

# 1995 Venture Trip 1/2

July 22 – July 30

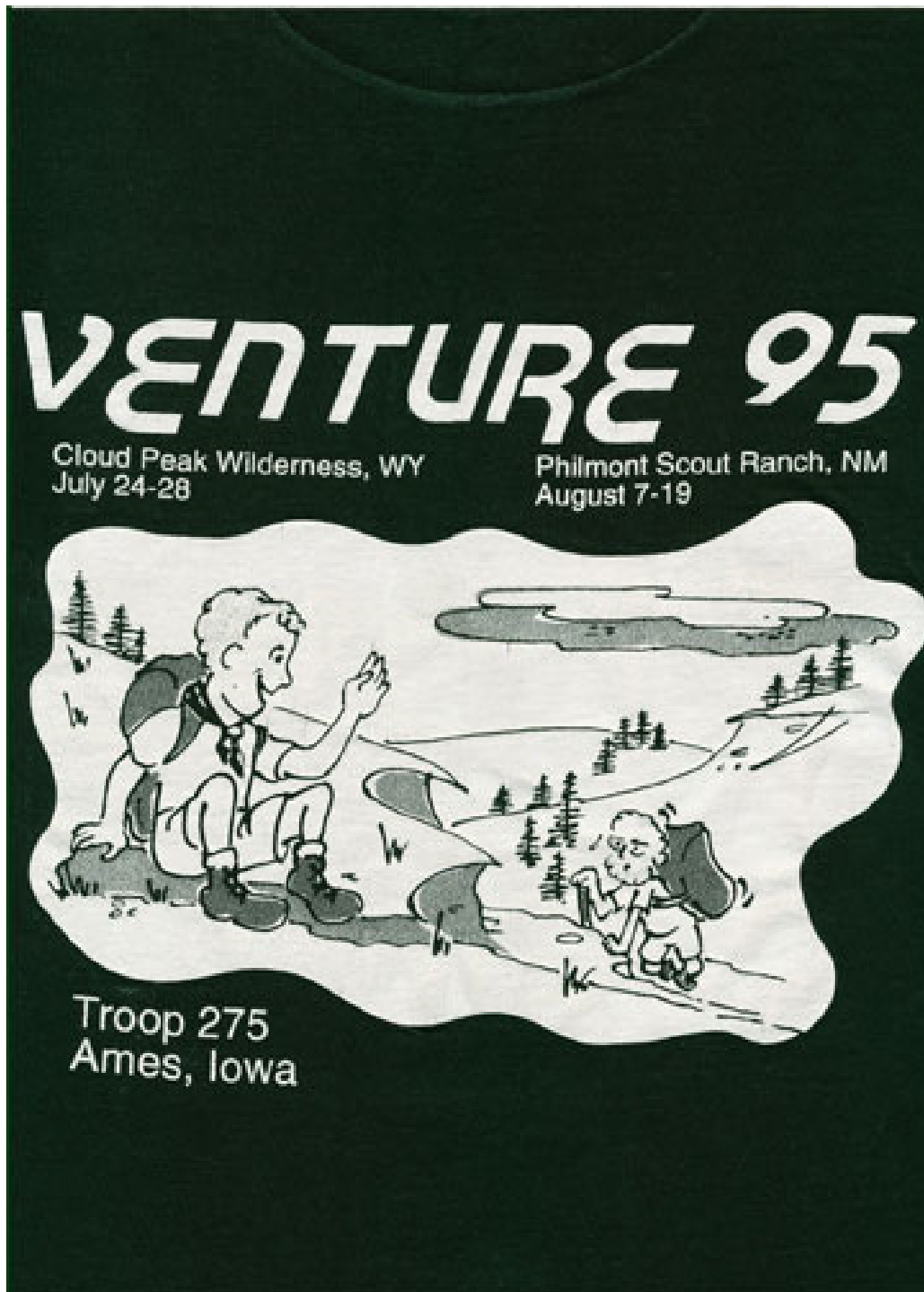
Cloud Peak, Big Horn Mountain Range, Wyoming  
Troop 275 – Ames, Iowa

## 1995 Venture Crew Photo:



**Back Row (Adults) Left to Right:** 1) Ed Gillott, 2) John Elliott, 3) Tom Meyer  
**Front Row (Scouts):** 4) Phil Gillott, 5) Greg Elliott, 6) Christopher Brown,  
7) Justin Hour, 8) Matt Helland, 9) Steve Thompson

## 1995 Venture Crew T-shirt:



## 1995 Map(s)

n/a



## 1995 Venture Crew Journal 1/2

Troop 275 Venture Trip to Cloud Peak,  
Big Horn Mountain Range, WY  
July 22-30, 1995

*Prepared by John Elliott from the notes taken by Greg Elliott.*

### **Saturday July 22, 1995**

We drove from Ames to Murdo, South Dakota and spent the night at Tee Pee Camp Ground, a nice place with a pool, showers and flush toilets. We drove about 500 miles today with stops for lunch at a McD's and for ice cream at a strip mall with a Radio Shack, where Tom fixed his defective CB power cord. The campground place is nice, with a fort and western village "playground" for kids. Ate spaghetti, apples, carrots and OJ mix for supper. There was loud music in the background; must be a town party.

### **Sunday July 23, 1995**

Broke camp and on road by 8:05 AM. 2 miles out the time changed. By 9:20 AM, we got to the Badlands and walked out on the cliff. Altitude 2500'. Got to the Wyoming state line at 12:30 PM, and arrived at campsite at 6pm. 8780'elevation, by river. Walked up the mountain and had Dinty Moores beef stew for supper.

### **Monday July 24, 1995**

On trail at 9:30 AM. 9020'. Had lunch at 12:15PM at a really scenic overlook. We had 10 triscuits, colby cheese slices, Ed's venison jerkey and Hudson Bay Bars. At 2:30 PM we quit walking as Phil pulled a muscle on his R calf. Set up camp close to Minor Lake on the South side. Beautiful lake at the bottom of some high hills with a trout stream at the bottom. Had dry glop #1 for supper.

### **Tuesday July 25, 1995**

Up at 6:30 AM. Elevation 9660', 35°: Hit the trail at 9 AM. At 10:45AM the altitude is 10120'. Had wheat thins, venison jerkey and granola bars for lunch. Filled water bottles out of small stream. To get here we had to climb up a pretty sheer path which was a trick with 60 lb packs. Left Lost Twin Lakes at about 2 PM. Walked forever on our attempt to get to Cloud Peak tomorrow. Made camp at 5 PM off path and about 150 feet from twin lakes stream. Bad mosquitoes. Walked to glacier and while crossing a boulder strewn river I jumped to a small boulder and slipped into the water. Got shoes, socks, pants and shirts splashed. All dried quickly. We had a snow ball fight on the glacier and Justin Horn brought a sack full of snow back to where we had the packs stashed and had a snow ball fight with Tom and others. Fun time. I went to bed 8 PM exhausted. 48 F, 9560 feet.

### **Wednesday July 26, 1995**

Up at 6:20 AM, breakfast done by 7:30 AM. Ed to go on ahead to trail head to drop off trash and pick up more (heavier) food. Water had ice on it this am! 33 F when we got up. Brrrrr! On the trail at 8:30 AM lunch of cheese crackers, Slim Jims, energy bars, and HiO. On a big rock, quite windy! Pollen blowing out

of pine trees in such quantities that it looks like smoke. About 3:15 PM we reached Lake Helen, a beautiful blue lake. 4:55 PM arrived Misty Lake (jeez, my shoulders are killing me)! Very windy! Greg, Mat, Phil, Steve and Ed are down wading in a shallow portion of the lake. (It is 6:20 PM now). Oh, almost forgot we're at 10240 feet at the campsite. Wind buckled one of our diagonal tent posts. Supper of spaghetti and meatballs with cup of soup delicious but BRRRRR! 45 degrees with 10-15 mph wind. Phil's pad blew into lake. It seems as though the wind is dying down now. In bed at 8:40 PM.

### **Thursday July 27, 1995**

Up at 6:15 AM, temp 45 degrees. Preparing for the "ASSAULT" on Cloud Peak. Packed up and beginning assault at 9 AM. Stopped to fill water bottles under a waterfall. Climbed till 11:30 AM. Took lunch break - pepperoni and cheese crackers, Slim Jims, and granola bars with water, watch says 10520 feet. Peak is measured at 13100 feet. Greg Elliott & Phillip Gillott reach the summit at 2:04 PM. They're sitting up there dangling their legs. I stopped about 15 minutes ago and got out of the wind. This has been one horrendous afternoon of boulder jumping and rock climbing. A real experience although one not soon to be repeated by yours truly. All boys eventually made the summit except Mat and Ed G. Not sure where they are. No doubt somewhere more comfortable than I. The boys are on their way back down now 2:45 PM. Arrived back at packs at 5:55 PM and loaded up to find a new campsite (scouts and I, Tom and Ed brought up the rear). New campsite at Lake Marion, full of trout. Went fishing just before sundown and caught 3 rainbow.

### **Friday July 28, 1995**

In the morning I caught 5 fish between 6:30 and 7:25 AM. Ate breakfast fished for a while and got packed up for the final 5 mile hike to the trail head, via Bald Ridge trail. That was the "longest" 5 mile hike of the trip. 11 AM until 5 PM to get to trail head, filled H2O bottles and camped at the site where we were on Sunday night.

### **Saturday July 29, 1995**

Up at 6 AM, had breakfast and were on the road about 8 AM. Homeward Bound! I can't wait! Devils Tower at noon. Stopped at Chamberlain, SD. Ate pizza, went swimming, slept under stars. Temp in 80's. Saw 5 falling stars!

### **Sunday July 30, 1995**

Up at 6 AM. Cold cereal for breakfast. Scouts went swimming. On the road at 7:50 AM. Home to Ames by 3 PM. Made it!

#### **Scouts:**

1. Greg Elliott
2. Matt Helland
3. Phil Gillott
4. Steve Thompson
5. Christopher Brown
6. Justin Horn

#### **Adults:**

1. Tom Meyer
2. John Elliott
3. Ed Gillott