

SUMMIT FOR SOMEONE THE CHALLENGE OF A LIFETIME.

April 6, 7 a.m. - Me and the other 8 climbers just met our guides for breakfast. I can't believe it. I'm about to climb Mt. Whitney! When I joined the fundraiser for Big City Mountaineers, it didn't seem real. It's good that they get money to mentor urban teens in the great outdoors. But for me, this is a lifetime goal!

9 a.m. - Our driver - very funny guy - dropped us off 3 miles from the trailhead. Ha, Ha. We'll get him back. But at least the walk was a good warm up.

6:00 p.m. - Reached Lower Boy Scout Lake around lunch. We'll spend the night here.



April 7, 3 p.m. - Been at it since 2 a.m. Arrived at high camp about mid-day. It's in a big snowy bowl about 11,500 feet up. Whitney's spine is just above us. Can't take my eyes off it.

8 p.m. - Heated me some dinner. That little cook stove worked real nice. Everyone's hit the sack, but I'm too excited to sleep. I'm glad I brought my iPod. It tunes out the wind.

April 8, 4:30 a.m. - We're about ready to rock! Next



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stop, Iceberg Lake! Got my crampons, ice ax. Everyone's starting to get roped up to the guides. I can't believe it! I can see Mt. Whitney in the moonlight! Time to go.

6 a.m. - It's been a hard climb. High altitude killed my appetite, but our guide made me eat cookies. We're about to climb a 35° chute, and I'm beginning to wonder if I can do it.

8 a.m. - The icy blasts are killing me, but at least the sick feeling's gone. Oops, they're leaving. Gotta go.

10 a.m. - We made it! The summit! 14,496 feet up. I can't believe my eyes. You can see for eternity. The High Sierras are incredible. I actually get to add my name to the registry. The wind, the cold, everything - it was all worth it. Every bit of it. It's the greatest thing I've ever done.

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