

Troop 223 Preparing for trek through New Mexico Wilderness

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(pictured Chris Rimanic, Tom Berzok, Andrew Edmonson, Jared Endler, Brandon Young, Robbie Linderman and Adam Nuzzi at Round Valley Reservoir, not pictured: Jake Barry and Skyeler Sudia)

A crew of 12 from Boy Scouts from Troop #223, East Brunswick, NJ and their leaders will soon go on a life changing summer trek through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Philmont covers 214 square miles of vast wilderness with trails that climb from 6,500 feet to as high as 12,441 feet. During their trek they will hike 71 miles over 12 days.

The group of Scouts and their advisors have been preparing for the last few months. They have logged many miles carrying everything they need to survive during the trek along local roads and trails.

They are looking forward to participating in the Milltown 4th of July parade in full gear before they begin their adventure on July 15th.

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Troop 223 Members Return from Trek through New Mexico Wilderness

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Boy Scouts and Leaders from Troop 223, East Brunswick enjoying the breathtaking views from the top of Pike's Peak. Pictured: (Back row) Robert Lindeman, Jared Endler; (Middle row) Adam Nuzzi, Jake Barry, Brandon Young, Tom Berzok, Chris Rimanic, Andrew Edmonson, Skyeler Sudia; (Front Row) Assistant Troop Leaders, Paul Endler, Mike Markel and Troop Leader Jim Berzok

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The boys are back! Twelve members of East Brunswick's Boy Scout Troop 223 just recently returned from a 14-day trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Philmont Scout Ranch covers over 214 square miles of vast wilderness, making it the largest summer camp in the world.

While at Philmont, the Scouts participated in activities such as, hiking (over 71 miles in total, while carrying approximately 50 pounds of gear on their backs), climbing 4 peaks, rock climbing, black powder musket shooting, prospecting for gold, white water rafting and encounters with two bears along the way!

This high adventure trek also included a conservation project wherein the scouts cut down and cleared dead trees to help insure a healthy tree stand for future scouts. During the trek the crew members carried energy bars and protein enriched snacks for breakfast and lunch each day.

Dinners consisted of freeze dried meals cooked on small stoves, which they carried with them, and in line with the Boy Scout theme of “Leave No Trace” and Philmont Ranch’s motto of “Take only pictures, leave only footprints,” they left behind little or no evidence of their visit.

After such an eventful pilgrimage to this “Scouting paradise,” these young men came home ready for hot showers, warm beds, and home cooked meals. They also came home with stories, and memories that will last a lifetime.