

Trekking through New Mexico



Boy Scouts Troop 41 of Mountain Lakes went on the ultimate back-packing trip for 12 days in Philmont, NM, a 214-square-mile Scout-owned ranch. The nine Scouts and three adult advisors trekked over 75-miles. The group encountered bears and inclement weather, while carrying their 40 pound packs holding everything that they needed to survive. The crew also climbed Baldy Mountain, Philmont's highest peak, and hiked Tooth of Time, one of the toughest parts of trek. Pictured from left are: PJ Apruzzese; Paul Ferguson; Carter Rose; Jeff Rose; Mark Ferguson; Grant Downes; Harrison Charwat; Winston Goldthwaite; Conor Reilly; John Reilly; Mark Abate; and Luke Graham.

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LAKER BOY SCOUTS SEE THE SOUTHWEST

Mountain Lakes Troop 41 Boy Scouts pausing to take in the scene at Philmont Scout Ranch, N.M., during their Southwest trip on Thursday, July 7, are, from left, PJ Apruzzese, Paul Ferguson, Carter Rose, Jeff Rose, Mark Ferguson, Grant Downes, Harrison Charwat, Winston Goldthwaite, Conor Reilly, John Reilly, Mark Abate and Luke Graham.

Mountain Lakes Scouts backpack in New Mexico

MOUNTAIN LAKES - Members of Mountain Lakes Boy Scout Troop 41 traveled to Philmont, N.M., in July and completed a backpacking trek of more than 75 miles through the wilderness.

Philmont is a 214 square mile, Scout-owned ranch. The nine Scouts and three adult advisers trekked more than 75 miles through the vast expanse of wilderness.

The group encountered multiple bears, and inclement weather;

all while carrying their 40-pound packs that will hold everything that they need to survive. However, the Scouts participated in multiple activities when they arrive to each campsite. Some of the activities can include, rock climbing, burro racing, and branding.

The crew also climbed Baldy Mountain, Philmont's highest peak. The top of the mountain yields stunning views and even wind breaks to shield climbers from the harsh wind.

According to the United States Geological Survey, Baldy Mountain is 12,441 feet tall.

The crew also hiked Philmont's Tooth of Time, a class three hike which was one of the toughest parts of trek. Although it is not as tall as Baldy Mountain, the Tooth of Time has great views and is an outstanding landmark of Philmont.

The crew hiked for 12 days and finally returned safe and sound on July 14.