



Because It's There

Twelve adventurers from Madison's Boy Scout Troop 7 reach the peak of Mount Phillips, at 11,701 feet, the second-highest peak at New Mexico's Philmont Scout Ranch, and the highest camp. They had just finished the climb with 50-pound backpacks. In front, from left, are Jimmy Hogan, adviser John Hogan, Mike Holm, Brian McGrath and adviser John Kennedy; behind them, from left, are adviser Jim McGrath, Jack Hogan, Pat Shea, John Turvey, Steven McGrath, assistant crew chief Sean Kennedy and crew chief Carl Zipper.

Scouts brave heat, hail

MADISON - Twelve Boy Scouts and leaders from Madison's Troop 7 completed a

strenuous backpacking adventure July 23 in New Mexico.

The trek took them more than 70 miles and a total gain of 10,000 feet in altitude - to 12,000 feet on the highest peak of the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarro, N.M.

Philmont covers more than 137,000 acres of wilderness and has been serving Scouts for more than 80 years.

The crew from Troop 7 braved high heat, torrential rains, and even four-inch hailstones to com-

plete the effort.

The Scouts also enjoyed such high adventure activities as rock climbing, 3-D archery, burro racing, and black powder, 30-0-6 and skeet shooting on the rifle range.

Troop 7, sponsored by Saint Vincent Martyr Church in Madison, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays from September to June. For information, call Scoutmasters John Hogan at (973) 377-5214 or John Kennedy at (973) 377-0373.