



## **Peru Team on Nevada Pisco about an hour from the summit at 18870'**

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Panorama from the Ascent of El Dorado

**Next meeting: Annual Post Picnic,  
Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 6:00 PM,  
Gabriel Park**

## Announcements

### Peru Returns!



Post members descend to camp at the base of Yerupaja (21,768), the second highest peak in Peru

Our largest trip of the year, the international Peru trip, has just returned without casualties! (For the most part, elevation is tough)

What started as a small climbing club based in Portland Oregon has officially blossomed into an organization sending kids into high altitude mountaineering, all due to our recent trip to the Ankaash region of Peru. The trip entailed a long and arduous trek through the Huayhuash, a stunning mountain range of famous mountains. Peaks along the trek included Yerupája, a twenty-one thousand foot peak, along with Siula Grande, the mountain made famous by the book *Touching*

*the Void*, by Joe Simpson (who spoke at a Post meeting one time!). The trip lasted twenty days and left students with amazing and unforgettable memories. If you want to learn more feel free to ask any of the seventeen trip members to tell a story from Peru, and prepare to be dazzled with a riveting tale. Ask Eric Belden about the time he went to the fair in Huaraz, and road the most dangerous ride ever; or maybe ask Teddy Banker about his fun and not super painful donkey ride at fourteen thousand feet. Although student experiences varied, they all could agree on one thing, PERU IS AMAZING, and playing soccer at altitude is difficult.

- Teddy Banker

The morning after we awoke in Lima we began our ten hour bus ride to Huaraz, a small town known to be a central hub for many climbers and mountaineers. We stayed in Hotel Morales, a hotel overlooking the city and surrounded by mountains. The first few days we went on nearby hikes to acclimatize, and then began our trek in the Cordillera Huayhuash. The first few days of the trek were rainy and morale was low, but we made the most of it by sitting in the dining tent playing bridge, journaling or reading. After that the weather cleared up and we all had much more energy. Everyday we would wake up, eat the wonderful breakfast that was prepared for us and start hiking on the trail. The scenery was absolutely incredible. We were surrounded by dramatic, snow-covered peaks and the lakes were perfectly clear and blue-green in color. Once we arrived at our campsite for the day we would eat lunch and spend the afternoon either doing a short nearby hike or playing games outside. One day we played ultimate frisbee with a plastic plate we fished out of the river. The plate kept breaking, making it sharp to the touch but we just duct taped it and kept playing. Eventually it started cutting peoples hands so no one wanted to catch it, but we continued until a team reached five points. A different day we rode donkeys, and one started running so fast that Teddy flew off. I don't know if I've ever laughed so hard in my entire life. Another incredible part of the trek was how well we got to know each other. At the beginning of the trip we were given the opportunity to discuss a way we wanted to grow with one of the three advisors. This allowed us to get to know the advisors and ourselves in a very unique way. For sections of the trail, we were randomly placed in pairs for conversations, allowing us to get to know each other all very well. After the trek we set out to summit Nevado Pisco. Due to altitude and other physical issues, 5 students were not able to summit but the other 10 were. The five students who were not able to summit stayed in Huaraz and went white water rafting. Once reunited as a whole group, we celebrated our time in Peru at a final dinner of traditional Peruvian barbecue and a trip to the Huaraz fair, where we rode roller coasters and danced to live music. This trip was by far one of my favorite experiences with the Post, and something that I will never forget. Although at times

the trip was physically and mentally demanding, I can say for certain that the friendships and memories made will last a lifetime.

- Alli Eroh

Post President and Vice president Mia and Kyle have led us through a huge year for the Post. We have never before experienced the work done towards outreach and expansion of the Post as we have under the leadership of these two individuals. In the upcoming year, they hope we can continue the past of outreach that we have started upon. Thanks for great year!

## **El Dorado Climb**

Although our first day of hiking had yielded nothing but fog and freezing temperatures, when we woke up at 3 on Sunday there was not a cloud in the sky. Before us lay the surprisingly close summit, surrounded by the stars of the night sky. At first, we slogged along the moderate and unexposed glacier as we approached the summit ridge. With each step we got a little higher, exposing an even more spectacular view. As we approached the knife-edge summit ridge, I began placing pickets along the well-established path. Upon the summit, we could see what seemed like most of the mountains in Washington, and even across the border to the North into Canada. Despite the seemingly low altitude, the view was still incredible and gave us all an incredibly beautiful reason to return to the North Cascades the next chance we got.



- Roland Scott

## **Upcoming Events**



## **The August meeting at Gabriel Park (6:00 PM) will be a feast of sorts, with food provided.**

The Canada groups will have returned by the meeting, so make sure to welcome them back and ask about the trip!

### **Service Project**

What: Building a staircase on the Wildwood trail!!

Where: Pittock Trailhead, Forest Park

When: Tuesday, August 28th, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Be prepared to hike and get dirty. Long pants and sturdy shoes are required for your safety. Remember to pack plenty of water and dress for all weather conditions. Forest Park Conservancy will provide gloves, tools, and training.

### **Fundraiser**

Bake sale on Saturday, August 18th

## **In The News**

Finn James, longtime Post Newsletter Editor, has been elected to Congress. He will be remembered through his consistently on-time newsletters and perfect grammar. After two successful years as the Newsletter Editor, the new Publications Team, led by the valiant Eliza Lawrence, on a team that includes Finn's younger brother, Claes James. Post director Peter Green has commented on the passing of an amazing leader, saying, "Watching Finn work on the newsletter was like nothing I've ever seen before... I did not know one person could be so skilled and efficient."

*At Right:* Peter and Finn hugging it out during Field Day

