

# Philmont Training Trek 1-22-2011

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[View from the summit of our hike](#)

A group of boys including Gordon Greer, David Thomas, Noah Lueneburg, Brett Monji, Griffin Armstorff, David Marinelli, and Mr. Monji who led the hike, trekked up to the top of the

Verdugo Hills last Saturday. Three other parents also joined us and we all hiked up to the top of the Verdugo Hills to begin training for Philmont. The scouts met at the parking lot of the Stough Nature Center at 8:00 and got back around 11:30. It was a fantastic day for a hike. Downtown LA was easily seen from the vantage points on the way up the mountain. The trip back down was very eventful. There was a rattlesnake sunning itself in the middle of our path that slithered away after a couple of minutes. Also, many of us realized on the way down that we were all in desperate need of new hiking boots. Gordon even walked backwards halfway down the mountain to try to ease the pain from his feet. But this was a good experience to learn by. Many scouts now know what they need to be prepared for when they go to Philmont this summer. All in all, we hiked six miles in 3 hours and 15 minutes which is a good pace. It was a fun hike that taught us valuable information about always being prepared.