

1993 Venture Trip

July 23 – August 7

Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico

Troop 275 – Ames, Iowa

Year Venture Crew Photo:



Back Row Left to Right: 1) Dion Harmon, 2) Audrey Bittner, 3) Chris Meyer, 4) Jacob Hiatt, 5) Nick Propes
Front Row Left to Right: 6) Nathan Casey, 7) Joel Dunmire, 8) Andrew Proesholdt, 9) Brad Early
(Philmont Ranger), 10) Tom Meyer, 11) Tom Casey, 12) Shaun McCormick

1993 Venture Crew T-shirt

This is where we first learned about crew t-shirts, but of course by the time we arrived at Philmont it was too late.

1993 Venture Crew Patch:



1993 Map(s)

Need to recreate map based upon Journal



1993 Venture Crew Journal

Troop 275 Venture Trip – Crew 725C
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Friday, July 23, 1993

- Left around 8:30 AM
- Flooding in Des Moines
- Light rain near Winterset
- Lunch outside of Omaha about noon
- Snack in Kearney
- Arrive at Ogallala about 5:15 MDT
- Swimming in L. McConoughy, lost aerobicie

Saturday, July 24, 1993

- Early start, about 8AM
- Lunch near Denver
- Uphill into wind with a heavy load to get to Great Sand Dunes
- National Monument
- Most climb to the top while TM scouts for a campsite. Stay at commercial campground
- Ice cream social
- Methodist girls

Sunday, July 25, 1993 - Philmont Day 1

- Arrive about 11:30 AM
- Meet our ranger - Brad Ear1y
- Lunch at. dining hall (cheeseburgers)
- Dion's boots missing!
- No permission slip for Andrey
- Register, get gear, medical exam (Tom Casey is 110/64!)
- Visit trading post
- Shawn's gold plated pack cover (\$23)
- Strong wind at night - very strong

Monday, July 25, 1993 - Philmont Day 2

- Base Camp to Vaca Camp
 - Equipment shakedown, leave a lot behind
 - Dion's boots arrive (yea, FedEx)
 - Andrey's permission comes (yea, FAX!)
 - Photo taken
 - Lunch in dining hall
 - Bus to trailhead at. 2:00 PM
 - Uphill all the way to Vaca Camp
 - Brad shows us elaborate anti-bear and environmental measures.
 - Brad makes cobbler in Dutch oven
 - See nighthawks
- Dinner: beef Stroganoff, cuppa soup, fruit, cocktail , cobbler

Tuesday, July 27, 1993 - Philmont Day 3

- Vaca Camp to Dean Cow
- Trail uphill and very dry
- Water just barely lasts
- Rock Climbing
- Nick has a bloody nose for one hour
- Wall climbing
- Many deer seen - including 2 fawns
- Humming bird
- Views of Tooth ridge and Baldy
- One Philmont staffer from Nepal
- Dinner: Chicken rice, soup, mousse

Wednesday, July 28, 1993 - Philmont Day 4

- Dean Cow to Indian Writings
 - Rattlesnake on roadside
 - Showers and laundry
- Tour of petroglyphs - taping for guide's girlfriend, lots of
- crowd reaction (by bribing them with extra food)
- Light rain, wind
- Brad leaves in midmorning
- Deer skeleton along trail
- Dinner: mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, soup

Thursday, July 29, 1993 - Philmont Day 5

- Indian Writings to Elkhorn
- Up at 5:30 AM (!)

- Arrive at Ponil at 9:45
- Food pickup
- Get burro - variously named Adam, Marvin, and Lightning
Trading post and Cantina - root beer and junk food
S-L-O-W progress with burro
- Repack burro because load uneven
- Many of us sleep under the stars - perfect night for it
Dinner: Mac 'n cheese, soup, fruit

Friday, July 30, 1993 - Philmont Day 6

- Elkhorn to Pueblano
Spar climbing- "Toothpick", "Scar", "Plank", and "Rock" show
 - Us how.
- Tie making
- Campfire - "The Philmont Story", their version
- Sleep under stars again. Nice but heavy dew.
- Best advisors' happy hour - National Enquirer stories
- Dinner: Chicken rice (again), soup, thick mousse

Saturday, July 31, 1993 - Philmont Day 7

- Pueblano to Miranda
- Turn in burro, glad to be rid of the beast
- Rain cancels conservation work and black powder- shoot
Mountain man rendezvous - tomahawk and knife throwing
Mountain man names
- Chris gets scalped
- We have a campfire
- Dinner: turkey noodles, chicken soup, peaches 'n cream pie

Sunday, Aug 1, 1993 - Philmont Day 8

- Miranda to Copper Park
- Baldy Camp for food, fuel, and supplies
- BC to French Henry with Jack (from Murfreesboro, TN)
- Wrong turn, steep upward, turn around
- Rain
- Gold panning
- Blacksmithing - make J hook, tell Australian joke
- Rain cancels Aztec mine tour
- Uphill drag from FH to Copper Park - rained most of the way Wet, bumpy, and depressing campground

- Dinner: spaghetti, beef noodle soup, apple sauce, breadsticks

Monday, Aug 2, 1993 - Philmont Day 9

- Baldy Day Hike
- On the trail by 7:45 AM 41 degrees when we get up. Cold breakfast, on the trail Steep up, cold, windy Mining remains - marmots Bodacious view - four stars: Two hours from CP to the top Long trip down to Baldy Camp
- Trading post and showers at Baldy *Camp* Steep trail up from BC back to Copper Park Large buck in the campsite Another troop 275 (from Michigan)
- Dinner: chicken teriyaki, beef noodle soup, pineapple cheesecake

Tuesday, Aug 3, 1993 - Philmont Day 10

- Copper Park to Head of Dean
- Fog, drizzle, hard rain, cold, wet
- Wilderness medicine course
- Cooking in rain and cold - tomorrow's lunch for supper Marble-sized hail covers the ground
- Hear coyotes in the night
- Dinner: trail lunch

Wednesday, Aug 4, 1993 - Philmont Day 11

- Head of Dean to New Dean
- Stay at Head of Dean until after lunch. Last night's supper for lunch
 - Challenge events
 - wi11ow
 - Bob (get over 10' high log before Ingrid's get us)
 - Gilligan's Island (2' platform)
 - "Free Pizza"
 - Pink Floyd ("The Wall") Lean in/lean out
 - We take wrong trail, but it is OK - it gets us there TM meets his old troop from St. Louis (360) Revisit Elkhorn
 - Lightly used trail through Spring Canyon
 - No water at New Dean
 - Water search successful, but 3 rattlesnakes, Nathan almost bitten
 - Have breakfast for supper to save water
 - Lunch: chicken and noodles, apple compote

Thursday, Aug 5, 1993 Philmont - Day 12

- Head of Dean to Base Camp
- Up early, cold breakfast
- Get to Ponil Camp about 8:30

- Visit cantina again
- Meet bus at Ponil Turnaround at 10:30
- Lunch at dining hall
- Turn in equipment, get photos, go to trading post Visit Museum and Villa Philmonte (shoes off - whew!) See Brad at dinner
- Closing campfire - excellent comedian

Friday, Aug 6, 1993

- Leave Philmont right after breakfast
- "We all made it" plaque
- Visit St. James Hotel in Cimmaron - bullet holes in dining room ceiling
- Lunch in Colorado Springs
- Visit REI in Denver
- Commercial Campground in Ogallala
- Wipe out Valentino's again. Dion is the "champ" - 17 pieces!

Saturday, Aug 7, 1993

- Long boring ride
- Back in Ames around 6 PM

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