Rescuing together
Andrew Kliewer
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On a hot cloudless June day, the crunching of boots on dead twigs fills the forest as a search and rescue team fans out. After several minutes one of the searchers stumbles across their first clue: a piece of clothing dropped on the ground. Excitement grows as the group finds a second clue: a bandana hanging from a tree. As they begin to close in on the position of the missing person, shouts of “Jose,” fill the air. Finally, a searcher sees Jose leaning against a tree, and reports his position to the operations chief. The team gathers around him, checking vitals and asking for symptoms.

Jose doesn’t move or respond, not because he’s unconscious, but because “Jose” is actually a stick figure constructed from firehose pieces. The search and rescue team who just located him is not a professional group, but rather a crew of Scouts from Troop 62 in Winter Park, FL. The exercise that they just completed was part of Carson Meadow’s Search and Rescue Program, one of two such programs offered at Philmont Scout Ranch.

Living up to reputation
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After participants roll into Philmont and check in, one of the most eagerly anticipated and popular destination beckons to Scouts and Advisors alike: the Tooth of Time Traders. With its brightly colored Nalgene tree, invaluable maps and classic belt buckles, the TOTT is arguably just as much a part of the quintessential Philmont experience as its namesake mountains. While the store has been a steady fixture for much of Philmont history, recent visitors could be forgiven for thinking that the establishment is entirely new. Those approaching the TOTT this season will see two slick looking buildings topped with bright red roofs. At the main store, visitors may notice the custom door handles molded in the shape of Philmont belt buckles. After being greeted by a blast of cool air, they will enter a spacious room filled with spotlit displays of many outdoor products. The reason for the TOTT’s polished new look is a one-year reconstruction and redesign that significantly updated the store for the first time since 2001. Previously, the TOTT consisted of one building, divided into a retail shop and snack bar. As the TOTT continued to gain national recognition, TOTT director Shelly O’Neill decided that changes would be needed to ensure that the physical store lived up to its reputation.

“We felt that with the recognition that we were getting and what the store looked like when you walked in, you didn’t get that feeling like oh wow,” O’Neill said. “For a multitude of reasons, what the

Council training
Elizabeth Harper
Staff Writer

Underneath a shady pavilion at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, a group of Council Commissioners and Assistant Council Commissioners sat with their training materials and listened attentively to the faculty member in front of them. Behind them, the sun was shining through the trees and the Tooth of Time loomed large in the background.

“[We] try bringing them out of the classroom… most have never seen the Backcountry so we want them to get a glimpse,” explained Larry Chase, Recruitment and Retention Chair.

The unique outdoor class was a part of a Commissioner’s Week conference, during which Council and Assistant Council Commissioners come to the Philmont Training Center to learn about ways to improve unit service in their individual councils.

Participants come from across the country and beyond for the conference. Take Harry Long, the Chief Commissioner for Scouts Australia at the South Australia Branch, who was visiting
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Mark’s Minute: Grit

Mark Anderson
Director of Program

We experience Grit in lots of ways. Grit can be a state of mind, it is a willingness to commit to long term goals and to persist in the face of difficulty. It can also be residue that gets in your boot, or a piece of dirt that gets in your eye when working in a dusty job.

Most of us do not like to focus on the state of mind. Some people don’t think they can accomplish something or they are not good at something because they have a lack of ability. They just give up. However, if you don’t think you are particularly gritty, you can do something about it. Focusing on effort, planning, persistence and good strategies, is what it takes to succeed. It’s what we must focus on the summer to truly deliver amazing experiences. Grit is all about not giving up in the face of difficulty, even when you are tired, or discouraged, or just plain bored.

Heidi Grant Halvorson wrote “To be successful and truly make the most of your wvpotential, it’s critical to examine your beliefs, and when necessary, challenge them. Change really is always possible and the science here is crystal clear. There is no ability that can’t be developed with experience. The next time you find yourself thinking, “But I’m just not good at this,” remember: You’re just not good at it yet.”

When you focus on improving and developing your skills, you naturally become grittier in pursuit of your goals.

Remember, each day of the summer we can improve. It is always possible.

What is the next step for you to reach your goals this summer? Practice with grit and make it happen.

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Sign us up for next year too

Elizabeth Harper
Staff Writer

At 4 a.m., a small group of determined adults gathered near the flagpoles at the Philmont Training Center. A warm breeze blew through the group as they waited for everyone to arrive. The ten adventurers were about to set out on an early-morning hike in hopes of watching the sunrise from Lovers Leap. The hike was a part of the PTC program for Silverados, the spouses or adult family members of those attending the PTC for conferences.

Once everyone was present, the group and its two staff members drove to Lovers Leap Turnaround. After briefly reassembling at the turnaround to make sure everyone made it, a Program Counselor lead the group up the trail.

The group took their time in the dark, using headlamps to light the unfamiliar terrain. They hiked on steadily, keeping an eye on the horizon behind them as it grew ever brighter.

As it turned out, their timing was perfect. The group arrived at Lovers Leap about ten minutes before sunrise, giving them just enough time to set down their bags, climb out on the cliff, and watch the sun peek over the horizon.

“That was amazing. That was so well worth it,” said Jamie Mitchell, a Silverado at the PTC with her husband and son. “It was absolutely gorgeous. So serene, so peaceful.”

The sunrise hike was only one of many options that Silverados are given for their program.

“Every day they get to choose their own activity, what they want to do,” explained Laura Bushman, a Program Counselor who spent the week with the Silverados.

They make their own schedule by picking from a list of activities that includes crafts, tours, and hikes on Philmont property. Some days there are excursions to other places as well, so Silverados can explore Red River or Taos. Whatever the Silverados choose, there’s certainly no shortage of things to do through the PTC.

“It exceeded my expectations,” said Sharon Mosgrove. “I didn’t realize what a great time I was going to have. … I didn’t realize how many different activities there would be and how great and how organized it would be.”

Mosgrove’s twin daughters spent the majority of their time with the Bandits, a group of 6 and 7 year olds, while her teenage daughter went on a Mountain Trek.

Both Mosgrove and Mitchell were visiting the PTC for the first time, and both have enjoyed their time there immensely.

“I told my husband, just go ahead and sign us up for next year,” said Mitchell, smiling.

“Everybody’s so friendly and the staff is really helpful,” Mosgrove said.

Mitchell agreed and said that was one of her favorite things about her week at the PTC.

“It’s the people and the atmosphere, because you come in here and you don’t really know anybody,” she said, “but wherever you’re at they stop and they talk and it’s just, an amazing place.”
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Living up to reputation

plan became was to gain the space for the store by getting the snack bar out of there. We built a brand new snack bar so we could gain that retail space for the Tooth of Time Traders.”

Construction crews worked all winter, reconstructing segments of the store one piece at a time, including the entire roof to add a new HVAC system. Throughout the construction process, the store remained open and continued to serve customers. The refurbished main building reopened the evening of June 6, followed by the entirely new snack bar on June 13.

The buildings manage to maintain the classic Philmont look from the outside while offering important new functionality on the inside.

“[The new snack bar] was designed with previous experience in mind, previous space in mind, and we are excited for all the work that we’ve put in with it,” TOTT Assistant Manager Jake Koch said.

New countertops made from Philmont harvested wood will soon be installed in the main store. Perhaps the largest change will occur on the outside patio, which will soon feature a fire pit. While these additions are still in progress, the TOTT continues to accomplish its core goal every day: providing a great experience to participants.

The new facade of the Tooth of Time Traders stands erect after months of renovations. The renovations were designed by Jet Yazzie, a Navajo architect from Santa Fe, NM. Evan Mattingly/PhilNews
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Philmont for the fifth time.

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programs located at Philmont. Philmont’s Search and Rescue Programs, also known as SAR, are designed to teach participants the fundamentals of a search and rescue operation and are based out of both Carson Meadows and Seally Canyon. At Carson Meadows, crews can choose from three different programs between thirty and ninety minutes. Depending on how long they are willing to spend, participants emerge from the program with skills ranging from how to conduct a search and rescue sweep to how to use a pulley to lift an injured person. In addition, crews gain valuable team building experience that they may not find elsewhere.

“I think that the way we were able to come together and accomplish a certain task is always a good team building thing,” Crew Leader Sam Wenzel from Troop 62 said. After debriefing the practice run with the stick figure, the group heads out on a more challenging mission, this time to find their “missing” Ranger, Sarah. Meanwhile, another crew back at the cabin is learning how to tie knots and use pulleys to lift an injured person out of a steep canyon or cliff.

“If you have to get someone or something that’s at the bottom of a valley or a cliff, then we have to set up anchors, set up knots, and belay off the side of the cliff to save that person.” Henry Cregar from Troop 101 in Auburn OH said.

This special collection of challenges that constitutes the SAR program at Carson Meadows was developed by the camp’s staff. After two days of pre-scatter training with professionals, staffers were asked to create their own unique program that would provide the best blend of enjoyment and learning for participants. Unlike programs such as COPE, SAR programs change with each season as new staffers come in with fresh ideas and program situations.

“[Our instructor] was a former staffer of Philmont and worked at Carson Meadows, so he knew some of the program areas to go over with us and was familiar enough with the program that the training wasn’t super technical,” Carson Meadows Program Counselor George Herde said. “So that was really useful, to learn, this is something you all need to know, but also the flip side of it is this is how you could possibly implement it in the program.” Ultimately, SAR can serve as a microcosm of sorts for the entire trek, testing each crew’s ability to work together as a cohesive unit. Groups that follow a clear chain of command, are able to effectively make quick decisions and have participants that each take responsibility for their individual search areas are most likely to succeed. Those that lack these attributes will probably struggle; however, green-shirted staff members stand feet away, ready to help them work through any difficulties.

“[SAR] is very methodical and very structured, and I think it low key shows crews on every-day treks that if one person doesn’t set up the bear bags or one person doesn’t set up camp, it can really affect the entire crew’s outcome,” Carson Meadows Camp Director Juan Lopez said. “There’s a lot of minor things that they don’t notice with SAR that if they don’t work together, that can easily translate to not working together in a crew.”

“I thought that I would gain some insight into best practice at Council Commissioner level from the Boy Scouts of America and through those insights, perhaps, find ways to do my job better when I returned to South Australia,” Long said of his reason or attending the conference. That is a common goal among the participants, who are all looking for ways to improve their council. One of the ways that is accomplished is through discussion and the sharing of ideas during class sessions.

Out in the Backcountry, with fresh air all around them, the participants were able to relax and engage in discussions pertinent to their position and the effects they can have on Scouts.

“We are creating an atmosphere where positive youth development can take place,” Morrison told the participants. “You are not a leader until you develop another leader who develops another leader.”
Meet the chaplains

John Lampley
Protestant Chaplain

It is hard to believe this is my fifth summer serving at Philmont. It has been tremendously rewarding, and each year, I am more eager to return and see my friends again.

To those who I don’t know yet, I have been married to my wife Claudia for 35 years and have 3 grown children. Both my sons are Eagle Scouts, and former staffers at Philmont. Around Philmont, I am known as John Mark and Peter’s dad.

I serve on staff at a Presbyterian church in Hendersonville, NC as a Licensed Professional Counselor and as Director of Nurture and Discipleship.

In my free time, I enjoy hiking and backpacking and skiing. I have a real passion for motorsports, and have raced numerous classes in Sports Car Club of America competition. During the past few months, I have completed the restoration of a Formula Vee and have had the chance to put it on the track for the first time in 20+ years.

Certainly, one of the most rewarding things to me is the time I spend here at Philmont, either on the trail or as a chaplain. As special as this place is, my favorite part of it is the people. Let’s have a great summer making Philmont special to those 22,000 participants we will be seeing soon.

Ever Upward.

Chaplain’s corner: Gymkhana

Father Ray Fecteau
Catholic Chaplain

Like most staff members at Philmont Scout Ranch, I have a favorite trail to hike, a favorite camp to visit, and a favorite activity to watch. A gymkhana is an activity held here at Philmont Scout Ranch at the end of each Cavalcade Trek, either at Camping Headquarters or at Ponil. Philmont Staff are always welcome to attend. A gymkhana is a lot of fun to watch.

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

“Gymkhana” is Hindi-Urdu in origin and refers to “a place where skill-based games are held.” Similar games and events are held by Native Americans. The Blackfeet Indian Tribe refers to its most colorful sport as O-Mok-See, the sport of Riding Big.

“Gymkhana” is Hindi-Urdu in origin and refers to “a place where skill-based games are held.” Similar games and events are held by Native Americans. The Blackfeet Indian Tribe refers to its most colorful sport as “O-MOK-SEE” or RIDING BIG. The following prayer is still used to begin their games:

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

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

For all these things, O God, we thank You. Amen.

PSA: Philmont summer days

John Murphy
President,
Philmont Staff Association

It may take a few years, but at some point each of you will look back at your days working at Philmont with great pride and a longing to relive those times in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. There is a bond with the staff friends you share a summer with and that incredible place which gets etched into your soul.

It is not about how long you work there, rather it is about what you come away with. Those forever memories stay vivid and clear and are a source of inspiration during times when the world seems to move way too fast.

Many summers ago I survived a Rayado adventure (then called Kit Carson) and was lucky enough to be hired to work the rest of the summer as a Ranger. That moment had a profound and lasting effect on my life. On the Rayado trek, we hiked lots of miles and saw a great portion of the ranch. I began to see more than dusty trails - the beauty of Philmont unfolded before me. The Ponderosa pines created shaded passageways and creeks meandered along serenading you with pleasant sounds. There was excitement when the trail led to a breezy summit or brought you into a new camp with cabin and staff that looked like they belonged out of a history book.

Later that summer after leaving a Scout crew to finish out their trek, I would sometimes go plop down in the tall grass under an aspen grove and just watch the clouds roll by before heading back to base camp. It was these kind of moments and crystal clear memories which still to this day bond me to Philmont. I hope you will enjoy your summer as much or more than I did. Take advantage of this time and this place, building friendships, exploring, and learning the history of Northern New Mexico. You will be richer for it and Philmont will forever be a part of you!

Chapel Services

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Wash your hands

Codi Ehrlich
KU Medical Student

The birds are chirping and the first rays of the sun are beginning to beam down and awaken the staff and campers of Philmont. As you roll out of your tent and head to the shower, you notice a scratchy, burning sensation in the back of your throat. You proceed to the bathroom hoping that a swig of water will cure your dry throat, but to no avail the discomfort persists. As the day proceeds you notice that your sinuses seem to be congested and you just cannot seem to kick the feeling of being tired. Welcome to Philmont, you have officially caught the in-Phil-enza.

Over the past couple of weeks the number of patients visiting the infirmary with similar symptoms of an upper respiratory infection has increased and will likely continue to grow. Upper respiratory infection, or better known as the common cold, is the most common acute illness in the United States. By far, the most common cause of a URI is a viral infection. Viral illnesses are self-limited which means the body’s immune system is able to fight off the infection on its own without the help of medication. In fact, the physical symptoms of a URI are not from the infection itself, but actually the effects of the immune system. These symptoms include fatigue, runny nose, cough, dry, scratchy throat, and maybe even a fever. Symptoms usually occur for 3-10 days and may persist for up to 2 weeks in 25% of patients.

One common myth of the common cold is that purulent discharge, or greenish-yellow snot, is indicative of a bacterial infection. In the past, many physicians have relied on colored nasal discharge to guide the use of antibiotics when treating upper respiratory infections. However, colored nasal discharge is normal in uncomplicated viral illnesses and is not a reliable sign to decide whether a patient has a bacterial or viral illness.

What is the difference between a viral and bacterial infection? Although the symptoms of both types of infections are similar, the pathogens that cause viral and bacterial infections are vastly different. Viruses are small pathogens that rely on the cells in our body to survive. They live and replicate inside of our cells and are constantly changing their DNA composition. There are over 200 different subtypes of viruses that have been identified to cause the common cold, making it nearly impossible to identify which virus causes a particular infection. Over 60% of all URIs are caused by viral pathogens. The treatment for a viral infection is simply tincture of time.

Bacteria are slightly larger pathogens that have their own cellular composition and are able to reproduce either inside or outside of our cells. Although their DNA composition also changes frequently, there are certain area of the genome that are preserved allowing us to use antibiotics to target the bacteria and help our immune system fight off the infection. Bacteria are also able to be collected and cultured which allows physicians to correctly identify the pathogen and select the correct antibiotic. However, this is not necessary for the majority of common respiratory infections because the common pathogens are known and respond to similar antibiotics. The American Academy of Family Physicians recommends antibiotic use in an upper respiratory infection if symptoms have not improved after ten days or if the symptoms continue to worsen after five to seven days.

The best way to prevent catching the common cold is good old fashioned hand washing, along with avoidance of touching your mouth, nose, and eyes. Viruses that cause URIs are spread through three mechanisms: hand to hand contact, small particle transmission (such as coughing and sneezing), and large particle transmission (close contact with another person). Taking caution to ensure that you frequently wash your hands will go a long way in saving yourself a trip to the infirmary.

If you happen to be one of the unlucky people who have come down with the in-Phil-enza, I hope you Phil better soon. If you do come into the infirmary with symptoms lasting less than ten days we will likely send you home with some simple advice: Drink plenty of water, wash those hands, and enjoy your summer here at Philmont!
Five decades later
Suzannah Evans
PhilNews Editor

Thousands upon thousands of youth have hiked the trail of Philmont. Many of these youth are accompanied by their fellow Troop members, some of them are best friends, maybe even siblings, others might be friendly acquaintances. Regardless of the depth of their pre-existing relationship, the bond that forms between Trek members is indescribable. This transformative journey is meant to be shared, and regardless of how much time has passed, Trek members will be able to pick up right where they left off, whether it was about the Bald Eagle they saw flying above Miranda or the morning they summited Black Mountain.

Such timelessness was true for a former Ranger and two of his Crew Members. Last year, completely by chance, Dr. Daniel Miller, Philmont Training Center Physician, and Dave DeHart, Medical Re-Check Coordinator, ran into each other in the dining hall, 48 years after their Contingent Crews went on Trek together.

In 1968, 625B from Charleston, WV, a four-Crew Contingent experienced everything the largest youth camp in the world has to offer. Unbeknownst to two of the members, there would be a mini reunion 50 years in the future when their Ranger, Mike Martens, Mining Program Facilitator and Miller and DeHart would all return on staff in 2017. This reunion was completely coincidental. DeHart recounted the moment that he and Miller recognized each other in the dining hall.

“We kept looking at each other, like I know him, I know him from somewhere. I brought the picture this year; I brought my map last year; I brought the picture, like I know him, I know him from somewhere. I brought the picture,” said DeHart.

The three were reunited on the way out to dinner one night.

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As many Scouts might attest, Philmont influences futures for the better. The perseverance one gains from hiking mountains in the sometimes severe New Mexico heat is second to none. Additionally, one will gain a sense of accomplishment and pride after working or hiking at Philmont. It is only through willpower and a good attitude that one earns their Arrowhead Patch. These virtuous characteristics are often important ingredients for a young person’s life.

“I never quit anything. I didn’t quit medical school when it got rough, I didn’t quit my marriage on rough weeks, I didn’t quit,” said Miller of his time at Philmont as a Scout.

Not only are one’s virtues strengthened here, the experiences one has out here are those that last a life time. Anyone who knows someone who has experienced Philmont is aware of their inability not to talk or even humbly brag about it.

“It was the best experience, that’s why I came back. It was really tough, because we were two of the youngest ones in our contingent...it’s affected everything I did as far as Scouting is concerned,” said DeHart.
Leaving something for the future

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PhilNews Editor

Anyone who has driven down Highway 21 through the alley of trees has gained enough of a glimpse of Philmont to recognize the exquisite and captivating nature around them. From the mountains that wrap around the horse pasture to the right of them and back behind the Villa Philmont, to the prairie dogs that scurry across the road, visitors, participants, and staff alike agree to taking extra care of the treasure box around them.

The earth is tremendous and beckoning to be explored. In order to ensure the same reality for future generations, Philmont implements the seven Leave No Trace Principles: Plan Ahead and Prepare, Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces, Dispose of Waste Properly, Leave What You Find, Minimize Campfire Impacts, Respect Wildlife, Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

These seven principles are closely observed by all staff members, but some staff members have gone on extra lengths to leave HoME better than they found it. A few weeks before the majority of the seasonal staff arrived, twelve individuals, from varying departments participated in the Leave No Trace Master Educator Course. Taught by guest instructors Mark Hammer and Josh Lamoth, participants were educated both in the classroom and backcountry setting, where it actually snowed while they were hiking. Additionally, each participant had to prepare their own lecture for their fellow pupils on one of the matters being covered.

Though this was a voluntary experience, many might have felt obliged to take this course. Ranger Trainer Joe Mangels shared that he hoped he could find a better way to positively influence the Scouts his Rangers lead.

“A lot of it was so that I could have a wider base to teach my Rangers and they could teach their crews. After having several years in the Ranger department, I picked up a lot of LNT knowledge and skills, but I wanted more knowledge about more effective ways to teach my Rangers...how to further spread the following of LNT,” said Mangels.

Marketing and Photography Services Photo Manager Tyler Sanders was able to kindle the fire of a sparking passion for the outdoors.

“I just got into hiking and backpacking again and the outdoors, so coming out here the past few years, I’ve seen an interest in it and I feel like it’s important to understand the background behind that. I really wanted to learn about LNT because it’s what shapes a lot of the National Parks and the ways that they have people do things in order for it to be around for people to keep doing them,” said Sanders.

Both Mangels and Sanders recommend that staff members take this course. Mangels touched on the methodology behind teaching LNT that allows those well versed in the area not to come across as hostile.

“There’s this idea called the Authority of the Resource, which I had never even heard of before. Essentially, the Authority of the Resource is a way of explaining LNT principles to people without being confrontational. So if you see someone camping in an area where tenting is prohibited, you explain why traveling and camping on durable surfaces is important versus just saying ‘you can’t do that because the rule says so.’ It’s the Authority of the Resource over the Authority of the Law. The idea is to go shoulder to shoulder with the person you’re trying to correct,” said Mangels.

While a lot of emphasis is put on preparing oneself physically for the trail, it is argued that the same amount of emphasis should go into caring for the wilderness that allows for such life changing expeditions.

“If they’re [Scouts are] out here and they’re growing as a person, and enjoying what they’re doing with their crew, then they should have that appreciation, they should attach these moments with this environment and then realize by following the Principles, they can have these moments that are more enjoyable here than in other places, to allow other people to have the same experiences,” said Sanders.

All seasonal staff members are required to partake in basic LNT training and are encouraged, and some might argue, inspired, to carry out these principles both while on the Ranch and wherever they might venture in the rest of their lives.
Out of Eden walk

Chris Sawyer and Mark Schulte
Pulitzer Center

Intentionality has always been one of the guiding principles of the Scouting movement. Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard and Lord Baden Powell were intentional in how they laid the foundation for a youth development program that would be rooted in service, leadership and character development. Intentionality is also a word that could be used to describe Waite Phillips’ gift of Philmont Scout Ranch to the BSA.

Eight years prior to his gift, Mr. Phillips laid the foundation of his vision to provide a place for Scouts to recreate and experience the mountains of northern New Mexico in a letter to BSA President, Walter Head. Like Seton, Beard, and Powell, Phillips’ intentionality can be viewed through the lens of his journal entries, letters, and other writings.

Part of Philmont’s 75th anniversary celebration in 2013 was the introduction of the Passport to Adventure journal. The journal served as a way to intentionally encourage Scouts to document locations visited as they hiked the backcountry and to record their thoughts along the way by writing. Just like Mr. Phillips had done so many years before.

At about the same time, also in 2013, Paul Salopek, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and National Geographic Fellow, traveled to the Afar Triangle in Ethiopia to begin the Out of Eden Walk.

As a journalism project, the walk is an exercise in telling the big stories of our day — climate change, mass migrations and other global issues — from the perspective of ordinary people who live along the route. But it is also a clarion call to us back home in the U.S.

At a time when digital technology and global connectivity allow us to act, speak and even to think more quickly and with less reflection than ever before, Salopek wants to slow readers down. When we walk, we can perceive a world of connections and meaning that is unobserved by those who speed by in cars or bury their noses in smartphones.

He calls this practice “slow journalism,” and he urges us to follow his example. To learn about a once in a lifetime opportunity to walk along with Paul for two days, visit pulitzercenter.org/scouting

Since the walk began, the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, a nonprofit journalism organization based in Washington, D.C., has supported the walk’s educational mission. Through online curriculum and innovative partnerships, the Pulitzer Center has brought the story and lessons of the walk to middle, high school and college students across its network of school partners in the U.S. and abroad.

For the past two summers, the Pulitzer Center has partnered with Philmont, a place that understands the significance of extended walking. At the opening Philmont campfire, Salopek greets the Scouts in a video he recorded in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

He urges each participant to carefully observe the terrain they pass, noting details in their Passport Journals.

“The first thing we learn is that slowing down lets you think,” Salopek says. “Every step is a negotiation with the natural world. It’s literally impossible to be bored. Walking makes use of our problem-solving brains in the way that they were intended.”

This summer you will have the opportunity to use your problem-solving brains to support the incredibly complex interpersonal, logistical, and situational needs of participants at Philmont Scout Ranch. Enjoy the walk and the new people you meet along the way. As your lives forever change from those interactions, be sure to record your story and plan for being intentional with every footstep that you take forward from this place.

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