

Ten-Year-Old Jordan Romero Conquers Mt. Elbrus, Third Peak in His Quest for the Seven Summits

Above Photo: Jordan and his father Paul Romero atop Mt. Elbrus

July 13, 2007 (Azau, Russia) The day before his 11th birthday, Jordan Romero of Big Bear, Calif., moved another step closer to his goal of becoming the youngest person to climb the highest peak on each of the seven continents. On July 11, Jordan and his family successfully reached the top of Europe's highest peak, 18,498-foot Mt. Elbrus.

Last July, Jordan began his quest for the Seven Summits as he climbed 19,340-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. He made the climb in record time and became the youngest person to climb the Umbwe Route in just three and half days. In April of this year, Jordan summited Mt. Kosciuszko in Australia.

"Three down, five to go... I can't believe we did this today," shouted Jordan to his parents through wind gusts that reached up to 80 miles per hour on the narrow summit. To avoid the controversy about whether Oceania or Australia is the seventh continent, Jordan plans to climb eight peaks in his quest, including the Carstensz Pyramid, the tallest peak in Oceania.

Jordan, along with his father Paul Romero and Karen Lundgren, both accomplished adventure racers on Team SOLE, completed the roundtrip climb in just 26 hours, including a 13-hour acclimation camp. Temperatures on the climb dipped to -10 degrees Fahrenheit and Paul suffered from an onset of cerebral edema manifested in a searing headache and blurred vision as the group neared the summit.

³On the approach to the summit Jordan motivated our team to keep ascending by counting down the small break times,² said Paul. "It was one of the proudest moments of my life to see Jordan take on a leadership role in conditions like that. When things get tough and steep, Jordan steps up. It's like he's bored unless things are really challenging."

Next on Jordan's list is Mt. Aconcagua in Chile, which he plans to attempt on his winter break from school this year.

About Jordan Romero

Jordan Romero is an eleven-year-old boy from Big Bear, Calif. with big dreams. Born on July 12, 1996, Jordan hopes to become the youngest person to climb the highest peaks on the seven continents the support of his father and stepmother, both world-class adventure racers on Team SOLE, Jordan climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa in July 2006, Mt. Kosciuszko in Australia in April 2007 and Mt. Elbrus in Russia in July 2007. Jordan hopes to finish his Seven Summits quest by climbing Mt. Everest before his sixteenth birthday. For more information, please visit www.jordanromero.com.