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VIP-01. NEW BSA Treasure—Philmont Scout Ranch: A visual tour through all the history, and high adventure programming that Philmont Scout Ranch has to offer, with **Roger Hoyt** the General Manager of Philmont as your guide! Gather insight from the insider.

Roger B. Hoyt

General Manager, Philmont Scout Ranch



Roger B. Hoyt started his career with the Boy Scouts as a District Executive in Kansas City, Missouri in 1995, and received several promotions including Senior District Executive, Program Director, Senior Program Director and District Director. In 2006, Roger was promoted to the Greater Cleveland Council, in Cleveland, Ohio as the Chief Financial Officer/Director of Support Services. In 2010, he was selected to be the Scout Executive for the Baden-Powell Council in Binghamton, New York, where they achieved Gold Journey to Excellence status in three of four years. Roger served as the Scout Executive of the Northern Lights Council in Fargo, ND from February of 2015 until January of 2019. The council was recognized as a Gold JTE achiever three out of four years, had a \$3.2 million operating budget with six figure surpluses and growing assets of \$17.2 million.

Roger has raised capital support and given leadership to construction of \$15 million in projects, including council service centers, dining halls, swimming pools, conservation and nature lodges, tornado shelters, climbing walls and council campfire amphitheaters. He has approved

over 1,000 Eagle Scout applications.

On January 16, 2019 Roger became the fifth General Manager of Philmont in the last 25 years, and the 14th overall. His primary responsibilities include leadership of 87 full time, 1,214 seasonal and 197 volunteer staff, while managing an operating budget of \$27 million, capital assets of \$64 million, and endowment support of over \$75 million.

In addition, he is leading the strategic direction for Philmont's recovery from the Ute Park Fire of 2018, both in back country and year-round program and camping operations, and in the fire mitigation and restoration efforts.

In his spare time, Roger enjoys hiking in the high elevations, spending time with his incredibly talented, supportive and beautiful wife Diana, and their dog Beau, and doing just about anything in the outdoors, including hunting, fishing and biking.

VIP-02. NEW Making the most of Scouting's High Adventure and Outdoor Activities: John Keegan, Western Region VP for National Adventures and Program will provide you tips on how to plan, organize and prepare for amazing Outdoor activities and High Adventures. Also share some hidden gems you may not be aware of.

John C. Keegan

Western Region VP for National Adventures and Program



Judge, mayor, state representative, commander John Charles Keegan is a retired judge of the Justice Court in Maricopa County, Arizona. During a unique career he has held elected office in all three branches of Arizona state government.

Judge Keegan attended West Point, graduated from Arizona State University and attended post-graduate programs at Harvard University and the Naval War College. He was on active duty in both the US Army and the US Navy. He retired with the rank of Commander, USN. In his last several assignments, he was a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS).

In addition to political and military careers, he is a consulting engineer and small business owner, and is the former president of the Arizona Society of Professional Engineers. He is the former mayor of Peoria, Arizona (1997 -2007), and served two terms as an Arizona state representative.

In Scouting, he has been active with the Grand Canyon Council (Silver Beaver 2005) and Western Region (Silver Antelope 2013). He was instrumental in establishing the first Boy Scout troop inside a juvenile correctional facility in the United States. Judge Keegan received the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award in 2013 and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2016 and is one of only 16 Eagle Scouts to receive both.

John Keegan is married to Lisa Graham Keegan, and they have five children, three grandchildren. One son and one grandson are Eagle Scouts.

VIP-03. NEW The future of the BSA's regional and area organizations: So many changes in scouting right now with Bankruptcy, Churchill group reorganization, COVID impacts, etcetera. So what can we expect for Scouting when it comes to Regional and Area Organization in the future? Hear it straight from **Glenn Ault**, Western Region President.

Glenn Ault, MD

Western Region President



Dr. Glenn T. Ault, an Eagle Scout and lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association, has served as assistant Scoutmaster, council executive board and executive committee member, Council President and Chairman of the Board of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is the previous Area 4 President and currently serves as the President of the Western Region. Dr. Ault is a longtime member of the National Order of the Arrow Committee and serves as vice chair of financial resources. He is also active as a regional Order of the Arrow committee member, and was chief medical officer for the 2013

National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. He was also the 2017 National Scout Jamboree Administration Chairman. He is the 2021 National Jamboree Chairman and currently chairs the Jamboree task force on rescheduling of the 2021 NSJ which was impacted by COVID-19.

Dr. Glenn Ault proudly remembers leading a fantastic team of committed volunteers as the chief medical officer for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, the inaugural jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia. He has served as medical director for the Los Angeles Marathon and as chairman of the USC advisory committee to the 2015 World Games of the Special Olympics.

Dr. Ault's Scouting recognitions include the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope, and Silver Buffalo (2015) awards, William T Hornaday Award, Order of the Arrow Founder's Award, and OA Distinguished Service Award. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. A diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, Dr. Ault is a professor of surgery and the senior associate dean of the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. Dr. Ault is currently serving as the President of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery as well.

He has two children, Justin Thomas and Taylor Ashley. He is active in his church and is the past president of the school board of St. Mark's Lutheran School.

VE-101. Goal Setting and Time Management: With Tyler Grey, National Venturing President and Samantha Troiano, National Venturing Vice-President. This course introduces established methods for improving a Venturer's ability to effectively manage events in their life with relation to time. This is a requirement for the Discovery Award. Open to youth Venturing members. **1 hour 40 minutes**

Tyler Grey

National VOA President



Tyler joined Venturing at the age of 13 to meet new people and have fun in the wilderness. He is from Western Los Angeles County Council in Los Angeles, California, and served most recently as the Western Region Venturing Officers' Association President. Tyler is an Eagle Scout and has earned the Council, Area, Region, and National Venturing Leadership Awards. He is also a Vigil Honor member of Malibu Lodge and has received the Silver Shark Award, Founder's Award, and the James E. West Fellowship. He has served on staff for a variety of National events, including the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, VenturingFest 2018, 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference, and the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. Tyler is a rising junior at the University of California, Davis studying Materials Science & Engineering.

Samantha Troiano

National VOA Vice-President



Samantha first joined Venturing at the age of 13 and found a home within the program. She is from Mayflower Council in Marshfield, Massachusetts, and served most recently as the Northeast Region Venturing Officers' Association Vice-President of Administration. Samantha is a Summit Award recipient, has the Pope Pius XII religious emblem, and holds the Council, Area, and Regional Venturing Leadership Awards. She has sat on the Old Colony Council and Mayflower Council Executive Boards as the Venturing Youth Representative, is an Ordeal member of the Order of

the Arrow, and has attended National Camping School. Samantha is a rising junior at the University of Maine, studying Education and History.

VE-102. Project Management Training: With Juliana Murillo, Western Region VOA President and Evan Shilling Area 3 VP of Communications. We will discuss how a Venturer can define, plan, and successfully execute a project as a team leader. This session will help you in school, in your volunteer positions, and in your scouting experience, especially if you are planning a Tier III type activity. Project Management will also help you with planning and leading a community service project. This course is required for the Pathfinder Award. Open to youth Venturing members. **1 hour 40 minutes**

Juliana Murrillo

Western Region VOA President



Juliana Murillo joined Venturing at the age of 13 to experience as much as the BSA had to offer her and to learn valuable leadership skills. She is from San Diego Imperial Council, in San Diego California, and has served most recently as the Western Region Venturing Officers' Association Vice President of Administration. Juliana is currently working on receiving approval to begin her Summit Award project, she has also earned the Council, Area, and Regional Venturing Leadership Awards. She is a Brotherhood member of Tiwahe Lodge and serves on her lodge executive committee. Juliana has also attended multiple national level events, including 2017 National Scout Jamboree, VenturingFest 2018, and the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. Juliana is a rising freshman at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona where she will be majoring in Political Science.

Evan Schilling

Western Region, Area 3 VOA VP of Communications



I will be the Area 3 Vice President of Communications. I am from Crew 66 in Golden Empire Council. I've been in scouting for 11 years starting as a tiger cub in Pack 28, bridged into Troop 224 and later joined Crew 66. I am active in the Order of the Arrow and serve as the Lodge Vice Chief of Training for Amangi Nacha Lodge. I have staffed National Youth Leadership Training as other council trainings. I joined Venturing because I wanted to reignite the love I have for scouting that I could get from the Order of the Arrow. I have been to Philmont and plan to go back sometime in the future. My goals for this term are providing support to the Council

VOA's and making sure all the newsletters and social media posts are up on time as well as looking nice.

VE-103. Mentoring Training: With Jamey Schnasse, Area 3 VOA President and Theron Osterhout, Area 3 VOA VP of Program. Anyone who has held a leadership position is the perfect candidate to pass the skills you have learned onto your successor(s). This training will make you an effective mentor, both in Venturing and in your personal life. This course is a Summit Award requirement. *Open to youth Venturing members.* **1 hour 40 minutes**

Jamey Schnasse

Western Region, Area 3 VOA President



Hello, my name is Jamey Schnasse and I am from Novato California. I have been in Crew 73 out of Marin Council for three years now and have had the absolute pleasure to serve on the Crew level, Council level, and the Area level of Venturing. I am also a brotherhood member of Talako Lodge and a Life Scout in Troop 73. This year I am looking forward to working with my VP's and the council leadership to keep Area 3 strong and adventurous!

Theron Osterhout

Western Region, Area 3 VOA VP of Program



Theron Osterhout is the 2020 to 2021 Vice President of Program for Area 3. He is entering his Junior year in High School at Hart Ransom Charter School and is also a student at Modesto Junior College. Theron is currently serving as the Vice President of Program for Crew 21 and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 45 in the Greater Yosemite Council. He is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and is the 2019 to 2020 Toloma Lodge Chief. He joined the Venturing program because it was an excellent opportunity to lead the adventure and have tons of fun with a great group of people. Theron's passion has grown to start taking on leadership roles to help better other ventures in the area. He enjoys a variety of hobbies, such as music and technology.

Theron has had many opportunities to go on awesome adventures and is looking forward to going to Sea Base with his crew in the summer of 2021. He has attended several trainings including NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training), LLD (Lodge Leadership Development), and NLS (National Leadership Seminar). He is looking forward to helping put on some incredible adventures on an area level and to help strengthen Council Venturing Officers' Association. He looks forward to meeting fellow ventures from all over and continuing to lead the adventure.