

## **Jim Ebert – Short Resume**

### **Jim Ebert is the Founder and Director of Alpenglow Adventures**

This is the first organization in the world, to assist individuals who cannot walk, on hiking trails for the very first time, to the bottom of the Grand Canyon National Park, Az. and back out, to Havasu Falls, Az. and Back out, and to the highest Uhuru summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, and in April, 2010, the first, to complete the Inca Trail Hike to Machu Picchu in Peru.

Below is a brief outline of Jim Ebert's tremendous success in the non-profit, educational, and mountaineering field.

Jim's experience and leadership on each trip, makes Alpenglow Adventures the most experienced and led expedition and adventure trip organization in the World.

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Jim's parents (S. John and Ede Ebert) founded the Iowa Mountaineers, Inc., a University of Iowa Mountaineering Club in 1940.

From 1973 to 1996, Jim developed the organization into the largest University mountaineering Club in the World, and the largest instructional mountaineering club in the world, which includes all of the World's 440 mountaineering clubs, by teaching 6300+ members, in a single year, 12 different mountaineering related outdoor skills training courses two hundred miles from campus, at Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin. No other guide service, or another mountaineering club, or another University in the World has accomplished what Jim accomplished, in a single year, 200 miles from campus.

Jim, also developed, the Iowa Mountaineers, Inc. into the most active mountaineering club in the World, including all of the World's 440 mountaineering clubs, by guiding 78,000+ individual summit ascents of 1,330 famous technical mountains in eleven Mountain States and in 17 Alpine countries. No other mountain guide, mountain guide service, or another mountaineering club in the World, combined, has accomplished what Jim and his staff have accomplished.

Jim developed the University of Iowa into the largest outdoor skills training University in the world with over 58,928 members leaving Iowa to take Jim's training courses to 11 Mountain States and to 17 Alpine Countries, 1973-1996. For many years, Jim instructed from 5,500 to 6,300 University of Iowa students who participated on his training courses that were taught at Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin, USA. The Iowa Mountaineers, Inc. was a 501c3 non-profit organization.

For 43 years Jim has maintained a perfect safety record, without a single injury suffered amongst any of the 58,928 participants, that a Band-aid, or an Ace wrap could not completely fix, while they participated on his 1,820 training courses, mountaineering camps or foreign mountaineering expeditions, or the 68,192 individual summit ascents he and his staff have guided to 1,330 technical mountain ascents. No one else in the World can claim such an incredible safety record.

### **Jim is a U.S. Military veteran during the Vietnam Era, 1971-1972.**

Jim spent two years in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado, teaching mountaineering, rock climbing, how to build suspension traverses, Tyrolean traverses, and one and two rope bridges in North Cheyenne Canyon, and he instructed cross country skiing and winter mountain survival skills at a winter mountain survival training camp located deep within the Collegiate Mountain Range (Colorado's highest), near the 11,000 foot, Tennessee Pass, to over 3,000 U.S. Special Forces and Army Ranger troops. He was also the Medic for the RECONDO School and with the Fort Carson Mountain Rescue Team.

## **Basic and Intermediate Top Rope Climbing Course**

- Designed, promoted and taught at Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin
- Over 29,800 University of Iowa students, more than any other instructor in North America, during two day (27 contact hours) instructional training courses held in one of the Nation's premier top rope rock climbing areas, that was taken for academic credit; where each participant climbed over twelve 50ft high climbs, 1973-1996.

#### **Basic and Intermediate Wilderness Hiking Course**

- Designed, promoted and taught at Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin
- Over 11,200 University of Iowa students, during a two day (27 contact hours) instructional training course, where each participant hiked over 14 miles, and ascended and descended over 3,000 feet, 1973-1996.

#### **Basic and Intermediate Cross-Country Skiing Course**

- Designed, promoted and taught at Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin
- Over 3,900 University of Iowa students during a two day (27 contact hours) instructional training course where each participant cross-country skied over 14 miles during each week-end training course, 1973-1996.

#### **Mountaineering Training Courses, Mountaineering Camps, Mountaineering Expeditions**

- Planned, promoted and led 96 two week mountaineering training courses & mountain camps & four week expeditions, involving 550 first mountain ascents and new routes.
- 8,524 students, staff and faculty and participants from all 50 states
- Camps located in 11 Mountain States, 2 Canadian Provinces & 17 Alpine Countries
- 1,303 technical mountain summits ascended by 68,192 individual mountain summit ascents (Jim, with his staff assisting, has guided more people to more technical mountain summits in eleven Mountain States and in 17 Alpine countries, which is more mountains ascended, in more States, and in more Alpine countries, with more people, than any other mountain guide, mountain guide service, or mountaineering club in North America, combined, 1967-2010).

Jim, with his staff assisting, has established the most American mountaineering ascents of 480 of Canada's most famous mountains, including more mountains climbed within more Canadian Provincial Parks, and National Parks in Alberta and British Columbia, with more people, than all of America's mountain guide services and mountaineering clubs, combined, 1967-1996.

Jim, with his staff assisting, has led the first American mountain ascents of many of Africa's most famous mountains, including having guided over 585 people to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro with the first American group ascent in 1967, before any other mountain guide service, or travel adventure company from America, or the World, first started climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Jim has led the first American group ascent of Mount Kenya in 1967, and to the summits of six mountains in the Ruwenzori Mountains in Uganda, in 1967, before anyone else in the World, first started leading adventure groups to any of these three countries.

Jim, with his staff assisting, has helped guide over 120 of the highest and most difficult peaks in the Cordillera Blanca in Peru, S.A. with 35 first mountain ascents, and 85 first American ascents and new routes, and over 250 people that he has helped guide to the summit of Nevado Huascarán, 22,205 feet, Peru's, highest mountain, among others. Including, the earliest American group hike of the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.

Jim, with his staff assisting, has climbed over 100 famous mountains in the Alps of Europe, with more people, than all of America's mountain guide services, and mountaineering clubs, combined. This includes guiding over 250 people to the 16 highest, and most famous, and most spectacular

mountains, in each of the following six Alpine countries of France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Austria and Slovenia.

Jim, with his staff assisting, has climbed 640 of the highest and most difficult mountains in eleven Mountain States, with more people, than anyone else in North America.

Jim has guided more of the World's most famous trail hikes in eleven Mountain States, and in 17 Alpine Countries, with more people, than has anyone else in the World.

### **Backpacking Trips to the bottom of the Grand Canyon National Park, AZ**

☐ Planned, promoted & guided 84 one-week trips to bottom, Phantom Ranch.

☐ 3,357 students each hiked more than 80 miles

(Jim has guided more people to the bottom of the Grand Canyon National Park and on more miles of hiking throughout the canyon, in all directions from the Phantom Ranch, than any other guide, or organization, or travel adventure company, in the world, 1967-2010)

### **Hiking & Camping Trips to Havasu and Mooney Falls, Arizona**

☐ Planned, promoted & guided 53 one-week trips

☐ 1,547 students each hiked over 56 miles

(Jim has guided 1,576 people, on over 56 miles of hiking, throughout the Havasu Canyon and to Havasu and Mooney Falls, and eight miles down Havasu Creek to the Colorado River, than any other guide, hiking organization, guide service, or travel adventure company, in the world, 1973-2009).

### **Cross-country Skiing & Winter Mountain Survival Training**

☐ Planned, promoted & led the Nation's first and highest Cross-Country Skiing and Winter Mountain Survival Training Camp to Colorado's Collegiate Range, 1973-1996.

☐ Over 600 students, each cross-country skied over 75 miles, built and lived a week in survival shelters at 11,000 feet (more people graduated from Jim's winter mountain survival camp, than any other winter mountain survival training camp in North America)

☐ 1<sup>st</sup> & highest placed winter mountain survival training camp ever offered in North America & 1<sup>st</sup> to offer course for academic credit. No other, such course, has been offered before, or since.

### **National Top Rope Instructor Certification Course**

☐ Founded the Nation's 1<sup>st</sup> such course in 1973

☐ Nation's 1<sup>st</sup> to be offered for academic credit

☐ Largest & Most Thorough, the Safest, and the Longest operated Top Rope Instructor Certification Course in North America, 1973-Present

☐ Has personally trained and top rope instructor certified over 3,600 University of Iowa students and instructors from all 50 states, during 310 week-long courses (3x more, than all of the other national certifying bodies, combined).

☐ All of Jim's 3,600 certified Top Rope Instructors have themselves maintained a perfect 37 year safety record, including that of all of their clients, from all 50 States.

### **Adventure & Wildlife Films/Photography**

☐ Professional 16mm movie adventure and wildlife photographer

☐ Helped film and produce with his Dad, 1.5 hour adventure films on Peru, New Zealand, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Spain, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Alaska, and the Western United States.

☐ Has presented films live from on stage, to over 1.5 million people across North America.

### **Easter Seal Camp KYSOC (Celebrating 50 Years of Operation)**

☐ Executive Camp Director of Easter Seals Camp KYSOC in Carrollton, KY, USA (2004-Present)

- Camp KYSOC works with children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities
- Camp KYSOC, under Jim's direction, has become one of the most active Seasonal, ACA Accredited, Agency, Non-Profit, Decentralized camps in America, with over 16,200 user days during a very active 4 month period.