

District and Council Leaders Attend Philmont Training Center

This summer several of the Big Valley District and council leaders took advantage of the advanced training opportunities at the BSA National Training Center at Philmont Scout Ranch.

In June, Pat McCaa our Council V.P. of Endowment, Past District Chairman of Big Valley District (05'-07') and new Scoutmaster for Troop 12 in Stockton, returned to Philmont for his 3rd time. This time he attended the "Strictly for Scoutmasters course. In attendance with him was his son Connor McCaa. Connor participated in the Family program for the week. Fun was had by both and another great father/son Scouting experience for the memory book.

Then in July, the newly inducted Big Valley District Chair, Frank Michael and his whole family, made the trek to Philmont to take part in the LDS Relations week. While Frank was hard at work in his classroom sessions, the rest of his family took part in several levels of the Family Programs at the Training Center. They were reunited at meal times and for evening programs shared by all.

As if that were not enough for Frank Michael, he went back again in early August with Greg Gores, Big Valley District's new District Commissioner, and Rex Starr the Big Valley District Executive, to attend the District Key 3 Training session. Rex states, "We learned what our challenges are for the District going forward and have set about an action plan to meet those opportunities".

The advanced training available at the Philmont Training center is well worth the trip and as the staff points out, every year, those attending the various classes at PTC have the ability to even more positively effect the lives of over 3 million Boys and Girls in our programs. That is a significant thought, don't delay become a part of this great Training opportunity.

(See the photos below.)

