



BREATH TAKING... This summer, nine Boy Scouts and three leaders from Troop 73 in Westfield spent 10 days on a trek through the beautiful Sangre de Cristo Mountains at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. On the summit of Mount Baldy: Pictured, from left to right, are: Back row - Chip Mulrooney, Jonathan Kelly, Tim Johnston, Rich Johnston, Luke Gibbons, Noah Penders, Joseph Stokes, Bill Penders and Steve Deduck; middle row, holding *The Westfield Leader* are Liam Hughes and Jason Isbit with Stephen Deduck in the front row.

Boy Scouts of Troop 73 Travel Out West This Summer

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The crew flew from Newark to Colorado where they spent a few days sightseeing prior to starting their New Mexico adventure.

In Colorado they visited the United States Air Force Academy, ascended 14,000 feet above sea level to the summit of Pikes Peak, and spent an

afternoon whitewater rafting on the Arkansas river. On the third day of the trip the crew was bussed to the ranch to begin the trek. Each day the crew hiked for seven or more miles across beautiful terrain, admiring the views and enjoying the cool fresh air.

Following each day's hike there were different adventures including horse-back riding, rock climbing and rappelling, spar pole climbing, and black powder rifle shooting. For the first few days the crew traveled with a donkey they all quickly became attached to and named Dingus.