adventures continue for the next 75 years. I maintain the sustainability of recreational and natural resources on the ranch so that we can all continue to have this much fun.”

Recreation Resource Specialist Carrie Anderson noted, “The trails are awesome and we’ve put a ton of work into them, but just staring at the tread when you’re hiking isn’t achieving the goal of enjoying the landscape to its fullest potential, so look up and think about how the ecology of this place all fits together, and how your decisions could impact how beautiful this place could look in the future.”

Director Fudge stated, “Nothing that we think of as Philmont just exists on its own in a perpetual fashion...in a weird way it takes an awful lot of work to make the place stay the same.”



**Recreation Resource Manager John Celley coordinates lifting efforts from his position in the Cimarron River.**

Sean McElligot/PhilNews



**Austin Hill, from San Diego, prepares to fall a tree during chainsaw training.**

Josh Galemore/PhilNews

## Chaplain's Corner

### Polishing the bell



John Lampley Dominic Baima/PhilNews

### John Lampley Protestant Chaplain

It is such a privilege to be able to serve on staff here at Philmont this summer. Since my first trek here in 2011 I have been eager to return. It was not hard to get a crew together from my troop, especially after they had talked with the guys from the previous crew. But I really wanted more time here, so I was really grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Chaplain for the first of the summer.

As a first time staffer, I have been impressed with the complexity of this whole organization. Until you work here you have no idea of what is involved in running an operation like this. There are so many different departments, each with so many components to what they do, all functioning interactively, like a well-run ship.

The Bible compares the church to the human body. Each person is a unique and important part of the whole. Each has his or her own set of gifts, abilities and personality. Each one is vitally important to the healthy functioning of the whole. If one is not fully using his or her abilities it affects the effectiveness of others and the whole organism is compromised. As it is with the human body, it is with the church. And as it is with the church, it is with Philmont.

There is a story about a man

who visited a shipyard and toured the facility, speaking to people in different departments.

The first man he saw, he asked, "what do you do?"

"I'm a welder and I assemble the steel plates on the hull."

The next worker he saw he also asked the same question, and got the reply, "I am an electrician and I am running the electrical systems."

And so he went from one worker to another, until he got to one young boy who was polishing the bell. The man asked him what he was doing, and the boy proudly said, "I'm helping build a ship."

As you look around Philmont, you will see that there is a staff of over 1100 men and women, each with the attitude of that little boy: helping to build a ship. Likewise, when you look at the hundreds of crews that pass through the ranch each summer, each is composed of many members who are each critical to the success of the commonly shared goal: to complete a rigorous trek.

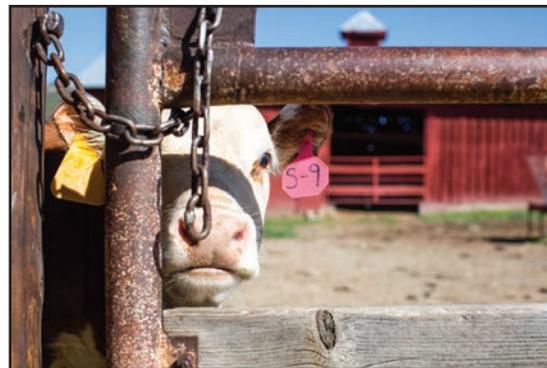
Whatever your job is, either as a member of a crew or a member of staff, remember you have a vitally important role in something bigger than you. Enjoy that role and give it your very best. You are helping to build a ship. And what a wonderful vessel it is. God bless you in your journey. Ever

## Ranger Mile:

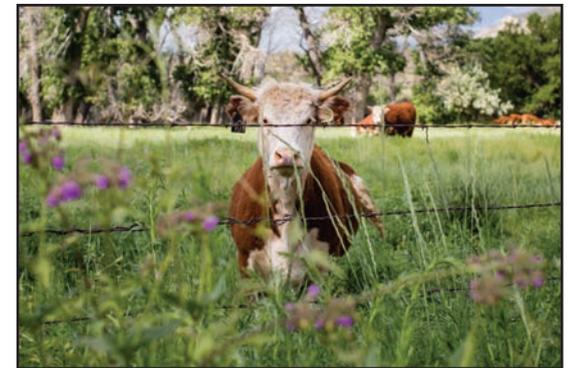
### Stepping back in time at the Chase Ranch



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Do you ever stop and think about how much history and rich tradition is present in Cimarron and the surrounding areas? In 2013, Philmont Scout Ranch signed a 50-year lease with the Chase Ranch, gaining access to rich canyon landscapes and a history of settlement dating back to 1867.

At that time, Theresa and Manly Chase traveled on the Santa Fe Trail from Wisconsin to Cimarron via Central City, Colorado, determined to make a life for themselves out west. The young couple got their start in the cattle ranching business with the help of Lucien Maxwell and a deal that sold the Chase's land from the Maxwell Land Grant. Manly Chase wrangled wild mustangs for \$10 per head and could acquire four acres for every horse he brought to Maxwell. Over the years the family came to own thousands of acres in the Vermejo, Ponil and Chase canyon areas – 25,000 acres at its peak, now 11,000.

Through hard work, and the

help of their six children, Manly and Theresa, at their most prosperous times, held major stakes in seven prominent cattle businesses in the region. Manly served as general manager, treasurer, and even president of his cattle operations, investing thousands of dollars along the way. The Chases' other interests included the sheep and wool business as well as fruit orchards, in which Manly went on to win the 1908 World Fair in Chicago with his apples.

The house and ranch that enabled the Chases to find such success in their lives is now a museum open to the public and available to tour. Ownership of the ranch passed through four generations of the family, and today the 14-bedroom ranch house is full of historical artifacts and keepsakes. Gretchen Sammis, great-granddaughter of Manly and Theresa Chase, owned and operated the ranch for 58 years until she passed away in 2012, with the help of Ruby Gobble, her ranch foreman and

companion, for 49 years.

The Chase Ranch is easily accessible on Highway 204 and scheduled buses drive to the turnaround daily. The friendly staff is knowledgeable about the workings and legacy of the ranch and can help you take a step back in time. After you have taken a tour of the museum, there are two trailheads nearby, one toward the Hellfire Canyon LNT Camping Area and Indian Writings, and the other towards the Heck Track. Without an established trail, hiking through these canyons can give you a taste of the life lived by previous generations. Gretchen and Ruby used to rip around the canyons in their 1962 Jeep and before that Theresa and Manly would spend long afternoons riding horseback to tour the area.

If you are looking to spend a day off learning about the exciting history of one of the most influential families that Cimarron has ever seen, then exploring the land that shaped



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## Keeping yourself physically fit

Marie Reynolds  
Staff Writer

This summer at Philmont, join in on the fun of fitness classes! Classes include yoga, PIYO (pilates/yoga), P90X, Zumba, and Insanity, among others.

"I participated in our first yoga class on Monday June, 8th, and had a lot of fun. I learned more about myself just by trying something new," said Benjamin Hernly, Activities Closing Campfire Coordinator.

All fitness classes are held in the TV rooms of the SSSAC unless otherwise stated. Philmont staffers Nicole Gonzales, Cassandra Robinson, and Sarah Sulteimer are the instructors.

Cassandra Robinson, the PIYO and Zumba instructor and a registrar in the registration office said, "PIYO is a Pilates and yoga infused workout. Any fitness level can try it out because everything can be modified. You will see yoga moves but you're constantly moving; more cardio, strength, stretch, everything all in one."



Justin Gilliland/PhilNews  
Cassandra Robinson, middle right, instructs the PIYO class of Brandon Raftovich, left, Kaidlyn Kovacs, middle left, and Frances Romero, right.

Frances Romero, an assistant registrar/secretary at Philmont, said, "I have really noticed the PIYO class has helped me to be more balanced. I was surprised at how much I was perspiring with the stretching and

the cardio. I was really impressed. I just loved it."

"Showing up and learning about a new skill is a good thing to do because you never know when you might really like something," said Hernly. "We want the staff to have fun. That is the most important part and we want to help people stay healthy and get into the fitness mindset."

The Activities staffers take pride in enabling people to learn new skills and having them carry those with them into life after Philmont.

Being active with skills like yoga, Zumba, Pilates, and even running or walking can make all the difference while hiking in the backcountry. Try something new and who knows, you may even fall in love with it.

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## Continued from page 4: arriving crews

is what's a pain, but now I get to see the boys in action, and that's the gratification," said Dan Hubbell, Scoutmaster for Troop 632 from Pensacola, Florida. After months of preparation, his son, Jesse Hubbell, will take the position as crew leader on the trail, making his father proud.

"The crews have been preparing for at least 18 months to make this journey," said Mark Anderson, director of program at Philmont Scout Ranch. Planning ahead for a Philmont trek not only includes, "preparing with shakedown hikes in order to have a more enjoyable time in the backcountry, but also figuring out the itineraries, fees, and logistics of the upcoming trek," Anderson continued.

Inside the logistics office, Jesse Hubbell sat beside the crew leader from his sister crew, Troop 2000, in order to map out their 12-day trek. Hubbell traced out the routes himself, which is something very unique to Philmont and how leadership is encouraged.

Meanwhile, the rest of Troop 632 listened attentively to Mountain Trek Ranger Christian Brandon speak about some of the changes made for this summer. And one change Scouts are thrilled about? Campfires!

"We can have fires! It's

really exciting," said Brandon.

Brandon, as well as other rangers, will teach campfire etiquette and train crews in their first few days on the trail.

Crews come from all different walks of life and will all take different paths this summer, but one thing is for sure: they will all be impacted by the Philmont experience.

Brandon, who has come back for his third summer as a ranger, said, "I love being a ranger because of all the connections I make with various crews and their cultures. They come

from all over the place, so seeing the differences but still being able to make the same connections is something really unique."



Tyler Sanders/PhilNews  
Troop 325 Members from of Erin Shores Council get set up at their trail bound tents while waiting to set out on their trek the next day.



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Troop 632 filters through Medical Recheck on Monday, June 8.

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# William T. Hornaday conservation award

Kate Johnson  
Staff Writer



Tim Riedl displays his Hornaday award on his Class-A uniform  
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The William T. Hornaday Award is one of the nation's oldest awards for conservation. Scouting.org defines it as "an Olympic medal bestowed by the Earth." Earning even one of the seven different types of the Hornaday Award is an ambitious endeavour. The Hornaday Award has existed, in some form or another, for 100 years.

So what is the William T. Hornaday Award, where did it come from, and why is it such a big deal?

William Temple Hornaday was a famous conservationist, prolific writer, founder of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and founder of the New York Zoological Park (now the Bronx Zoo). He is most well known for being the main force behind saving the American Bison from extinction.

In 1915, Hornaday established the Permanent Wildlife Protection Fund, which also included an award for those who were deeply involved in wildlife protection. Hornaday was friends with Daniel Carter Beard (founder of the Sons of Daniel Boone, which later merged into the Boy Scouts of America). In 1921, the Hornaday Medal for Distinguished Service to Wildlife was created. A year later, the medal for youth was changed to honor valuable service, making it slightly easier for Scouts to earn the award.

Even today, the William T. Hornaday Award is an award that requires persistence, determination, and dedication

to the utmost. The award is one bestowed less often than even the honor of the Eagle Scout rank. Individual youth can earn the Hornaday Badge, the Hornaday Bronze Medal, and the Hornaday Silver Medal. There is also a Hornaday Unit Award, for troops, crews, packs, or teams; a gold certificate, for non-Scouting groups or individuals; a gold badge, the first level for adult Scouters; and a gold medal, the top award for adult Scouters, of which only six are awarded yearly.

For the individual Hornaday Badge, youth must earn five merit badges from designated areas and carry out a significant (Eagle Scout level) project that focuses on conservation or environmental problems. For the bronze medal, only awarded at the national level, Scouts must earn six merit badges and lead three significant projects from different areas. For the Hornaday Silver Medal, Scouts must earn nine merit badges and plan, lead, and carry out four significant projects.

A few Philmont staffers have earned the Hornaday Award: Associate Director of Conservation for Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Tim Riedl, and work-crew member Kris Miljan. Former Philmont Director of Conservation Robert Birkby was awarded the William T. Hornaday Gold Medal.

Riedl said of the award, "It's really cool to put some emphasis on the environment and nature, trying to rope people in who want to improve nature for future generations."

Today, Philmont Scout Ranch is still a home for the American Bison William T. Hornaday worked so hard to protect. The Philmont Training Center will offer William T. Hornaday Adviser Training August 9-15, 2015, to help leaders in their council support troops and youth who wish to earn the award.

## 10 Essentials: matches

Marie Reynolds  
Staff Writer

As the Marshall Tucker Band once sang "there's fire on the mountain" and here at Philmont, that will be true for the first time in years! Of course, these fires will be small, concentrated, and surrounded by scouts after a day of hiking.

Campfires will be permitted at the beginning of the season this summer, so what better topic to cover than number three on the "10 Essentials of Hiking" list: matches.

Chuck Hummel, a mountain trek coordinator in his fourth summer in the Ranger Department, said, "the biggest reason matches are on the list is because of stoves, eating-wise. Lighters or matches are encouraged, and now it will be nice to have a campfire at the end of the day."

Matches can come in handy for many reasons on the trail.

"They can also be a piece of emergency gear. If someone was in a cold weather or hypothermia situation, you could use it as a heat source," said Hummel.

Lizzy Standard, a leave no trace (LNT) master educator and logistics communication coordinator, said, "LNT emphasizes minimizing impact. We don't want to cut out campfires because they are a huge part of the outdoor experience. We



Matches are one of the Ten Essentials.

Erin Irwin/PhilNews

just want to make sure that our fires are not negatively impacting where we are."

On Philmont property there are fire rings at every single campsite, and Philmont stipulates that each fire be built in one.

"This helps keep all the impact in one location, instead of a bunch of little low-impact places that could all end up scarring [the ranch]," said Standard.

Fires are only permitted in high-impact camping areas. "We do not allow fires in the Valle Vidal. Pure low-impact camping is practiced in the Valle, meaning there are no bear cables, sumps, or fire rings," Standard said.

Campfires are an exciting addition to the summer of 2015 at Philmont, but with that comes a new set of responsibilities. Standard hopes participants and staff will be cautious of the integrity of the fire pit and ask

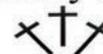
themselves if it is safe to build a fire there. Participants should make sure the fire is a manageable size, that someone is always watching it and that it is put out completely before going to bed or leaving the campsite.

As crews make their way into the backcountry, campfires will be a great way for participants to reflect. Chuck Hummel said, "People typically get mesmerized just by staring at fire. They [campfires] encourage communication by bringing people together and bonding. This reflection can also go towards what we're pushing this year as far as the Out of Eden moments, as well as roses, thorns, and buds."

"Always be cautious and aware, but enjoy the fire. We love this place and we don't want to see an accident send it to the ground. It's great thing," said Standard, "but it is also a great responsibility."

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# Academy rangers hone leadership skills at Philmont

Caleb Wong

Staff Writer

While most college students are off for the summer, students at the United States service academies are required to hone their leadership skills at various summer trainings. Some service academy cadets and midshipmen selected Philmont as one of their three summer trainings, becoming academy rangers for three weeks at a time as they lead crews into the backcountry.

Academy rangers earn the respect of their crewmembers through effective leadership. Every year, more than 60 cadets and midshipmen come from the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy to become academy rangers at Philmont, developing and enhancing leadership skills with crews in the backcountry, according to Service Academy Coordinator

Kyle Knoll.

“In the military, leadership is: you listen to this person because they outrank you and you were told to do something,” Knoll said. “And here, you can tell someone to do something and they don’t have to do it. You have to gain their respect and build that rapport for them to trust you and actually be able to lead them. In essence, this is the first kind of true leadership experience that they have.”

The academy rangers serve at Philmont during three to four week periods while fulfilling summer training requirements for the academies. They go through a condensed period of ranger training for about four days and subsequently lead crews out on treks into the backcountry for the rest of the time. According to the service academy coordinators, they

get the same training as other rangers and lead three to four crews in the backcountry, all over the course of three weeks.

Ranger Trainer Roy Billodeau, who works as an Academy Ranger while a Midshipman at the Naval Academy, said he first gained hands-on leadership experience while an Academy Ranger in 2013.

“You have to come in and unite them and help them bond as a crew, teach them everything and help them work together. As an upcoming sophomore at the Academy, it was my first real experience in small-group leadership. Here’s your first real opportunity to take what you learned that first year and really apply it and build on it further.”

Leading crews into the backcountry is the first substantial leadership experience for many Academy Rangers,

according to Knoll.

“They really talk about how this is the only leadership training that they were able to do that they can fail. There are so many fail-safes put in place at the academy for these other leadership positions so that if you mess up, someone else is able to step in and fix your problem before it falls apart. And here, it’s you and a crew of 12, and that’s what you’ve got.”

Great Rangers, as opposed to good Rangers, not only teach crews hard skills such as hanging bear bags, but also connect with crew members to communicate the mission and values of Philmont, said Knoll. For example, a former USAFA Ranger worked with a struggling crew on his day off to get them performing at a high level again.

“When he got to Fish Camp, there was a chaplain there

and someone else from management dealing with a crew dynamic issue,” Knoll said as he described the environment of the Ranger. “He [the academy ranger] then hiked from Fish Camp to Apache Springs with this crew, and kind of just talked to them about some of their issues along the way. From when he met them to when he left them at Apache Springs, it might have only been three hours. But the next day, the chaplain came in and talked to myself and my partner at the time and he was so impressed with how [the academy ranger] handled this situation and how this crew went from being so far down to being together and performing, all in a couple hours. He was able to help the situation as best as he could and leave it way better than he found it.”



Academy Ranger, Allie Sedgwick demonstrates how to shoot a bearing to her crew, Troop 767. Sedgwick is here from United States Air Force Academy to help lead crews through the first few days of their track within the Three weeks that she is at Philmont.

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# Bringing beauty to Base Camp: The Grounds Department

Caleb Wong  
Staff Writer

If a Scout is clean, then Philmont's Base Camp grounds are immaculate. Anyone who drives past the Villa Philmonte glimpses a gorgeous lawn where late-night games of Ultimate Frisbee are not uncommon. Likewise, the grass around Camping Headquarters looks beautiful, even as thousands of participants congregate at Philmont each year.

Behind the mowers and the weeders stands the Grounds staff. Year-round, the Grounds staff maintains the landscaping of Philmont Scout Ranch even during the significant rainfall Philmont has experienced this year. Despite frequent unpredictable weather delays, the Grounds staff tries to mow and weed-eat all of Base Camp once a week.

"We take care of the grounds," said Grounds Crew Supervisor

Alex Martinez. "We like to make the place look presentable. There's not just the staff. People come and visit through here."

The groundskeeping staffers pay meticulous attention to detail, especially when they mow the Villa Philmonte lawn.

"We usually go from north to south [on the lawn], because people are going to look at it from the side of the road," said Martinez

Mowing lawns requires patience and a close eye for detail, said Grounds staffer Paul Dilworth.

"It's not really skill, it's patience and taking the time to just make sure you actually do the job right," said Dilworth. "That way, people, when they come here, will see that we put good-quality effort in making sure that the lawn looks nice."

Dilworth said rocks are one of the biggest challenges when mowing lawns, especially with

mowers.

"It's very easy to damage blades in the mower deck, so we have to be really careful about that."

Mowing and weed eating is easier if staff and participants pick up their own trash, Dilworth said.

"Pick up around your areas. If they can pick up the trash and clean up after themselves, it would make our job[s] a lot easier so we can go through the job instead of stopping every five to ten minutes to pick up trash or move something out of the way."

Walking along the trails helps to maintain the grounds for future visitors, said Grounds Crew Supervisor Martinez.

"If there's trails, try to take the trails. You're going to eat up the grass and tear it up and stuff, and we don't want that. It's pretty hard to keep the grass the way it is: nice and green."



Above: Jeremiah Slaughter mows the lawn near the conservation department.

Below: Scott Smith operates a weed eater near the conservation department during his second day on the job.



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## From page two: Bears of the Southwest

Averaging 6-7 feet in length and weighing up to 1000 pounds, grizzlies compete with polar bears as the largest bears on Earth, though polar bears are considered the largest. Male grizzlies weigh up to two times as much as females and occupy larger home ranges. Grizzlies have large, powerful heads and specialized claws designed for digging and catching prey. Due to their foraging habits, Grizzlies are highly beneficial to the ecosystems they inhabit. They are important seed distributors and their digging behavior is known to increase the number of organisms, or species richness, found in an area. Digging also stirs the earth and brings nitrogen from deep soil layers to the surface,

providing essential nutrients to plants. By catching fish and carrying them into forest ecosystems, grizzlies spread nutrients across ecosystems and thus are beneficial to numerous plant and animal communities.

As American society expanded into the western states from the 1800-1900's, grizzlies faced mass persecution. In the Southwest, trappers, ranchers, and settlers harvested large numbers of bears as they were a perceived (and real) threat to the livelihoods of many. Explorers like L.L. Dyche also contributed to the decimation of the grizzly population by collecting and hunting for sport.

Because grizzlies are large

and powerful predators, human interactions with these massive animals were and are often more confrontational than interactions with black bears – the Grizzly's smaller cousin. While black bears tend to avoid humans and flee from their threat, grizzlies are more likely to stand their ground and fight, usually resulting in their demise. The black bear's ability to climb trees may have also contributed to their higher survival during this time.

The reputation of grizzlies as vicious killers is not completely unwarranted; there are several accounts throughout Southwestern history that detail attacks on humans and livestock. Hunter Richard Wilson was violently mauled and killed by a bear

he was hunting in June, 1885 in Arizona. Throughout the region, grizzlies were killers of cows and sheep, sometimes reported as killing just for fun.

Despite the fact that Grizzlies are fierce predators, the war waged against them has far outweighed their aggressiveness towards humans. In approximately 100 years, the Grizzly bear was almost completely removed from the lower 48 states. New Mexico mountain-man legend Ben Lily claimed to have killed at least 300 grizzlies himself (as well as the same number of mountain lions) in the early 1900's. By 1931, the last confirmed grizzly was shot in New Mexico, and no more remained in the land of enchantment.

While black bears were also heavily targeted in the extirpation of predators, their shy nature combined with other characteristics allowed them to survive while grizzlies could not. Black bear populations in New Mexico have rebounded due to strict laws and conservation efforts. Today there is an estimated 5,000 bears in the state and 150-200 of these bears call Philmont home. There are no grizzlies in New Mexico and their return is unlikely. However, certain groups and individuals call for the return of the great grizzly to its native range, an effort to revitalize the wilderness spirit of the American West

### PhilStars

- Venus will be visible from dusk until mid-to-late evening and is at its furthest point from the sun in our sky this month. Also, throughout the month Venus and Jupiter will appear closer together. Venus is the brightest star-like object in the western sky and Jupiter will appear above Venus. Venus will also appear close to the moon beginning Friday, June 19.
- The Ophiuchid meteor shower will reach its peak on Saturday, June 20, at a time when the moon will present minimal interference. In-the-sky.org reports up-to five meteors can be seen per hour in a dark spot. Meteors from the shower should be visible every night through July.
- Sunday, June 21, the sun will reach its most northerly point marking the Summer Solstice.

## 2015 Philmont Staff Photography Contest

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# U.S. News

## Election update:

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, rivals for the Democratic nomination, campaigned in Iowa this week.

Clinton's low-placing in the 2008 Iowa caucuses helped project Barack Obama to the White House, according to the Associated Press, something she aims to rectify this election cycle.

Former Floridian Governor Jeb Bush released his campaign logo this week. The logo does not use his famous political last name, instead favoring a simple logo of his first name, an exclamation mark and 2016.

CBS News reports Bush recently returned from Europe after meeting with world leaders on foreign policy.

Meanwhile, watchdog groups such as the Federal Election Commission are calling for the Justice Department to investigate potential campaign election funding violations. Reuters reported that interviewees within the Justice Department is unlikely to investigate candidates during

## Seach for escaped inmates continues

The search for two prisoners who escaped from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Saranac, New York, entered its second week last Friday.

David Sweat and Richard Matt, two killers, are believed to have escaped by using power tools to cut their way out of the northern-New York prison.

The Associated Press reported a tailor-shop instructor was arraigned Friday, June 12, on a felony charge of prison contraband and a misdemeanor count of criminal facilitation. Joyce Mitchell is believed to have provided the inmates hacksaws, bits and other tools to cut their way out of their cell.

Her lawyer submitted a plea of not guilty.

## Suspect dies in attack on Dallas police station

A lone gunman died Saturday, June 13, after firing on the Dallas police station from a parked van.

James Boulware, the shooter, was the only casualty of the standoff; a police sniper shot and killed him.

Fox affiliate KDFW reports Dallas Police Chief David Brown said Boulware blamed police for losing custody of his son and accusing him of being a terrorist.

Boulware is also believed to have planted pipe bombs around the building.

Police reported no injuries but the building and police cruisers were riddled with bullets, according to KDFW.

# Entertainment

## Christopher Lee Passes

Renowned British Actor Christopher Lee passed away Sunday, June 7, at the age of 93.

Most recently, Lee has been famous for his role as Saruman in *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* and Count Dooku in *Star Wars: Attack of the Clones and Revenge of the Sith*.

Lee previously played Count Dracula in multiple films and portrayed the villainous Francisco Scaramanga in the Bond film *The Man With the Golden Gun*.

BBC reported that Lee succumbed to illness at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London after being hospitalized for respiratory problems and heart failure.

# Sports

## U.S. National Team leads Group-D in Women's World Cup

The Women's National Team sits at the top of group-D in the FIFA Women's World Cup as of Sunday, June 14, with four points after a 0-0 draw against Sweden and a 3-1 win over Australia.

# Technology

## Net neutrality set to begin

Net Neutrality began last Friday, June 12, according to CNN, after a federal judge rejected stays from cable and phone companies.

CNN reports communication apps previously limited on other devices will become universal.

Although net neutrality is in effect for now, more hearings are scheduled for later in the year where the set of rules establishing the Federal Communications Commission's authority over the Internet may be struck down.

# World News

## MERS death-toll rises in South Korea as Syrians flee into Turkey

Five new cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, or MERS, were confirmed in South Korea on Monday, June 15, reports CNN, with one more confirmed death.

The outbreak began last month with 150 contracting the disease and 120 being treated as of Monday, June 15.

The strain of virus was first identified in Saudi Arabia back in 2012, said CNN citing the World Health Organization.

"Thousands" of Syrians cut through a border fence and fled into Turkey on Sunday, June 14, according to the Associated Press.

They report the Syrians were fleeing intense fighting between Kurdish fighters and jihadis.

The Turkish military brought in reinforcements to round up the refugees to prevent them from fleeing deeper into Turkey.

The Associated Press reports Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus said the refugees were, in reality, fleeing U.S.-led bombings.

# Solutions from last week

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Medium

## Corrections:

In Issue One of PhilNews we mis-printed the name of one person featured on page on in the *Learning to C.O.P.E.* story.

Spencer Shuman was incorrectly identified as Seth Roberts.

We apologize for the error.

We strive to print only the highest quality information about Philmont Scout Ranch. If you see anything incorrect with PhilNews, please do not hesitate to contact the News and Photo Service Department by phone, iCamp or in person at the NPS office.

# Out of Eden milestones

“I was here 46 years ago as a kid and I came back for the first time last summer”

**Dave Dehart**  
Welcome Center

“This will be my 18th total year here at Philmont stretching across 50 years”

**Chris Rautman**  
Geologist

“I was on Wilson Mesa just the other day and I hadn’t seen water in it since 2008. The intermittent lake was totally cool and it was absolutely gorgeous.”

**Chip Campbell**  
Ranger Trainer

“When I actually got into Seally Canyon. We got there and it all kind of came together and became a program.”

**Nick Markson**  
Seally Canyon PC

“At the Chase Ranch we are working on extending the Backcountry Environmental Education Program. They’re trying to rejuvenate the apple orchards in the Chase Ranch and they’re doing it through grafting. It’s a five-year process and we want to make sure crews are well aware of the science behind it.”

**Aaron Pudlicki**  
Environmental Educator

“So, we were on ranger training back in May, early-June and we were at Fish Camp when all of a sudden we see the moon rising up over the ridgeline and all of our tents are kind of just in the position of view. So, we could see our tents and the moon slowly rising up as we were doing thorns and roses for the night.”

**Cassie Hansen**  
Ranger Trainer



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# Games

## Word Search

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**Philmont Trail Camps**

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**Medium**



Above: Jesse Nichols, who plays Kit Carson, stands atop the posts at the top of the opening campfire bowl, as he gets ready for the show to begin. Sean McElligott/PhilNews



Above: Ruben Maestas cuts Cameron O'Neill's hair in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center on Wednesday June 10, 2015. Doyle Maurer/PhilNews

Left: Mel Ashland, an executive council member of his local council in Oregon, teaches his granddaughter, Carmel Ashland, how to use a lasso. Mel came to Philmont to take part in the Creating Organizational Excellence training at the PTC. Josh Galemore/PhilNews

Bellow: William byerley perches on top of one of the poles at the opening campfire bowl, while waiting or the scouts to arrive. Sean McElligott/PhilNews



Above: A child plays on the Philmont Training Center lawn in the afternoon of June 11, 2015. Leanora Benkato/PhilNews

Bellow: A Chain, hook, and walkie-talkie left on the Bear Canyon Bridge by John Celley, as he prepared the bridge to be lifted. Sean McElligott/PhilNews



Left: Mike George, left, of Cimarron, jokes with Casey Wetzel, right, of Clinton, Missouri, while removing a sink while the male tent city bathroom was closed. Justin Gilliland/PhilNews