

RosenWeld 2013 Recap (Compiled belatedly in 2019)



We started the year taking Ellie for her first trip in the snow... Saying she loved it would be an understatement!

Then, in February 2013, we embraced the boys' junior year and toured various colleges. In one trip, the whole family flew to LA, toured Pomona and the Clairmont Colleges then linked up with Dan's friend Rich Korf (and wife Virginia) and drove to Death Valley via a tiny mining town where she grew up. Once in the National Park, we hiked some canyons and enjoyed the sunrise light show as the shadows played across the badlands.



In March, Dan and his sister, Kathy, did a wonderful (if arduous) week-long backpack in the Escalante, linking Scorpion Gulch to upper East Moody canyon and back via 25 Mile Wash. v



April brought a visit to Rao and some Arizona canyoneering before linking with Adam to tour colleges in Pennsylvania and Baltimore. In May, Dan got a junket to a workshop in Barbados, which was both fun and intellectually stimulating.



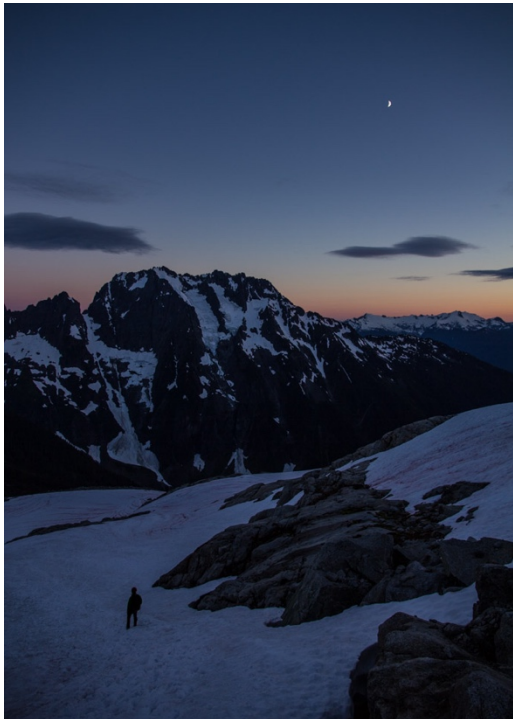
Leah and Margaret went to Vietnam for the month of May – part of the Evergreen Global Studies trip and the culmination of our kids' time at Evergreen. We loved that school. >



Then, in June, Dan gave an invited talk at ICAPS in Rome; afterwards, he joined with his friend, Dave Smith, and headed north to climb some via Ferrata in the Dolomites. >

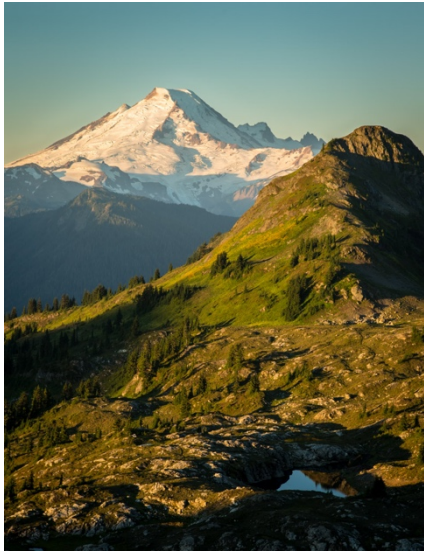


In July, Dan, Adam & Galen climbed the North Ridge of Forbidden Peak – a moderate (but very exposed) alpine rock climb in the North Cascades. The trip was amazing, until it ended in near disaster! The first day we climbed over Sharkfin Col, rappelling onto the massive Boston Glacier (above left), pulling our ropes and committing to the adventure. That night was cold and beautiful as we slept near the base of the route. The next day, we climbed pitch after pitch of solid granite with incredible



vistas in all directions. The shot above shows Adam leading a nice pitch about 500' below the top. On the summit, we felt triumphant, but we knew that the East-ledge descent was long, loose and exposed, so we didn't tarry. Alas, just a few minutes before reaching safety, the rock changed from solid granite to friable crud, a hold broke under Adam's weight, and he fell 120', landing in a moat. Luckily, Galen's EMT training and Adam's resilience allowed us to self-rescue, but even after climbing up over a col to safety, we were still a vertical mile above and far from our car. It was a long and scary day. It took three years of dental surgery, but eventually Adam was physically as good as new. The experience still haunts me...

Later that summer, Margaret, Dan, and Galen took Ellie on her first backpack – a week-long tour over Spider gap, to image lake, and middle ridge. Wonderful! The photo shows Glacier peak from our penultimate campsite. >



< This photo shows Mt. Baker at sunrise from a different trip up Yellow Aster Butte. Galen and Dan thrashed their way up Dark Peak as well, putting Dan at 95/100.



We also did several trips to Utah. In October, Dan went to the Escalante with Marcel. The government shutdown prevented access to the hole-in-the-rock road, so they explored lovely Boulder Creek.

Then, in November Adam, Galen & Dan did some technical canyoneering in the North Wash. As the photos from “Boss Hog” show, it was simply lovely – also a great chance for the three to enjoy the wilderness together after the July accident...





<. A final highlight from the year... Art won the prestigious Fermi Award, and Margaret accompanied him to D.C. where they all got to meet Barack Obama!



Galen & Adam in Leprechaun Canyon, Utah



Leah & Ellie



Autumn foliage in Boulder Creek, Utah