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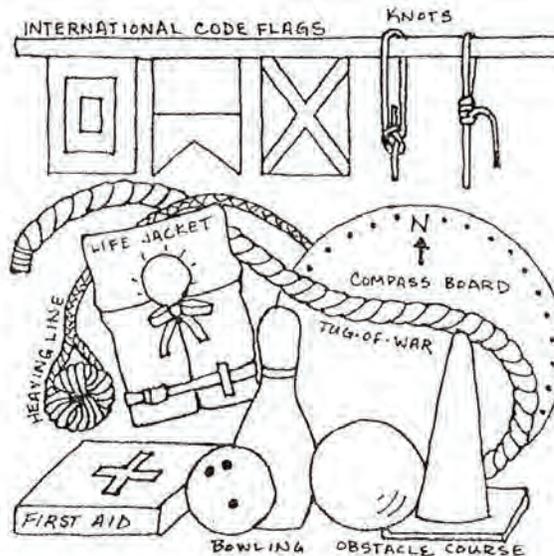
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43rd WINTER AMIDSHIPS (WAM)

Saturday, February 25th, 2017

- ✓ Register online
- ✓ Co-ed Event
- ✓ Dinner & Dance
- ✓ Indoor and Outdoor Events
- ✓ Team Building
- ✓ Ribbons, Trophies & Patches
- ✓ 43 Years of Experience



Dear Unit Leaders and Members,

Bay-Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America and alumni of Fond du Lac/Oshkosh Scout units are proud to invite you to Winter Amidships (WAM) co-ed Scout event to be held

Saturday, February 25th, 2017, at the National Guard Armory Fond du Lac, WI.

This 1-day event is open to units of Venture Crews, Sea Scouts, Career Explorers, Boy Scouts, Varsity Teams, Girl Scouts, and American Heritage Girls.

Events: Knots, Compass Board Relay, Life-Jacket Relay, First Aid, International Code Flags, Obstacle Course, & Scooter Race events all have 4 members each; Heaving Line & Bowling have 3 members each; Battleship Tournament-2 members. Tug-of-war teams have an 800 lb. weight limit.

The day also includes dinner, awards presentation, dance, and event patch. Pre-registration is required online on the Bay Lakes Council web site. We will accept up to 20 units OR 200 participants, whichever comes first. On-time registration AND payment is due Feb 10, 2017 (late fee applied after).

AGE REQUIREMENTS**: Venturers*, Varsity Team Members*, Sea Scouts, Girl Scouts/Mariners, Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls must be at least 14 years of age OR 13 years AND have completed the 8th grade. Explorers must be at least 14 years of age AND have completed the 8th grade. All Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers may compete up to their 21st birthday. Girl Scouts/Mariners and American Heritage Girls may compete through their senior year of High School. Boy Scouts and Varsity Team Members may compete up to their 18th birthday. All units must be accompanied by 2 adult leaders (one must be at least 21 years of age). *Venturers and Varsity Team Members who are part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints must be 14 AND have completed the 8th grade.

**[Effective May 1, 2010 by BSA's National Executive Board]

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Powder Horn Course Directors Conference

Event Details

While no longer required to host a Powder Horn course, the Powder Horn Course Directors Conference is still a valuable tool to learn “best practices” and methods of success. Mid-America Council in Omaha, Nebraska is hosting the event on October 1, 2016, and anyone interested in helping with a Powder Horn course, or simply to expand your professional knowledge, is encouraged to attend. This is a one day session, lunch is provided, and you will walk away armed with the tools to put on a Powder Horn course.

- WHEN** October 1, 2016; 8:30am - 5pm
- WHERE** Mid-American Council
St Martha’s Episcopal Church
780 Pinnacle Dr.
Papillion, NE 68046
- COST** \$10 per person;
includes lunch and a wealth of knowledge!

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**The new Sea Scout Manual
is available at ScoutStuff.org.**

That's right!

The Sea Scout Manual has been reissued with lots of new content; including new rank advancement requirements and electives, paddle sports, the New Century Universal Uniform, a new appendix on insignia, and much more.

Get your copy through your local Scout Shop or order online at ScoutStuff.org; be sure to use the new SKU No. 620543 2016 Printing.



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THE SEA SCOUT LOG



**See the FORUM attachments for the NEW First Edition of the National Sea Scout Log—
Fall 2016**

The Fall 2016 edition of the *Sea Scout Log* is now available!

In this Edition:

- **Your National Sea Scout Support Committee**
 - **National Director's Update**
 - **National Boatswain's Report**
 - **Announcing the National Organization of Sea Scout Alumni**
 - **New Partnership with the American Canoe Association**
 - **Reduced Price Kayak Purchase Program**
 - **Sea Scout Leadership Award Available in 2017**
 - **Seeking Volunteers for the 2017 Jamboree**
- Regional Updates**

New Zealand Takes the Coveted Koch Cup and Long Beach Duo Sails Into 2nd During International Regatta

Images courtesy of Cerrell Associates.

Just over 80 Sea Scouts from 10 different countries set sail over Long Beach waters to compete in the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup, which concluded on Friday. Sponsored by Oxbow Carbon LLC, the week-long biannual Sailing Regatta brought together young adults from around the world with a passion for the seafaring sport.

“Congratulations to all of the participants of this year’s Sea Scout Cup,” said Koch in a statement. “I am proud to be a part of such an important event that brings together so many young adults with a shared love for sailing. I would also like to thank the great City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Yacht Club for their generous hospitality.”

The 2016 winners of the Koch Cup, which took place next to the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, were Nicholas Gardiner, 17, and Nicholas Williams, 15 from Blenheim, New Zealand, the first international team to win the regatta, according to the announcement. Teagan Foley and Mick Foley from Bay Area Council in Galveston, Texas sailed in as the winners of the Kiwi Cup.



Long Beach’s hometown team of Peter Sangmeister, 14, and Trent Turigliatto, 17, who competed as part of the Koch Cup fleet, earned an impressive second placement.

This year’s Sea Scout Cup participants ranged in age from 14 years of age to 20, with seven of the participating teams composed of siblings. Teams traveled to Long Beach from as far as Brazil, Germany, Australia, Norway, Ireland and South Africa.

The Sea Scout Cup also awards participants on sportsmanship and seamanship, where each year competitors vote for the winner of the honor. This year the Polish team of Mateusz Fortunka and Joanna Jas in the Kiwi fleet, and the Finnish team of Filip Blomquist and Oscar Norstrom in the Koch

fleet were recognized for the distinction, according to the release.

The William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup is a Sailing Regatta put on by Sea Scouting, where every two years US and international teams compete for the coveted win. An event founded in the 1930s, it was halted when the Sea Scouts left to serve in WWII. Koch, America’s Cup 1992 winner and founder of Oxbow Carbon, revitalized the regatta in 2002 to pay homage to the 90th Anniversary of the original competition that brought together Sea Scouts from around the world, fostering international relations and camaraderie, according to the release.

For more information about the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup, visit the website [here](#).



Go Nomad! (This is not a cheer for your local sports team)

Go Nomad is the theme for the 2017 Asia/Pacific Region (APR) Jamboree being hosted by the Mongolian Scout Association in late July, early August 2017. Nomads wander and roam the countryside and this is still the habit for about one half of the population of Mongolia.

Mongolia is about one quarter the size of the USA but we have 100 times the population so that going around in Mongolia it seems very large and empty. About one half of their three million population live in the capital city of Ulaan Baatar (there are many acceptable spellings of this name in English).



The Jamboree is going to be held just outside the city limits of the capital city in the national children's center, a facility built by the Soviets in the late 1970s. The theme of Jamboree will celebrate Mongolian culture which includes horse riding, camel riding, archery and other cultural activities and exchanges including a visit to the dinosaur museum. Did you know that more dinosaur remains have been found in Mongolia than anywhere else?

It is expected that about 10,000 Scouts from APR Scouting organizations and other countries will be in attendance.

The weather in Mongolia has two extremes, very hot and very cold. July and August is the hot part and temperatures are usually in the high 90s and dry.

Although the Jamboree is short in duration, the BSA contingent will be gone roughly three weeks. Here's the plan: We will travel in a group, probably leaving from Salt Lake City to Beijing, China. A three day stop in Beijing to visit the Forbidden City, the Great Wall and other sites then board the train for an exciting overnight ride to Ulaan Baatar. Arrive in Mongolia and move directly to the Jamboree site.

Since Mongolia is so spread out the post Jamboree stay is planned for five days. This will offer the opportunity for home stay, sight seeing in UB (even the Mongolians shorten it) and side trips to various points of interest around the country. There will be an opportunity to develop a menu of options for visiting coming in future updates.

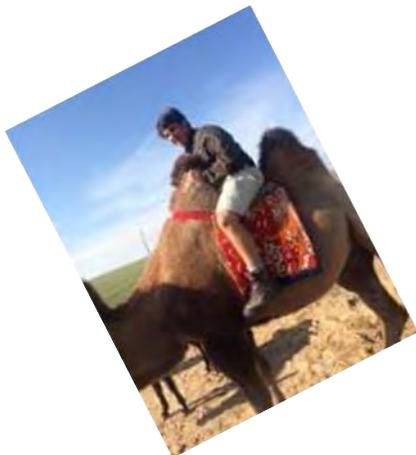
One must see is the giant (80 meter high) statue of Gengis Khan built on the site where he got his vision to spread conquer the world.

UB is a modern city in the midst of rapid growth. A special Scouting connection is that the lead architect for the design team on both the new international airport and the largest building in the country is a Scout and served as an International Camp Staff member in Camp Daniel Boone, NC in 2009.

After the Jamboree and visiting afterwards, we will fly directly from UB back through Beijing to Salt Lake City and then to your home towns. This travel will require both a valid US passport with at least six months remaining before the expiration date and a Chinese visa. Mongolia does not require a visa for short stays.

Head of contingent for this trip is Pete Armstrong, [28-654-9920](tel:28-654-9920), peteberet@aol.com. This event is a Daniel Boone Council event not a BSA national event.

Since this is the bottom line I will tell you what I believe will be the bottom line, \$3000 all inclusive. Unfortunately this is an estimate because it is still too early to make the travel plans.



2016 BSA National Outdoor Ethics Conference
October 6-8, 2016
Camp Tracy, Salt Lake City, Utah
2016 Theme: "Step Up"
<http://outdoorethics-bsa.org/OEconference/>



The Conference topics include:

Delivering the Outdoor Ethics program in your Councils, working across the multiple levels of our councils (unit, district, council staff and volunteer leadership)

Information/updates on Outdoor Ethics advancement requirements, Awareness and Action awards, program implementation.

New science-based studies to support what is being promoted as "best practices".

Everyone is welcome, in particular anyone interested in Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly!, BSA Outdoor Ethics programs, and sharing this information within their council/district/units.

Most of the attendees are serving as an Outdoor Ethics Advocate in their Council, Area, or District, but this is not a requirement.

We have posted a lot more information about the BSA Outdoor Ethics programs on our task force web site: <http://outdoorethics-bsa.org/> Information and resources there include contacts in councils across the country and information about upcoming Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Courses.

David O'Leary
BSA Outdoor Ethics Task Force

Venturing Week 2016 Camp Somers MASR

From July 24th to July 30th, Venturing Crew 276 attended a week long summer camp at Camp Somers in Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation located in Stanhope, NJ. We stayed with Troop 18 as provisional scouts, since most of our members were on staff and unable to attend as participants. The troop welcomed us and treated us as if we were members. We ate meals with them, had campsite campfires with them, and lots more. In addition to these activities, there were many opportunities to earn awards and merit badges.

A tradition at camp that happens late Monday night and runs through Tuesday morning before breakfast is called Fire Watch. Fire Watch is where an honor scout from every unit goes out to a special campsite and watches a fire all night long and learns some history about the Reservation. All crew 276 members participated in the Fire Watch. Camp has a lot of fun to offer from playing to the staff in volleyball, bike polo, ultimate Frisbee and kickball to getting soaked in canoe wars.

All crew members who attended earned the Fenchie's Follies recognition; an award for participating in various service related activities all week long. The crew was also awarded two ribbons for our crew flag; Honor Troop and Honor Patrol, which are presented for being the best troop/unit and patrol in camp that week. Thank you to Mount Allamuchy Reservation Staff for an awesome week! We can't wait to come back next year and have even more fun!



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A Venturer Reports: Crew 27 Goes to Philmont! Crew 728-O by Josh, Grace, Lila, Dean & Pete

Crew 27 is the most adventurous Venturing Crew I know! We are constantly taking on new challenges and activities, usually at the prodding of one of our Associate Advisors, the well known Pete. In 2014, when our then Crew President, Michael, got the opportunity to put our Crew into the Philmont Lotto, Pete was exceptionally pleased. About a year later, we had gathered enough Venturers and adults to make up a respectable a crew. With this group of ten Venturers and three adults, we began to prepare for our adventure.

The first step on our journey was planning the itinerary. Even though we had already booked the slot to Philmont, we still had to create an itinerary plan. After a bit of discussion, we came up with a list of things we wanted to do and see at Philmont. With that list of desires, we were able to sort through the many possible itineraries to find those that most resembled what we wanted. The only member of our Crew who had been on trek at Philmont before was Pete so we leaned on him a little for what he could remember. We did not get our number one choice but we did get our number two. Itinerary 24, which involved eighty four miles of hiking, Mount Baldy, The Tooth of Time, and plenty of activities to do along the way. In fact, it traversed Philmont from Rayado in the southeast to Mount Baldy in the northwest and then exited eastbound via Ponil. Itinerary 24 just about covers Philmont from one end to the other!

Our next task was getting physically fit for the adventure and organized as a team. This proved to be a challenge because two of our scouts were out with injuries and unable to join us for our weekend hikes. However, with the people that we did have, we had a great time. For instance, we shook down for an entire week at Goshen's Lenhok'sin program, where we hiked around Goshen Scout Reservation. Goshen has 4,900 acres of land surrounding a 500 acre lake - Lake Merriweather - that is 2.5 miles long and just over 0.5 miles wide at it's widest extent. It is surrounded by over 170 square miles of hikeable State Wildlife Management Areas (Goshen Wildlife Management Area & North Mountain Wildlife Management Area). One of our injured Venturers was our Crew leader - Elisabeth. Not having her hiking with us at the shakedown was an issue for us but our Deputy Crew Leader, Katie, did her best to stand in for her. Elisabeth made it a point to be as involved as she could be. She was at Goshen Scout Camps with the Crew but couldn't hike with us. Another Venturer, Liam, lost out on everything because hurt his knee over the winter and needed surgery. At Lenhok'sin, we had scheduled a day of white water kayaking on the James River and, during that adventure, a third Venturer received a bad enough sunburn to earn her a transfer over to the Crew's Goshen base camp at Camp Bowman. All of us learned the importance of adequate sunscreen from her injury! We had multiple other issues that were not injury related, such as the lack of a duty roster, which cost us dinner at least one night through a series of unfortunate events. We made a list of what we needed to improve, took it back to Elisabeth, and she had us pretty well organized when we arrived at Philmont. The shakedowns were a worthwhile learning experience.



Katie and Elisabeth Plan the Lenhok'sin Itinerary

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C27 Lines Up At Lenhok'sin to Prep for Philmont



C27 Sees a Bear at Lenhok'sin While Prepping For Philmont



Crew 27 Camping At Lenhok'sin - Prepping For Philmont



C27 Breaking Camp at Lenhok'sin While Prepping For Philmont



C27 on the Trail at Lenhok'sin - Prepping For Philmont



Pete & Nona Descending Into the Volcanic Lands Surrounding Raton, NM

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We headed to Philmont in two groups. Pete and Nona headed west in their 1964 Mooney M-20 aircraft and landed at Raton, NM the day before the rest of us arrived.

Nona was registered to take the Wilderness First Aid Instructor Course and she would serve as a backup female adult in case Lisa (Our Crew Advisor) was injured and had to come off trail. This would prevent us from having to abandon our trek from a single point of failure. All of the Venturers flew commercially from the Washington D.C. area into Albuquerque, NM where Dean (our third adult - and Josh's dad) would be waiting for us. Dean works in Albuquerque, NM a lot so this was simply a continuation of a normal business trip for him. Dean is retired Air Force and managed to get us in to the Scout Hut at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque the first night we arrived. This was a great opportunity because low cost meals in the chow hall came with the deal!



The Mooney Tied Down At Raton, NM



Crew 27 Arrives at the Philmont in processing Center, Day 1

Day 1

The next day, we had breakfast in the Kirtland AFB Chow Hall, loaded up our packs, climbed into our rental vans early and started the long ride to Philmont. We got to Philmont by 10:30 AM, found Pete and Nona, met with our Ranger (Sam), ate lunch in the Philmont Dining Hall, did the in processing that Philmont required, and prepared to head out on our adventure. At the end of the day we had a campfire and went to sleep in the Philmont Base Camp.



We Find Nona at Philmont Scout Ranch Base Camp,



Grace, Katie and Elisabeth checking in Crew 27 at Philmont - Day 1

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Lining Up For Chow, Philmont, Day 1



Grace, Elisabeth, Jessica, Josh, Ranger Sam, Katie, Lila & Brooke Chow Down At PSR

Day 2

The next day, we finished out preparations. We removed everything from our packs, took out what was unneeded, and gave it to Nona who would be staying at base camp. After saying goodbye, we jumped on the bus and began the ride to the trailhead, seven miles south, at Rayado!



C27 Boards the Bus to Rayado, Day 2

Rayado is a reconstruction of a much larger, and relatively famous, fort from the nineteenth century history of the New Mexico Territory. At Rayado we were forced to take the first of many rain related stops. The upside of this was the delay facilitated a tour of the Fort and allowed us to do some of the activities there. The reconstructed rooms of the Fort included a blacksmith's forge, living quarters, rooms for trading with Native Americans, a game room, and a ball room. Most importantly, though, we got to chase and catch chickens.

As the lightning subsided, we hefted our packs onto our backs and headed onto the trail. We only had a few questions as to which direction to go. The trail crossed two fords that required removing our hiking boots and donning our water shoes. That first day was the only day we had to change footwear while hiking.



Katie holds her prize <chicken> catch at Rayado Fort

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Crew 27 Heads Out From Rayado Once the Lightning Subsides

We soon made it to our site at Olympia. At Olympia, we were introduced to latrines. When I used to think of a latrine, it involved a small, smelly building - at Philmont, think the smelly part, but no building - Yep, that's right, no privacy. There is a white plastic or wooden box over a pit in the field or the woods, and you drop trow, sit on it and do your business.



The infamous Philmont Latrine



A 'Red Roof Inn' at PSR

The scandal at Olympia was that one of the latrines was in clear sight of our cooking area - and several of our Venturers pitched their tents in clear line of sight of the one latrine that afforded a little bit of privacy. Needless to say, the offending Venturers ended up being offended if they were paying attention. For those of you Philmont bound - the term 'Red Roof Inn' describes a classical latrine that affords a degree of privacy. Latrines, without the Red Roof part are, oh, so very public! Sam went over the procedures for cooking, camping, cleaning, using the bathroom, and for the bear bags. Sam cooked for us on the first night, allowing us to take a small break. After that, we packed up and went to sleep. Sunset at Olympia was amazing.

Before we closed our eyes, we were treated to the most spectacular display of the Milky Way that most of us had ever seen. The night was crystal clear, the moon was not yet up, and the stars were brilliant! We could pick out many satellites and a good number of shooting stars. Dean is pretty much an expert on satellites and he was able to find them and point them out to us!



Crew 27 Checks Out A Red Roof Inn At Olympia - unfortunately, not close to our campsite

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Day 3

The next morning, we went over the procedures for water purification. The Venturers on purification duty set about their task while others cooked breakfast, cleaned up and sorted out the other duties on Elisabeth's Roster! In not much time, we had policed the campsite and were ready to set off on the next leg of the hike.



Crew 27 Departs Olympia For Zastrow

Our next location for the day was Abreu. Our hike there was punctuated by two loose burros trailing 50 foot ropes from their harnesses that were coming from the other direction. They seemed to have escaped. Pete was concerned that the long ropes with multiple knots and tangles in them could catch on something and trap the burros in a dangerous predicament so he decided to cut the ropes to four foot lengths that could be used to collect the burros but would not pose the same hazard.



Missing Abreu Burro - Out on an unsupervised Lark

Our first rest stop was Zastrow. Zastrow is the home of Wood badge training at Philmont and hosts a small Wood badge Museum. At Zastrow, we learned about the things that would motivate us on the trail at Philmont: 'swap boxes.' Swap boxes are containers where you put unwanted food. They can be rummaged to look for food that no one else wants. If there is something there you want, you can abscond with it and no one cares - this is gold for your average teenager! Pickings varied! While some had some amazing things, others were pretty poor. Also at Zastrow we did orienteering and geocaching.



Crew 27 At Zastrow - Day 3 - The Home of Philmont Wood badge

Minutes later, we encountered exhausted staffers looking for their burros. Pete took full responsibility for the cut ropes but one of the staffers was none too happy. Most of us were thinking that if the staffers had done a better job keeping track of their burros, they would not have had to get upset about the shortening of the ropes. The burros at Abreu are usually kept penned up with the goats to protect the goats from mountain lions. Apparently, a burro is the only critter at Philmont that will take on a mountain lion and have a good chance of winning!

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At Abreu, we made bricks, and once more used buildings (The porch of the homestead at Abreu) to keep us safe from the daily monsoonal thunderstorm.



Crew 27 Makes Bricks at Abreu - Day 3



The burros are re-enslaved by Abreu Staffers - Day 3

As the thunder receded, we hightailed it in the rain to our final destination for the day, Aguila. We set up in lightning that had returned to haunt us, cooked, and ate. Aguila is set high above the valley of the Rayado River so we could see Rayado Fort, Olympia and Abreu laid out below us in the valley. No one had any trouble getting to sleep on our second night on the trail, we went

to bed quickly.

Day 4

All good things come to an end, so it was time to say goodbye to Ranger Sam. The departure of the Ranger is a good thing because it means that he/she is convinced that you are fit to continue on your own. Not everyone gets this privilege. If the Ranger is worried, he/she can elect to nurse you along for another day or two, but if you really can't hack it, the Ranger can turn you around and take you of the trail.



Crew 27 bids adieu to Ranger Sam on Day 4 -
Well Done Ranger Sam!



View of the Rayado River Valley from Aguila

We filled our canteens from a trickling ground spring and used using Jessica's strainer to filter out the little worms. After the chlorine tabs did their trick, it was mighty fine tasting water.

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After a 'relatively short' six or so miles of back-packing, with some stupendous scenery, we arrive at Miner's Park and were assigned a beautiful meadowside campsite for our overnight stay.



Bra Rocks Enroute to Miner's Park - Day 4



Dean strains out worms and refills canteens at Aguila - Day 4

Here, priorities start emerging. Joseph, Jessica, and Deano opted for rock climbing on the mountain face a mile's uphill hike outside of camp, while the remainder choose to hit the showers before the 5pm curfew on using soap & shampoo was invoked. Allegedly the 5 PM curfew is to prevent bears from eating you after you lather up with good smelling soap. None of this convinced that this is legitimate though. Two rock climbing courses at the outpost awaited Dean, Jessica and Joseph. Joseph scaled 'Davey Jones' on his 2nd attempt. Deano aborted, then fell, then made it on his third attempt, and Jessica made it on her 2nd. On the 'Kracken', Joseph becomes the first non-staffer scout to succeed this summer, while Deano aborts only a quarter of the way up.



A Flock of Turkeys in the Meadow at Miner's Park



Cathedral Rocks North of Miner's Park

Back in camp, the freshly showered Venturers were enjoying watching flocks of turkeys and herds of deer wandering in front of them in the meadow. They were also treated to a talk by Mr. Mark Anderson, Philmont's Director of Program, who explained some of the conservation measures at Miner's Park and how the conservation program enhanced the activities for Scouts and Venturers on the trail. He gave us a pretty cool talk on of how everything fit together!

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Day 5

The next morning broke with us up at first light preparing to depart early. We planned to complete a side hike to the 'Tooth of Time' before the daily monsoonal showers kicked off. We got to Shaefer's Pass by 10 AM and thought we were in good shape to make it to the Tooth of Time. Our high speed hike uphill from Miner's Park and a poor choice of skipping breakfast left Jessica in rough shape at Shaefer's Pass so she, Brooke and Pete elected to wait at Shaefer's Pass and recuperate while the rest of us scrambled for the Tooth of Time! We didn't make it to the Tooth, but we made it to the Gums of Time before a vicious thunderstorm chased us back down the trail to Shaefer's Pass.



The Gums of Time, Just before all Lightning Let Loose

Meanwhile, at Shaefer's Pass, Jessica, Brooke and Pete were being thoroughly entertained by a troupe of chipmunks (Mini-Bears). They were absolutely cheeky! Pete was reclining in a restful state on a large log when he felt little feet on his hat. A Mini-Bear had ascended his bald, hat covered pate and planted a Mini-Bear ensign claiming the territory for Mini-Bears everywhere. Pete and the girls were amused, Pete brushed the Mini-Bear off and the Mini-Bears proceeded to gleefully attempt to steal as much food as they could. There was a huge colony of them! The critters were everywhere. They climbed into unzipped pockets on packs, tugged packs of food along the ground and kept up an unrelenting assault on the three Venturers until the rest of the party returned.



Our First View of Baldy Mountain -
From Shaefer's Pass on Day 5



Crew 27 Descends From Shaefer's Pass to
Clark's Fork

The return of the party from the 'Gums of Time' added nine unamused and tired Venturers to the human population at Shaefer's Pass. The Mini-Bears finally retreated. After hydrating, snacking and resting, Crew 27 headed downhill toward Clark's Fork.

Clark's Fork was also equipped with showers and is a 'Staff Camp' like Miner's Park. There, we enjoyed singing, roping, and the next morning, horse riding.



Clark's Fork

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The Staff at Clark's Fork put on an awesome musical campfire - they have some great talent. At Clark's Fork, Josh proposed a new unit of linear measurement known as 'a Lila.' A Lila is precisely five feet in length.



Staff Musical Review At Clark's Fork



Brooke and Grace At The Clark's Fork Rodeo

After the camp fire and the musical review we had a quiet evening considering the excitement of the day and settled in to a restful night.

Day 6

The next day we had horseback riding on our schedule - except for Pete. He muttered something about his dad raising thoroughbreds and headed for the shower. On the way back from the shower he stopped four feet short of stepping on a beautiful western diamondback rattlesnake. The snake was sunning herself right in the middle of the trail, blended perfectly with the reddish dust, had six rattles, was three and a half feet long and had aligned herself parallel to the direction of the shadows. Her alignment rendered her indistinguishable from the terrain she inhabited. Pete notified the staff and they dispatched her to snake heaven.



Western Diamondback Rattlesnake At Clark's Fork - can you see her?

We departed Clark's Fork about noon for Aspen Springs Camp. Predictably, our departure was delayed by the ever present monsoonal thunderstorms. On our way, because of our late start, we passed on an opportunity to tour the 'demonstration forest.' We also passed on an opportunity to look in at 'The Hunting Lodge' but did stop for water and a break at Cimmaroncito.

Grace (our Ghia) was able to record the rattlesnake on our wildlife log and had a good peek at her salted skin after she was rendered harmless. Philmont policy results in the dispatch of any poisonous snake found in a campsite. Apparently relocating them doesn't work. They come back to seek out the inevitable rodents who follow people around the woods.



Waiting out the thunder on the porch at Clark's Fork - with a sing a long

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The Hunting Lodge - between Clark's Fork and Cimmaroncito



The Lodge at Cimmaroncito

On our way north and east out of Cimmaroncito, we greeted a staffer who was part of a conservation crew working along the trail. She was rather brusque with us and we later discovered that she had opened up her arm with a cutting tool and was taking her six inch laceration for care but didn't want us to see it so we wouldn't be upset. By hiding it from us, she avoided getting the only two physicians within ten miles involved in her care. Pete and Lisa would have been happy to assist and Pete was carrying a well provisioned first aid kit that probably had more capability than anything at Cimmaroncito. We got into Aspen Springs about 5:30 PM. Aspen Springs is not a staff camp but Patrick was thrilled with the Bouldering possibilities there and he had an excellent scamper on the rocks. Aspen Springs Campsite #2 takes the prize for the latrine in the worst condition at Philmont. Only one side was usable and the entire contraption had to be turned slightly to prevent it from descending into its own hole in the ground. It really made human elimination a difficult balancing act.



Lila Cleans Up At Aspen Springs



The Boulders at Aspen Springs - Perfect for a 'scamper'

One of the really nice things at Aspen Springs were the boulders. They are huge and the Crew took full advantage of them. Patrick had a particularly great scamper on the rocks!

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Awakening at Aspen Springs heralded our most difficult day from a distance standpoint. We had to be at a trail service project a mile and a half away in the wrong direction by 7:30 AM.



Sunset At Aspen Springs - Day 6



Staffer Angie Briefs Trail Service - Day 7

Following our trail service, we had to come back to Aspen Springs and commence an eleven plus mile hike through our resupply depot at Ute Gulch to a dry camp on a plateau known as 'The Bench' overlooking highway 64 from the south as it runs west into Cimmaroncita. This was our longest day on the trail. We arrived at Ute Gulch with lightning a mere 8 seconds away from the thunder.



Crew 27 Provides closely supervised trail service at PSR - Day 7



Crew 27 Hiking in the daily monsoonal thundershowers at PSR - Day 7

Philmont policy says that is close enough to move into protective positions. The staffer at Ute Park told us not to worry about it. Within minutes we were cowering under the Commissary at Ute Gulch as the storm increased in violence and crashed about us. We used the sheltered position as an opportunity to eat lunch. After the storm subsided, we distributed our food into our packs and went on our way.

Later in the afternoon, while crossing a mesa known as Deer Lake Mesa, we were beset by the most violent thunderstorm we had encountered. We crouched in the Philmont 'lightning position' at intervals of greater than 30' while lightning, followed by immediate, thunder cracked all around us. It was pretty scary. For the uninitiated, sound travels a mile in 5.5 seconds. Immediate thunder following lightning means the storm has broken upon you, literally on top of you. This puts you at risk for being on the receiving end of a lightning strike.

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By the time we got within a mile of our campsite, Grace was not doing well. She had put on her rain jacket in a hurry and allowed it to get twisted at her left shoulder. This reduced the circulation to her left arm and compressed the nerves in her brachial plexus. Her left hand was cool, grey and pretty lifeless. On top of that, keeping her raincoat on after the rain stopped pouring down had prevented her from drying out and she was freezing, as in 'hypothermic.' When she complained to Lisa and Pete, they quickly sorted out her issues, Lisa got her out of sight, warmed her up and had her back in action in an hour. Brooke hauled Grace's pack, and her own while the rest of the Crew divied up the water bottles. We made it to camp before sunset and got into our tents for a well deserved sleep. Grace was recovering from her injury and hypothermia. Some of the rest of us were soaked and relatively unhappy. Our sister crew (from Minnesota) was nice enough to make us hot chocolate when we got to our camp site. They lifted our damp spirits!



Crew 27 Girls After traversing "The Bench" - Day 7

Day 8

The next morning, we dried our stuff off with a camp stove, unfortunately using most of what we had left in terms of fuel. Lila's boots were still soaked so Pete showed her how to use a stove to safely dry them. Lila gets heat from her folks if her camping equipment comes home looking at all used so Pete's ability to safely dry out her boots helped set her mind at rest from worry. Her feet felt a lot better too.



Highway 64 Crossing at the base of Bear Canyon -
Water Stop - Day 8



Thunderstorm break in Bear Canyon - Day 8

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We headed down off 'The Bench', crossed highway 64, filled up on water at the Cimmaron River and started to ascend through Bear Canyon. Bear Canyon treated us to an hour rest period while the usual monsoonal thunderstorms kicked off.

Once we got out of Bear Canyon, the terrain leveled and we had a much easier hike as we headed northwest toward 'Head of Dean.' The trail took us through the land burned by the Philmont Fire of 2002 and we were stalked by lots of deer enroute. We took the 'jeep trail' to Santa Claus Camp, stopped for water and then hiked on to 'Head of Dean.'



Bucks on the trail to 'Head of Dean' - Day 8



Crew 27 Camp Site at 'Head of Dean' - Day 8

At 'Head of Dean', we arrived after nearly all the other Crews coming in that day. As a result, the staff put us in a new campsite by the staff lodge and the campsite had its very own 'Red Roof Inn.'

This was heavenly despite a fair amount of rain that evening! 'Head of Dean' also offered volleyball, climbing walls, and story time. We celebrated the first day of the fire ban being lifted by having a camp fire in our camp site that evening. The only downside was Lisa sacrificing her LED headlamp to the flames inadvertently as a 'burnt offering.'

The views from 'Head of Dean' were spectacular. We were now far enough north that we could look right into Colorado and see Pike's Peak a hundred miles away.



View of Pike's Peak from 'Head of Dean'

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Day 9

The next day, we did the COPE course, some of us begrudgingly, packed up, and left for our camp at Ute Meadows.



COPE course at 'Head of Dean' - Day 9



Miranda Camp at the top of the meadow in the Aspen

Ute Meadows would be unique for us because we were scheduled in there for two nights with an ascent of Baldy Mountain for the next day, Day 10.

We passed through Miranda, where we were to have done shooting, but the staff there couldn't get us on the range an hour after they gave us our safety brief so we elected to abandon the thought of blackpowder and head for Ute Meadows.

We made it to our site, had a campfire, and prepared for the hike up Baldy Mountain the next day.

Ute Meadows is a narrow camping area with little flat ground. It sits amongst steep walls of dirt and gravel and once contained a gold mining operation. The ground is rocky and does not help you sleep comfortably.



Ute Meadows Camp - Nights 9 and 10

Day 10

In the morning, we packed only the stuff we would need for the hike, including water, which we topped off in Baldy Town by 8 AM, and lunch.

We slowly, but surely, made our way up Baldy Mountain.



View of Baldy Summit from Baldy Town - Day 10

Some of us began to be discouraged, however that soon changed when the grey tabby cat from Miranda joined us out of nowhere for the rest of the hike. Grace was overjoyed and Pete promised to give Grace one of his tuna fish packets to feed the cat provided both the cat and Grace made it to the top. The cat had been obtained from an animal control facility by a Philmont staffer who planned to keep it after returning home from Philmont. The cat was apparently enjoying Philmont as much as any Crew does and was having a truly great time as the only domesticated feline amongst so many Scouts.

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Grace's friend on the Baldy Summit Hike - Day 10



Pete and Dominic on the way to Baldy Summit

Another high point (no pun intended) of the Baldy Summit Hike was that we ran into Dominic's Troop. Dominic is our Crew Quartermaster and has multiple Scouting Registrations (Crew, Troop & two Posts). He is also a Boy Scout and his Troop was doing Philmont at the same time we were. The real surprise is that we crossed paths with him as we headed up Baldy Summit. It is a truly small Scouting world.

On reaching Baldy Mountain Summit at 12,441' above sea level, we enjoyed a cold but beautiful view. Including Angelfire ski resort to the southwest and Raton to the east. Grace got to feed the cat and almost got left when she seperated from the Crew to do it.



View From Baldy Summit, 12,441' MSL - Day 10



The trail down from Baldy Summit - Day 10

We departed from Baldy Summit to the west. We had ascended from the east. While the eastern approaches resembled steep alpine paths of crumbling rock, the western approaches looked like something from the treeless alpine scenery of "the Sound of Music."

The western descent is marked by frequent piles of stones known as cairns. It is frequently so enveloped in cloud that traveling from cairn to cairn is the only safe way to navigate.

We descended from the high terrain through Copper Park Camp and spent several hours at French Henry Camp where we learned about gold panning and blacksmithing. There is a mine tour at French Henry as well but we didn't have time for it. French Henry has two volunteer geologists augmenting the paid staff so there is truly a lot to learn there about geophysics, minerals, and mining.

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Crew 27 descending to Copper Park on the switchbacks from Baldy Summit



Copper Park

From French Henry we headed south back through Baldy Town to Ute Meadows and returned to our narrow, rocky camp site. We were tired enough that it just didn't matter.



Grace checks out some minerals she found while panning for gold at French Henry



Aztec Mine at French Henry

Day 11

The next day, we hiked back to Miranda. The staff at Miranda was still too disorganized to fit us in to the rota for black powder shooting again so we gave it up as a bad deal. We were supposed to pick up two burros at Miranda but the 'Burromaster' could only spare one for us. He was seriously hurting. Apparently he had brought a very light weight sleeping bag to Philmont and could not sleep at night because he got too cold. As a result we had to wake him from a sound sleep to get a burro from him. This began our relationship with Fuzzy Butt.

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Crew 27 bonds with 'Fuzzy Butt' (The burro)



Fuzzy Butt demonstrates that he understands the trails and roads at PSR better than C27 does

While Fuzzy Butt (The Burro) was useful in terms of carrying stuff, he was extremely stubborn. He was also smarter than we were! As we departed Miranda, we had been cautioned to avoid some trails with the burro because he was afraid of narrow paths. This put us on the road up to Baldy Skyline Camp. As any experienced Philmont aficionado will be happy to tell you, roads have steeper grades than trails. Our Burro understood this and dug in his hooves at the base of the Jeep trail.

We eventually convinced him that we were going up the road and he finally gave up and joined us. Apparently he was very clear on how steep it would be! As we descended from Baldy Skyline to Pueblano, we were enticed with the offer of a form of baseball known as 'logger ball' and a campfire.



C27 on the porch at Pueblano



Brooke and Fuzzy Butt - A burro with an opinion

While most people in our Crew declined, a few of us hiked the 2.5 miles back to Pueblano from our campsite at Flume Canyon on the South Ponil River after dinner for both. Out of Pueblano, we discovered why we had been scheduled for two burros. Apparently burros are extremely social animals who really enjoy each other's company. We passed a burrow in a fenced meadow out of Pueblano and both Fuzzy Butt and the burro we were passing started up an extremely loud braying as they gleefully greeted each other. This display was repeated with the next solitary burro fenced at the pen at Flume Canyon, our final campsite on the trail.

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Day 12

The last day was then upon us. We hiked for the morning and reached Ponil by lunchtime. At Ponil, we returned Fuzzy Butt and relaxed with some root beer at the cantina. Eventually, we made our way to the Ponil turnaround where the bus would pick us up at 2:30.

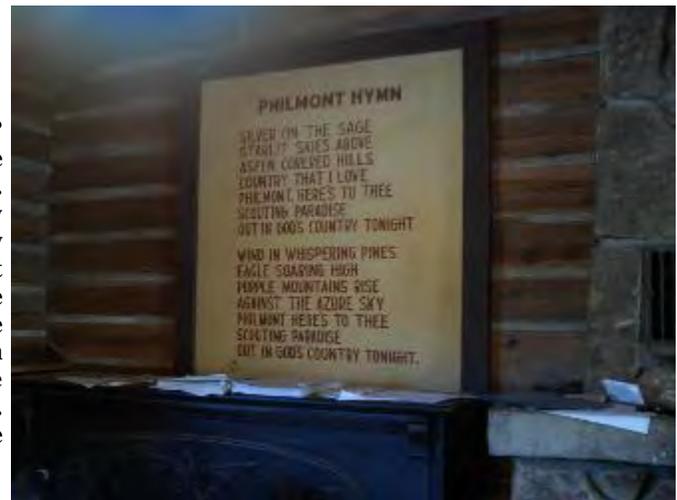


Josh, Brooke and Grace play cards with a Ranger in the Ponil Cantina



Waiting for the bus at the Ponil Turnaround

Did I mention that we had thunderstorms again? We got on the bus and made our way back to base camp. We enjoyed a nice campfire and spent our last night in Philmont. After experiencing Philmont, we were all changed in one way or another. I think most everyone enjoyed it, and even a few of our Venturers plan to go back to work there. Philmont left a pretty good impression on our crew, and in the future, we plan to do many more high adventures just like it. Each one of us grew in our own ways. We were all different from when we started and mostly better. Less squeamish, more secure, less anxious, and for the most part, more mature. Philmont had changed us all for the better and now, as the Rangers say - we all, 'wanna go back to Philmont!!



Philmont Hymn

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Living by the Scout Law

“A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.” Baden Powell.



The Scout Law has been in place since the founding of Scouting. Arthur Astor Carey, the founder of Sea Scouts in the United States, wrote a book on entitled [“The Scout Law in Practice”](#) about living the Scout Law in 1915. Since our genesis, the Scout Law has provided the guidelines and means to succeed in Scouting.

It is the duty of a Scout to uphold the entire Scout Law during his or her scouting experience and even later in life. Each of the traits of the Scout Law are meant to be weighed equally in importance. These traits work hand in hand to keep the morals and ethics of scouts at their very best.

The significance of uttering the Scout Law should never to be taken lightly:

To be Trustworthy, means one can depend and rely on you and your word.

To be Loyal, means you will be faithful in all of your commitments and obligations.

To be Helpful, means you will render aid to those in need.

To be Friendly, means you will be welcoming to others.

To be Courteous, means you will be respectful and polite.

To be Kind, means that you will be benevolent and appreciative towards others.

To be Obedient, means you will be able to comply to authority.

To be Cheerful, means you will be able to uphold a positive attitude in all of your endeavors despite difficulty.

To be Thrifty, means you will be able to thrive and prosper.

To be brave, means you will be able to show courage in the face of adversity.

To be Clean, means you will be able to keep an orderly and tidy appearance.

By following all of the above, one can hope to achieve greatness and success in not only Scouting, but in life.

With the understanding that each of the values of the Scout Law are equally important, there is one that I want to take aside to highlight in how much it has helped me in my experiences as a Sea Scout: Brave.

My beginnings in Scouting came Freshman year of high school. I was as shy and introverted as anyone could be. Sure, I was comfortable around close friends and what I found familiar, but I was afraid of the unknown. It took months for a friend to convince me to join Sea Scouts. It was new and unfamiliar, therefore no friend of mine. So I declined, afraid to venture into the unknown. Well, that would not be the last I heard of Sea Scouts. Persistent, this friend asked and asked, and well...I considered. What is the worst that could happen? Would I like it? Would the other kids accept me? What if it turned out to be life changing? And with curiosity mixed with uncertainty, I decided I would try. And that was my first step of bravery in scouting. Joining. It was a small step, but it was the first and would not be the last.

Living by the Scout Law

From there, I only grew. I began to take more and more chances into the unknown. And the more I did that, the more I learned and discovered, which lead to me having more confidence in myself. The more courageous and trusting in my abilities I became, the more I began to pursue in Scouting, where bravery was encouraged. This lead to me receiving the most fulfilling experience I could. From stepping forward to taking on leadership positions, traveling to meet and compete with other Sea Scouts in regattas, flying to the East Coast to learn about potential career pursuits in the Coast Guard, and many more outstanding opportunities, it all started with that first step of being brave.

The first step is always the hardest, but from there you gain the courage to move forward. And little by little, this bravery takes you further and further and opens doors to possibilities and experiences you never thought possible before.

September 11th Rememberence Ceremony

Bugles Across America event. Bugling led by Larry Ballenger volunteer for Bugles Across America, Los Angeles Police Band and Venturing Crew 561.



Getting ready to play "To The Colors". From left to right, Julianne, Bryan, Bailey, Larry Ballenger and Mark Riebs, Bugles Across America volunteer Venturing Crew Advisor. Scouts represent Venturing Crew 561 Honor Corps of Greater Los Angeles Area Council



Playing Echo Taps: From Left to Right: Bailey and Mark Riebs



Play Echo Taps: Front Left to Right: Jullianne and Bryan; Back: Larry Ballenger

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