



Climbing for Character

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Climbing for Character was established in memory of Ezra Hogg, son of John Hogg, Scout Executive for the Santa Fe Trail Council. Ezra tragically died in a traffic accident on his way to school in 2001. Ezra was an Eagle Scout, a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, a dedicated camp staff member at Gerber Scout Camp in Michigan, and a young man of character of integrity.

Climbing for Character was started in 2007 to raise money in memory of Ezra to support the Scouting program that is committed to building young men of character for the future of America. Money is raised by a team of mountain climbers dedicated to climbing to the highest summit of all 50 states. The climbing team members consist of John Hogg, Matthew Hogg, brother of Ezra, and Aaron Gach. All three are professional Scouters, John for the Santa Fe Trail Council in Kansas and Matthew and Aaron for the Gerald R. Ford Council in Michigan. The three are joined by other team members who were friends of Ezra and are all Eagle Scouts. All team members pay all their own expenses so all money donated goes directly to Scouting.

We are asking for your support to make a gift in the name of Ezra Hogg and the Climbing for Character Team. All money raised will be spent to build new benches at two campfire auditoriums at Spanish Peaks Scout Camp in Colorado. Currently Scouts and leaders sit on logs, many which are deteriorating or in some cases are rotten and can no longer be used. Cost is approximately \$2,000. The Climbing for Character team will be climbing two peaks, Mount Rainer in Washington and Mount Hood in Oregon.

A sheet is attached with available pledge support levels. **100% of your support will go to the build benches at the campfire auditoriums at Spanish Peaks Scout Camp.** We are offering a small personal recognition gift with each level of support of our campaign. Thank you in advance for your support as we begin our “Climb for Character”. Remember that all contributions to Climbing for Character are tax-deductible.

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Mount Rainer 14,410 ft. & Mount Hood 11,239 ft.

Help us give a great gift to Scouting!!

Hiker Level * 50 – 99 Dollars

Recognition Gift: Personalized Summit Photo Thank You

Climber Level * 100 – 499 Dollars

Recognition Gift: Climbing for Character Team Shirt and Personalized Summit Photo

Mountaineer Level * 500 – 999 Dollars

Recognition Gift: Trip Book, T-Shirt and Personalized Summit Photo

Expedition Team Leader * 1000 Dollars and Above

Recognition Gift: Trip Book, Personalized Summit Photo,
Team Shirt and Dinner with the Climbing Team

Please fill out the information below, indicate your level of support, and return to John Hogg at john.hogg@scouting.org or to the Santa Fe Trail Council, 1513 E. Fulton Terrace, Garden City, KS 67846. Payments may be made via cash, check, VISA, or MASTERCARD, and may be made now or pledged and paid over a period of time.

Thank you for supporting Climb for Character to Support Spanish Peaks Scout Camp!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Giving Level: (Check One) _____ Expedition Team Level \$ _____

_____ Mountaineer Level \$ _____

_____ Climber Level \$ _____

_____ Hiker Level \$ _____

Payment enclosed \$ _____ Payable to the Santa Fe Trail Council

Visa/MC _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

_____ Please bill me once

\$ _____ per month until my Climbing for Character pledge is paid.