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There are 30 Philmont itineraries, each covering a variety of different back-country mountain trails and featuring programs offered at 27 different staffed camps. After two days of training with our ranger, we were on our own. From July 14 through the 24th, using map and compass, we followed Itinerary 6 which covered 58 miles (not counting side hikes) offering burro-racing, adobe brick-making, branding, western lore, blacksmithing, mountain livin', black powder rifle shooting, a mine tour, panning for gold, and rock-climbing and rappelling. During those ten days, we stopped for food and supplies twice. All



along the way, there was the spectacular mountain environment and numerous, breathtaking, mountaintop views. In addition to the programs and the awesome scenery, we also learned about and experienced backwoods methods of cooking dehydrated food, washing and sterilizing our eating and cooking items, hanging bear bags, using sump holes, purifying stream water, washing clothes, low impact camping, caring for our health, and caring for each other.



Jeff and Daniel race their burro to victory at Abreu Staffed Camp our first night out.



After our second day on the trail on rocks by the stream at Craggs Camp.

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mountains were breathtaking. It was incredible. You could see for miles. In fact, some of us even believed we could see North Myrtle Beach.

All in all, I think we had a good time. We did something most people only dream about. Now we can say we've been there, and done that. I don't think any of us will forget our trek at Philmont.



NARC NEWS Ms. Bezmen's Advancement Corner

Summer time didn't mean slow down for the members of this troop. From summer camp to basic activities, approximately 60 merit badges have been earned.

New Tenderfoot Scouts are Travis Collins, Avery Scott and Joshua Southerland. Moving up to Second Class is master bugler, Ian Barker. Welcome to the First Class rank Dominick Bezmen, Cory Keibler and Gregory Spatholt. Our new, and shining, Star Scouts are Michael O'Neill and Jeffrey Silverberg. You guys worked hard on these advances and we are all proud of you.

If you are still waiting for your board of review, have no fear, it will be coming shortly!

When we start back this fall there will be new skills instruction classes to help you all reach that lofty goal of Eagle. Be sure to check your status on the advancement sheets and if you have any questions about it, just ask. Let's make the coming Scout year a good one.

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