

1992 Venture Trip

July 25 – August 2

Bridger Wilderness, Wind River Range, Wyoming

Troop 275 – Ames, Iowa

1992 Venture Crew Photo:



Left to Right: 1) Tom Meyer, 2) Tom Casey, 3) Joel Dunmire, 4) Jacob Hiett, 5) Evan Jeffrey, 6) Chris Meyer, 7) Dan Johnson, 8) Nathan Casey, 9) Andrew Proescholdt

1992 Venture Crew T-shirt:

The first year of Troop 275's "new" High Adventure Program (originally called "Venture").
We were new to it and did not think of having trip t-shirts.

1992 Map(s):





1992 Venture Crew Journal

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Day 1 - Saturday, July 25, 1992

- Left Ames about 8:15 AM
- Hitchhikers Guide tapes
- Midwest Road Kill Bingo
- Lunch in Lincoln, NE, about 11:30
- Snack at Kearny, NE, about 3:00
- Arrive Ogallala, NE, about 4:45 MDT (5:45 CDT). 510 miles.
- Camp at Lake McConoughy, 13 miles North of Ogallala.
- Free camping with water and modern plumbing. Swimming.
- Fireworks, noise at night.



Day 2 - Sunday, July 26, 1992

- Early start, about 8:00.
- Lunch about noon in Laramie, WY. Crystal Pepsi.
- Snack in Rock Springs, WY.
- Arrive at Trail's End about 6:00, 545 miles today.
- Visitor's center staffed by a retired couple from Ames.
- Campground full, dry camp in meadow. View! Horses.
- Rough road.

Day 3 - Monday, July 27, 1992

- On trail about 10 AM. Oops, wrong trail. On right trail
- About 11 AM. Steady, but not too steep, uphill. Everyone
- Feels the altitude. Frequent stops. Photographer's Point.
- 3:30 at Elklund Lake. Flies, gnats, mosquitoes.
- Evan took his nap. Dan goes under in the lake. Hike up
- Nearby mountain - great view. Headaches, but no severe
- Mountain sickness. To bed about 9:00.

Day 4 - Tuesday, July 28, 1992

- Met ranger on trail, talked with him for about 30 min.
- People from Indianola.
- Bugs, bugs, bugs.
- Spectacular view
- Changed plans, camp near trail junction instead of Island Lake. Right at timberline. Drizzle, then clouds
- Break up.
- Shallow lakes make for good swimming.

Day 5 - Wednesday, July 29, 1992

- Happy birthday, Evan.
- Late start - 9:40 AM. See three people at the start and then no one else until we make camp for the night.
- Snow field - fight
- Another change of plans - camp at trail junction just before Shannon Pass instead of at Peak Lake.
- Above timberline the whole day, including camp.
- Day hike to Shannon Pass, 11,150 ft, the highest point of the trip.
- Climb nearby mountain. Chris sees a marmot.
- Perfect weather.
- Agony abating as we get acclimated.



Day 6 - Thursday, July 30, 1992

- On trail by 9:30 AM
- See a group of 20 people (regulations say 15 is the maximum)
- Llamas
- Many pack groups using horses.
- Back into trees - nice, but boring.
- Lunch at Summit Lake - above timberline.
- Go an extra 1 1/2 miles to camp at Little Trapper Lake so we don't have as far to go tomorrow.
- Arrive 5:00.

- Swimming - water warm, brown (iced tea?)
- Vandals across lake
- Evan likes Peasant Omelet - especially the clean-up
- Mostly downhill.
- No local peak to climb after dinner.

Day 7 - Friday, July 31, 1992

- On trail early, about 8:30.
- Easy going at first.
- Clow's Nest Lookout, then down, down, down. 1700 ft. drop.
- Switchbacks. No water. Down from 9200 ft. to 7500 ft.
- River at bottom, very refreshing. Take a breather.
- Now startup - 1600 ft. rise back to 9100 ft.
- Lunch at Long Lake, 2 miles from car.
- Up, up, up.
- Arrive at cars at 2:30 to 3:30 PM. Trail's End campground
- Full, so back to the meadow.
- Drive to Pinedale in search of showers, phone. Showers are
- \$3.10 each! Forget it. Stop at store for treats, s'mores,
- Phone. Jake eats a whole cheese Danish.
- Rangers visit campground
- Matchless fire. Ceremonial burning of bad map. S'mores.

Day 8 - Saturday, Aug. 1, 1992

- On road early.
- Stop in Rock Springs for gas and treats
- Lunch at Hardees in Laramie.
- Arrive at Ogallala about 5:00. Commercial camp, SHOWERS!
- Valentino's. Meet Dan's family there. As many as nine
- Pieces of pizza for some. First non-freeze-dried dinner
- In over a week. Pig out on a grand scale.



Day 9 - Sunday, Aug. 2, 1992

- On road early.
- Lunch at McDonald's in Seward, NE. Arrive in Ames about 5:00 PM

- Take care of gear and then go home
- Total miles on trip: 2162 driving

