

## Troop 700 hikes the AT to Katahdin

After months of preparation and planning, 7 scouts and 3 leaders departed Ashland on August 4. We camped overnight at Camp Mattatuck and then at the Katahdin Scout Reservation before arriving at our jumping off place in the 100-mile wilderness.



After six-days on the trail—and two blueberry cobblers, two raspberry cobblers, frogs legs, a dozen fish, uncounted pancakes, views of moose and deer, baths in frigid rivers and lakes, and both glorious scenery and rain every day—we arrived at Baxter State Park and met up with the other Troop 700 crew for a feast.

We began just North of White Cap Mountain, 70 miles from Baxter State Park.



Back row, from left to right: Brian Dickerson, Joseph Keagy. Middle row: Al Best, Seth Dubee, Jason Daniels, Danny Phillips, Malcolm Dickerson, Matt Pellmann. Front: Timmy Phillips, Bruce Dubee.

The picture at the left is the last clear view of Mt. Katahdin because as we arrived at the base so did the remnants of Hurricane Alex. Never-the-less, hiking in ankle-deep

rushing streams that used to be the trail, we attempt the summit and are forced to turn back within a mile of the top.

We departed Baxter State Park on Saturday, August 13, 2004 and, after staying overnight at June Norcross Webster BSA camp, we returned to our families on Sunday—full of stories and proud of our accomplishments.

