Anchorage climber names peak after former Scout leader

Anchorage, Alaska - An Anchorage climber and Eagle Scout has gone to great lengths to pay tribute to one of his mentors.

The newly named Mount Powell was named in honor of former Eagle River Boy Scout leader Scott Powell. Powell was one of four Alaska Scout leaders who was killed in an electrical accident last July at the National Jamboree in Virginia.

The 15,000-foot peak, located on the border between Kyrgyzstan and Tibet, was named in Powell's honor by Cory Rennell, a member of the Harvard Mountaineering Club, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary. Rennell met Powell as a young Boy Scout at Camp Grouch, where he eventually worked as a counselor.

Rennell plans to present the Powell family with a rock from the summit of Mount Powell when he returns to Anchorage in December.

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