

PhilSearch vA25 - News for March, 2007

February, like January was intentionally a quiet month in anticipation of Trek Selection in mid March. That said a number of changes are required for PhilSearch to support 2007 Trek Selection. First the pedestrian stuff:

- About 40 new photos were added to the database – thanks and keep them coming, there are still a number of camps & activities with no photo coverage
- The Trek Report now includes a listing of program opportunities that are not listed on the official itinerary but that are offered at locations the trek will visit. In some cases these are intentional omissions; Philmont will schedule you once for an activity but you might visit multiple camps that offer it; others are errors. This feature is in early form and so it isn't perfect. For one thing it doesn't handle layovers yet.

Work this month centered on features in support of 2007 Trek selection. A collection of tools and reports have been added in anticipation of significant trek renumbering:

- A table that maps itineraries year to year including difficulty.
- A tool that allows detailed 1:1 comparison between any two itineraries from any year(s).
- A tool that allows any single itinerary to be compared to all itineraries for a given year – intended as a way of finding similar itineraries or possible replacements for deleted itineraries.
- An enhanced form of the 'Itineraries at a glance' report with changes highlighted.
- A tool that shows rendezvous opportunities for up to 16 itineraries on the same or different starting dates.

Even with all the photos that have been added more are needed. The list of needs is maintained in the Photo Album. A pass through the Virtual Tour also provides some clues as to some of these needs.

As always your comments, good or bad, and suggestions are welcome.

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