



## Scout outing

After arriving June 24 in Northeast New Mexico, Boy Scout Troop 31, sponsored by Court Street United Methodist Church representing Flint, Flushing, Grand Blanc, Burton and Flint Township, began its 10-day trek on the trails on Philmont Scout Ranch, the world's largest camping facility. Hiking in the crew were Scouts Erik Isham, Doug Isham, Adam Moore, Aaron Kelley, Peter Schlott, Greg Alumit, Tom Dehaven, Jon Kelley, Corey Graham, Joe Alberts, Aaron Alberts and Brent Ryan. Their advisors were Kathryn Isham, Darrold Isham, Herb Wansitler, Todd Kagerer, Rick Stamm, Matt Kelley and Cathy Kelley. The group backpacked between 50 and 120 miles and visited several of the ranch's 32 back-country camps, participating in such activities as rock climbing, mountain biking, fly fishing, gold prospecting, ecology and conservation. Philmont, which covers 214 miles, is operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Since the ranch's donation in 1938 by Tulsa philanthropist Waite Phillips, over 600,000 Scouts and their adult leaders from the around the world have participated in scouting skills, citizenship, personal fitness and character building.