On June 4, a new staff member entered Philmont with his seven year old son, a vague idea of his job description and big shoes to fill. Arriving from his home in Mount Dora, FL, Rabbi Geoffrey Solomon had no previous Philmont experience. However, the skills that he did bring with him, including over twenty years of studying and teaching the Jewish faith as a profession, a lifetime of love for the outdoors and a Scouting experience that culminated in his Eagle Scout badge, would serve him well as he embarked on a journey as Philmont’s new Jewish Chaplain.

Solomon replaced Rabbi Todd Zinn, who left Philmont to join the staff at Chicago’s Sinai Congregation. Serving as a Rabbi in Mount Dora, FL with summers off, Solomon jumped at the opportunity to introduce his son, Benjamin, to Scouting and to give back to an organization that had helped define his youth.

“ I came to Philmont never having had the opportunity myself as a Scout,” Solomon said. “That’s one of the reasons I [became a Rabbi],” he continued. "I wanted to start [Benjamin] on the Philmont experience as early as possible. He’s loving it.”

While Solomon never made it to Philmont as a Scout, Scouting played a large role in his childhood. Growing up in Northern California, he practically had the Cascade Mountains in his backyard.

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“Philmont’s homesteading camps are designed to replicate life in the Pacific Northwest finding Jewish representation in the Boy Scouts was difficult to say the least. "In fact, in all my scouting experience, including four troops, there was only one other Jewish boy... It was challenging," said Rabbi Geoff. “That’s one of the reasons I [became a Rabbi],” he continued. Dalton Puckett/PhilNews

Andrew Kliewer
Staff Writer

When hikers arrive at Abreu, Rich Cabins or Crooked Creek, they may notice some differences from other camps. Instead of green, staffers are clad in a variety of different clothes from long skirts to button fly trousers. Rather than referring to themselves as Philmont staff, workers may introduce visitors to their “family,” and invite them to take a tour of their “home.” Chickens peek their head around corners, goats lick Scouts gathered around, and burros stomp in their pens. As night falls, crews are invited to a music show full of guitars, banjos, and singing. Participants might even momentarily forget that they are at a Scout Ranch, and begin to feel like they have been transported back in time. If so, these interpretive camps have accomplished their mission: to provide a realistic and immersive homesteading experience to participants.

Philmont’s homesteading camps are designed to replicate life
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### Things to do at the SSSAC

**Brat Day**
On all days that end in “0” (e.g., June 20, July 10), the staff dining hall closes and bratwursts, hamburgers, kielbasa, and veggie burgers are grilled in the Baldy Pagrillion (next to Baldy Pavilion). The soda machine in the SSSAC kitchen is turned on, and ice cream is served in Baldy Pavilion. Live music is provided by Activities staff and other staff departments – let the Activities staff know if you’re interested in playing!

**2nd Breakfast**
What about second breakfast? If you’re hungry between 8:30 and 10:30am on any day that ends in “3” or “7” (e.g., June 13, July 17), stop by the SSSAC kitchen for some pancakes and juice.

**Music Jam Night**
If you play an instrument, sing, or enjoy listening to spontaneous music-making, come join us on the SSSAC porch on all days that end in “5” (e.g., June 15, July 5) for an informal jam session. All are welcome. We will start at 8pm to respect chapel services.

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### PHILMONT MUSEUMS

**Philmont Museum Temporary Location**
Located across from the Tooth of Time Traders, the Philmont Museum houses the personal collection of L. T. Seton and highlights from the National Scouting Museum. Native American jewelry, art, collectibles, and one of the largest knot selections of the southwest can be found in the museum gift shop. Open daily 8-11:30.

**Villa Philmonte**
Reservations Required
Explore this summer residence of Philmont’s benefactors Ward and Catherine Philips with our knowledgeable tour guides. * Tours Daily. Every half hour beginning at 8 a.m. Call for reservations. 575-376-1136.

**The Kit Carson Museum at Rayado**
Founded in 1849 by frontiersmen Lucien Maxwell and Kit Carson, this settlement has once again come alive with demonstrations of life on the Santa Fe Trail. Seven miles south of the Philmont Museum. Open Daily 8-5, June-August.

**Historic Chase Ranch Museum**
Founded in 1869, the Chase Ranch and family were instrumental in transforming western ranching into what it is today! The adobe ranch house showcases ranch life from the Civil War through the territorial & statehood periods and into modern times. Open Daily 8-5, June-August.

For more information and/or to schedule a Villa tour, please visit the Philmont Museum.

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The impact of keeping positive
Mark Anderson
Director of Program

As I read these words by Mohandas Gandhi this past week, they struck me as a great summary of the discussion we had while talking about character development earlier this summer:

*Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words.*

*Keep your words positive because your words become your behavior.*

*Keep your behavior positive because your behavior becomes your habits.*

*Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values.*

*Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.*

Being positive in all of your words, behavior, habits, and values helps enhance the experience that each participant or guest has during their adventure at Philmont, either directly through an interaction with you or because of the work that you do at the Ranch. When this is connected to your character, it is genuine.

During the month of July, many staff members become tired and sometimes become complacent with their job. Albert Einstein said, “Life is like riding a bicycle, in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving.” Take time to be mindful of your current situation. Do you start each day with excitement about the opportunities that you will have? Do you look forward to helping a participant do their best? Are you still looking for ways to improve as you accomplish your job? Are you keeping your balance?

If you are hesitant to answer these types of questions, then it’s time to find a quiet place to think! It’s time to re-evaluate your situation and find ways to keep moving until you reach the finish line in August. What will your Philmont destiny be?

Every participant and guest needs our very best effort. We are all interpreters of the Philmont experience. We can start each day during the rest of the summer by being positive. Remember, find joy in the journey!

The Ranger Mile: Hot Weather
Spencer Harsh
Ranger Trainer

A gust of wind picks up, blowing dirt and dust into you. You shield your eyes from harm, allowing yourself to be engulfed in a cloud of hot dust. Sweat runs down your back as the gust subsides. Looking up at the sun, you take a swig from a hot water bottle, trying to hydrate your body. You may feel exhausted, maybe even regretting the idea of hiking to the Tooth in the afternoon. The summer here can be demanding of the average hiker or backpacker. Here are some tips to staying cool and healthy on the trail.

First, try your best to get all your hiking done before noon or in the morning. The coldest part of any day will be just before sunrise. The hottest part tends to come sometime after lunch. An early morning wakeup will put you in the cold, but breaking down camp or heading out just as the sun peaks over the plains will work out well. As you move down the trail early in the morning, your body will be working, generating its own heat. This will allow you to move comfortably in the cool morning. Just be sure to not hike solo in the early hours of the morning or when there is a lack of sunlight, as a mountain lion may still be on the lookout for a snack.

Second, always have a plan for water. In the ever-present spirit of Leave No Trace, Plan Ahead and Prepare when it comes to water. Depending on the duration of your outing, you’ll need a proper amount of water-carrying capacity. The more you are out on the trail and moving around, the more water you should be consuming. Simply put, a longer trip needs more water. Crews go out on the treks with a minimum of four liters a person.

At a full crew of twelve, that’s forty-eight liters collectively. Add the crew water containers, such as compressible water boxes and MSR dromedaries, and you’ll have nearly sixty liters when a crew is at full capacity. For weekend trips, being able to carry between two or three liters of water may be best for your pack loadout. There of course many options for carrying water. Find the gear that fits your preference and fits in your pack well. As long as you can stay hydrated and have water to spare, you’re probably doing it right.

Third, plan out your route in detail. Identify your route on a map and figure out which trails you’ll be hiking, what camps you’ll pass, which water sources you may pass over, and other things of this nature as necessary for your trip. Doing so will allow you plan out breaks, water fill ups, contingency plans, and help you stay on a good time plan. In the spirit of identifying which trails to take, do just that. Stay on the trails, especially in the later parts of the day. Trails are often gradual in altitude gain, shaded, and often times more pleasant than their cousin, the Philmont road. Philmont roads are unshaded, rough, and designed for vehicles to hike on, not humans.

You have been warned about the uncomfortable nature of hiking on roads.

Hopefully these tips have given you some insight on your next trip, on or off ranch. Remember to keep the principles of Leave No Trace in mind in all that you do, and happy trails!
to keep it as historically accurate as possible. We’re reusing almost all of the original roofing nails, almost all of the original logs and shingles and the tin. We’re rebuilding it like it was, but with a real foundation this time.”

Such a big job involves a lot of hard work. Even as the staff talked and joked around, the work kept on going. Cabin Restoration staff member Shannon Edwards picked up an armful of wood from a pile and moved it to the side of the site. Adam Kernes, another Cabin Restoration staff member, helped Merry in building a rock wall along the edge of the hill.

Despite the hard work it requires, the Cabin Restoration staff is very excited about their task for the summer.

“I don’t know of too many other people on the ranch that have a single project that they can work on for months at a time. We have a clear goal set at the end of this,” said Kernes.

“I like it because history is important on the ranch. We wouldn’t have half the things that we have here if it weren’t for the history of the area. Being able to restore that history and keep it safe so that another hundred years from now kids can still come through and see a cabin that Charlie Cyphers lived in, it’s pretty cool,” said Merry.

The plan to restore the Stomp cabin began last summer.

“We were at Cyphers Mine for like three weeks last year, and while we were there we were looking at this cabin,” explained Foreman Pete Bergene, who has worked with Cabin Restoration for four years. “That was when we did preliminaries, asking, what do we see that’s wrong that we need to fix?”

Over the years of working with Cabin Restoration, Bergene has seen the department develop and expand.

“I think as I’ve returned year in, year out, and as the staff in general has gotten more skilled, we’ve developed a larger say in what we do,” Bergene added.

He was referring to the fact that the team discussed the different options for restoring the cabin ahead of time and settled on the one that made the most sense to them. For the Stomp cabin, that meant completely dismantling it and then putting it back together afterward.

While taking down the cabin, the Cabin Restoration staff found a plethora of artifacts, including a newspaper from a mining journal in 1900.

“It was a huge surprise when we found the newspaper,” Johnston-Ashton said. “We were really really careful about lifting the log off of it and then as we kept going down we found more in random other places. We found some underneath the cabin too. I’m excited it’s so well preserved for the amount of time it was in there.”

The newspaper, although not a part of the restoration project, is special because it helps to date when the cabin was built. Previously the Cabin Restoration staff wasn’t certain that the cabin was originally from the time when the mine was open, but the paper is strong evidence that the Stomp cabin was used by miners in the early 1900s.

As the project continues throughout the summer, the staff is excited to keep working and see what other artifacts they might find and to keep learning about how the cabin was originally built.

“Being a history major, I think it’s really cool to see the history of the cabin in terms of how they built it, what they used building-material wise, and just all the stuff we’re finding in, around and underneath it,” said Johnston-Ashton.

Merry, who studies theater, also has a unique opportunity to use her skills as part of the Cabin Restoration team.

“I originally went to school to do set design and construction, so we learned how to build a set, make it look the way you want it to look and also be able to have 12 people dancing on it at all times,” she explained. “Taking apart and putting back together is kind of my thing.”
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in three distinct years, 1875, 1900 and 1912, as closely as possible. All three trace their history back to the Beaubien-Miranda Land grant, later the Maxwell Land Grant. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, many settlements were constructed in this area. The ones replicated by Philmont today are those of the Abreu family at Abreu, the Casey family at Crooked Creek and the Rich family at Rich Cabins. Participants entering these camps are immersed in the life of Hispanic settlers, post-Civil War migrants from the east, and Austrian immigrants, respectively.

“We stay in character, and when [participants] come up to our cabin we act like it’s 1912,” Abreu Cantina Manager Bradley Rounds said. “It really gives them a whole different side of Philmont that at this point so far they haven’t experienced because most of them are on their first day or their second day, and all of the other camps they’ve visited have been normal backcountry camps.”

To give participants a true taste of the homesteading life, staff go beyond lectures and use hands-on activities to engage Scouts. At all three camps, participants are able to manufacture items the same way settlers did over a century ago, including adobe bricks at Abreu, candles at Crooked Creek, and ice cream at Rich Cabins. For those used to a modern lifestyle, the experience can be eye opening.

“It was very humbling to see what homesteaders went through and then to see the changes in technology and everything that happened throughout time,” Scout Jack Stallworth from Troop 232 in Atlanta said.

Another large aspect of the homesteading experience is agriculture. All three homesteading families are based on real life farmers, who arrived fleeing troubled conditions. Unlike the original rowdy mining and trapping settlers of the Philmont area, homesteaders were considered more civilized, establishing families and roots that would last for generations. The hard grind of farm work eliminated many traditional gender barriers, with women generally working alongside men to ensure survival. At homesteading camps today, that tradition is carried on by staffers who take care of several chickens, goats, burros and cows. For participants, the animals are generally a highlight of their trek, leading to many pictures of smiling Scouts holding chickens.

“Being able to see the small farming ideas that all of our ancestors grew up on really puts into perspective how much work used to go into making all of our food that we just pick up at the grocery store.” Scout Luke Lenhart from Troop 598 in Los Gatos, CA said. “Seeing chickens and cows being fed, what they eat, a lot of alfalfa and all these things you don’t think about, is really cool.”

Scouts aren’t the only ones at Philmont who gain a unique perspective from homesteading camps. As staff members wake up and don interpretive attire daily, they are also assuming the persona of an individual homesteader. Every interaction with Scouts during their program is guided by the traits of these characters, who are developed based on historical figures. Among each of the homesteading camps, a common theme that emerges is family. From the moment they meet at Base Camp, to Scatter and beyond, an emphasis is put on forming each group of staff into one cohesive group, both in and out of character. The end result, which pulls Scouts and staff into the homesteading family, leaves a lasting impression that shapes future views.

“I think something to remember is that [homesteaders] were really hard workers, but they lead really balanced lives,” Crooked Creek Program Counselor Anna Washburne from Evansville, IN, informs the Scouts that Meredith the cow has four stomachs and that they literally eat anything and everything they can on Friday June 23, 2017. Scouts enjoyed learning something new about homesteading and how people lived during the time period of 1875.
I once saw a cartoon with a caption that read, “I don’t get homesick at camp. I get campsick at home.” Being away from Philmont for a few years, I was getting a little campsick, with a feeling of IWGBP as the main symptom. I’m happy to be back for another stint as a Philmont chaplain.

There are many things I enjoy about serving on staff at Philmont: the scenery, the community, the adventure, the challenge, and the bit of rest some days. But, what I like most about Philmont has to do with faith and God. It’s why I choose to spend precious vacation time here instead of, for example, as chaplain at the National Jamboree. Waite Phillips knew this value of his land and hoped that Scouts would be inspired by nature. (That’s also on the plaque at the Villa Philmont.)

Recently, my main contact with nature has mostly been maintaining a small garden in the backyard and taking an occasional walk in the woods of the kettle moraine. Except for a couple of years serving as a priest on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in western South Dakota, my life away from Philmont has always been urban or suburban.

Father Mark Carr
Catholic Chaplain

Originally from Wheaton, IL, and a resident of Milwaukee, WI for the past eight years, I’m now getting ready to move to Cuyahoga Falls, OH later this summer where I’ll be principal of Walsh Jesuit High School.

I always hope that, like me, staff and participants return home after a trek or summer at Philmont inspired by the beauty and mystery of God’s country, and stronger in their faith … and a little campsick.

Chaplain’s Corner:
Do not be afraid
Father Roger Lopez OFM
Catholic Chaplain

What are you afraid of? Growing up, maybe you were afraid of the dark or the basement or Aunt Melissa because she smelled funny and pinched your checks till they almost ripped off. As time continues, we grow out of these childhood frights. But as adults, fear still exists for us. Now, we dread change, terrified of being vulnerable, petrified to trust others, horrified of commitment, or just plain anxious of the unknown. While it looks different, fear still exist for us.

Jesus Christ knows his followers are scared. Life was changing dramatically. Some did not like Him because He challenged the religious institution of the day. He preached a radical love transcending creed, gender and politics. This was so disturbing to some ears, and Jesus knew persecution and death may come. Nevertheless, “Fear no one…do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul” (10:26a, 28a). Christ tells his disciples the difficulty of radical love, how many may not accept it. But fear not because God the Father loved them, that He, God the Son, loves them.

And this continues today. Radical love is manifest when one is vulnerable in sharing our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows to our family and Philmont friends. Radical love is present when one stops to talk to the socially awkward and welcome them in. Radical love is revealed when one reflects to see the beauty of the others and recommits to the relationship. Radical love is shown when we set our desire to trust in God not knowing what will happen tomorrow in the Dining Hall, in Logistics, in the Backcountry, at work or at sleep. But trusting Christ dispels the anxieties of our fears and trepidation with his calm and serene words, “Do not be afraid.”
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Bee wrangler

Elizabeth Harper
Staff Writer

Ranch Wildlife Technician Casey Myers, wearing a beekeeping jacket and carrying a bee smoker, entered the enclosure where he takes care of about 30,000 bees. He used the smoker, which looks like a watering can with a pair of bellows attached, to waft smoke into the hive and then waited patiently for it to take effect.

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The bees are housed in an enclosure behind the administration building, with a fence large enough to keep bears out. There are currently two hives in the enclosure, although the hope is that the colonies continue to grow and can be split into more hives.

“When they were shipped in, I had 20,000 bees,” said Myers, who has taken the lead in establishing and inspecting the colony. “One colony is a little shaky. The other colony I expect has doubled. So in total there should be about 30,000 living in the yard between the two hives.”

The smoke Myers directed into the hive causes the bees to collect as much honey as possible, to try to save it from what they think is a wildfire. When that happens, the bees become less aggressive and are less apt to sting. “I’m looking for the way that the bees are laying eggs. I also look for the combination of worker eggs to drone eggs. I’m looking for how they pack their pollen and how they’re packing the honey,” explained Myers. “Are they actively packing the honey? Are they actively building new comb? You just watch the overall behavior of the bees. Do they seem pretty docile, are they wound up?”

At this point, the bees are still getting established in their new home. It could take them around a year to get fully settled in. As long as the colonies are still being established, no one will harvest the honey. Ideally, Myers would like to get to the point where it can kind of be a pit stop when Scouts are here at Base,” added Myers. “But that’s not the primary goal. The primary goal is bringing in the pollinators to help with our crops.”

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Faith and the outdoors

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Solomon is happy to talk at any time, and can be reached at his house by the Jewish chapel. In the meantime, he is enjoying experiencing an apex of Scouting with his son.

“Philmont is an incredible place,” Solomon said. “And seeing it work as one massively beautiful machine, all designed to provide an amazing and safe experience for thousands and thousands of Scouts, it’s mind boggling how wonderful it is.”

Understanding that the majority of his attendees do not follow the Jewish faith, Rabbi Solomon has a Q & A segment included in his service. Dalton Puckett/PhilNews

Casey Myers shows off part of his hive. This is the first year that PSR will have bee hives kept on the property and the Ranch is looking forward to watching them grow and help pollinate the plethora of plants on the property. Shane Mrozek/PhilNews
Autumn Employment

Eric Martinez
Associate Director of Program

Greetings staff! As we approach the midway point of the summer you may be looking for what your next career step might be. If you don’t want to leave the 87714 and are looking for a way to remain in the Land of Enchantment after August there is a great opportunity for you: autumn employment at Philmont.

Every fall, Philmont operates autumn programs to support our summer operations and to continue delivering wilderness and learning adventures that last a lifetime in a season that few participants get to experience. In our autumn hiring we have positions in the Autumn Adventure, Backcountry Warehouse, Chase Ranch, Commissary, Conservation, Dining Hall, Grounds, Guest Services/Housekeeping, Maintenance, Merchandise Warehouse, Museum, Marketing and Photography Services, Philmont Advisor Skills School and Workshop, Philmont Training Center, Rayado/Kit Carson, Tooth of Time Traders, Villa Philmonte, and Wrangler operations.

Each position has its own responsibility and importance within the close-knit autumn staff and each position is described below:

Autumn Adventure – The Autumn Adventure Guide leads crews into the Philmont backcountry with custom-made itineraries. They also assist in workday projects and other duties as assigned.

Backcountry Warehouse – The Backcountry Warehouse Staff inventory, organize, and prepare the Backcountry Warehouse for the following summer.

Commissary – The Commissary Staff responsibilities include completing summer operations, fulfilling food orders, and shipping trail meals to customers.

Conservation – The Conservation Staff lead projects around the Ranch through forest restoration, work crew, invasive species, STEM, and trail design functions.

Dining Hall – The Dining Hall Staff are responsible for ensuring all autumn participants are well fed and assisted with their dietary needs.

Fence Crew – The Fence Crew Staff assist in the maintenance of Philmont’s fences ensuring that the Ranch’s cattle and horses are properly contained.

Grounds – The Grounds Staff assist in the upkeep of the lawns and grounds of Camping Headquarters and the Philmont Training Center.

Guest Services/Housekeeping – The Guest Services/Housekeeping Staff assist in customer service to ensure every participant has clean housing and amenities.

Maintenance – The Maintenance Staff lead work projects throughout Camping Headquarters, the Philmont Training Center, and across the Ranch to ensure our facility is at peak performance.

Merchandise Warehouse – The Merchandise Warehouse Staff assist in inventorying summer equipment and fulfilling orders for Philmont’s purchasing operations.

Museum – The Museum Staff share the unique history of Philmont and our surrounding areas to participants as well as the general public.

Marketing and Photography Services – The MPS Staff help fulfill promotional material orders and assist in photography and videography for the Ranch.

PASS/PAW – The PASS/PAW Instructors lead the Philmont Advisor Skills School and Philmont Advisor Workshop programs through weekend courses at Philmont as well as full-day and evening courses in cities coast to coast across the country.

Philmont Training Center – The Philmont Training Center Staff ensure conference participants are taken care of through excellent customer service and program activities such as backcountry tours.

Rayado/Kit Carson – The Rayado/Kit Carson Staff facilitate the operation of the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado through living history representation and tours.

Tooth of Time Traders – The Tooth of Time Traders Staff assist with retail, order fulfillment, and inventory operations.

Villa Philmonte – The Villa Philmonte Staff assist with gardening and tours of the Villa.

Wrangler – The Wranglers assist in gathering horses and moving cattle from summer pasture in the mountains to winter pasture in the lower elevations.

If you are interested in applying for autumn employment at Philmont, submit a Seasonal Staff Application to the personnel desk at Camping Headquarters. Since the selection process is very competitive, an updated resume and cover letter are highly recommended. Applications for fall employment are due by July 25th and selections will be announced on August 1st.

PSA: A Scout’s challenge

Tim Rosseisen
Board Member,
Philmont Staff Association

A Scout’s challenge could create an opportunity for you as a staff member at Philmont to make a difference. I am sure we all at some point have had a few challenges from participants whether at Philmont Training Center, Bascamp or in the Backcountry that can be really trying for us as staff in our daily programs.

I challenge all of you to meet and face these challenges. You never know the reasons or what a Scout is going through. It might be that we do not fully understand a Scout’s story. Where they are from or their background. That individual might be legally blind rock climbing for their first time and you might not understand why they can’t find the hand holds that seem so obvious to you. When their group is done their adult advisor says to you “I want to thank you for taking so much time with our Scout today because he is legally blind and he was scared about doing this program now he nothing but smiles.” This is why Philmont is so special and it is a perfect for staff and participants to face not only physical challenges but life’s challenges.

It could be something as simple as a scout who is slow in the group and you have seen from his medical record that he has osgood-schlatter disease, and you say some wonderful words of encouragement to him and since you are his ranger it speaks volumes, even though you may not realize it. The difference you make might be life changing to the scout. The impact you have you might never know but, it will be there. I guess high adventure brings out who we want to be and what we strive to be. I hope you all strive to be the staff member who goes the extra mile to make a difference. Have a great summer!
Want to submit to PhilNews?

We’re looking for anything, reflections on Philmont, relative creative writing - anything about the Ranch!

Email all submissions to npsphilnewsdepartment@gmail.com by the weekly deadline, Saturday at 5pm

All submissions must align with Philmont values and are subject to editing and approval by Marketing and Photography Services.

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2017
4th of July Parade
Tuesday, July 4, 2017
9am

To enter your float in the Parade,
at the Hwy 64/S. Jefferson Ave intersection between 8:15-8:30am.

To enter your float in the Float Competition,
Please register by calling the Chamber at 376-2417.
Judging begins PROMPTLY at 8:30am

Competition for the best themed float:
1st Place: $50 - 2nd Place: $30 - 3rd Place: $20
Join The PSA!
Connect with over 3,200 current and former staff members like yourself who have hiked Philmont's rugged mountain trails and who are vitally interested in and dedicated to the future of Philmont.

Projects that make a difference
- Seasonal Staff Scholarships
- Staff Amigos
- Rayado, ROCS, & STEM Scholarships
- Volunteer Vacation
- PSA Staff Dining Hall & SSSAC
- Handicap accessible bathrooms at PTC Dining Hall
- Funded early years of Cabin Restoration
- Donated dollars to flood restoration projects.
- Raising funds for new PSA building and Museum Expansion Project

Benefits of PSA Membership
- High Country
  The bimonthly magazine of the PSA containing the latest news of the ranch, activities of PSA members and news of northern New Mexico.
- Online Resources
  Give back, keep informed, and purchase PSA clothing and gear on our website www.philstaff.org
- Regional and National Reunions
  During the off season get your Philmont fix by hanging out with other PSA-ers who live in the area. Or return back to the ranch for the annual reunions.
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Make Check payable to: Philmont Staff Association
*$60 membership will be deducted from payroll in two $30 installments.
Above: On June 26th, 2017, Low COPE participants use short planks to try and move everyone across several “islands”. This exercise helps develop teamwork between the members of the group specially after just meeting at the beginning of this Philmont Training Center session. Shane Mrozek/PhilNews

Below: On June 27, 2017 A large tour group listens to Philmont Training Center staff member, Colton Sorrells, describe the history of the large dining room within the Villa Philmonte. Tanner Britton/PhilNews

Above: Kyler Howe, a scout from Tulsa, OK, pans for gold at Cypher’s Mine June 29th, 2017. Troops are invited to try their skill and luck at gold panning in the stream that snakes through the staff camp. Gold panning works by separating out the lighter rocks and silt from the heavy and much sought after gold. Andrew Avitz/PhilNews

Left: William Nibarger from Troop 347, expedition 616 - CW from Fort Worth, TX, practice cutting wood during Crooked Creeks program using a band saw that requires one person on each side on Friday June 23, 2017. This exercise includes important teamwork and tests the scouts patience and camaraderie. Evan Mattingly/PhilNews

Above: On Monday, June 26th 2017 Tony Mathos points Javan Stalls, a Ranger Trainer, and Don Howell towards where the historic railroad bed potentially laid. The Railroad ran from Ponil Park through Metcalf Station and existed until the early 30’s. Hunter Long/PhilNews

Above: Kim Merry, cabin restoration staff, checks the fit of rocks around what will be the new foundation for the Stomp Cabin June 28th, 2017. Andrew Avitz/PhilNews

Above: June 28th, Philip Mantos of Albuquerque, New Mexico plays bass during Rich Cabins’ evening program. Rich Cabins is a interpretive homesteading camp that is set around the late 19th century to the early 20th. Dalton Pucett/PhilNews