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50 FOR TIBET

U.S. & WORLD HIGHPOINTING ADVENTURE A NON-PROFIT FUND RAISING PROJECT FOR: THE ROWELL FUND FOR TIBET

The Colorado based Team Highpoint is proud to announce their 2013 highpoint schedule. After completing their tenth international highpoint this past August with Mount Fuji (12, 389 feet) in Japan, the group is already looking forward to 2013 with hopes to continue on their adventures.

The team is excited to expand on their European endeavors by traveling to Spain, Portugal, Andorra and Gibraltar to claim their 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th international highpoints. The points vary in height, Pico Del Teide, or Teide Peak, of Spain is looking to be the most rigorous in that respect, standing at 12,198 feet. Teide is the third highest volcano in the world, at 24,600 feet from its base on the ocean floor; it falls short only to Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa in Hawaii. The next up after Teide will be Andorra's Pic de Coma Pedrosa at 9,665 feet, followed by La Torre of Portugal at 6,637 feet, and then the Rock of Gibraltar stationed at a high of 1,398 feet.

Not all of the highpoints planned for 2013 are abroad, however. For the 49th highpoint within the United States, Team Highpoint looks to the Cowboy State in their pursuit of the 13,800 ft. Gannett Peak in Wyoming.

With the Japanese highpoint achieved in 2011, Team Highpoint has now accumulated ten total international highpoints and 48 U.S. state highpoints (as well as Washington D.C.) since the project's inception in June 2006. Since 50 For Tibet's beginning in 2006, over 140,000 miles of travel have been logged and approximately \$225,000 in donations have been raised to promote The Rowell Fund For Tibet (www.savetibet.org/about-ict/rowell-fund-tibet), an organization which provides grants to help preserve the threatened Tibetan culture.

Team Highpoint consists of John Jancik (Parker, Colorado), Terri Baker (Parker, Colorado), David Baker (Denver, Colorado) and Steve Gardiner (Billings, Montana). John and Terri, who originally met the late, legendary photographer and mountaineer Galen Rowell in 1995 as the three of

them prepared for their participation in the 1996 Top of the World Expedition to northern Greenland, now serve on The Advisory Board of The Rowell Fund for Tibet. On September 23rd, 2006, Team Highpoint was honored with a special meeting with His Holiness the Dalai Lama during a visit to Colorado.

To learn more about Team Highpoint and its 50 For Tibet project, see the Team's website at www.50fortibet.org or contact John Jancik at echojj@aol.com. More information about the Tibetan situation is available from the International Campaign for Tibet at www.savetibet.org or by phone at (202) 785-1515.

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