

Adventure Chronology: Erik Schlimmer

2011

Assists in designing and constructing 18,000 feet of sustainable, multi-use trail in the Badlands of North Dakota while camping for 47 nights.

Canoes the 360-mile Delaware River from source to sea.

Climbs the two highest peaks in Colorado: 14,440-foot Mount Elbert and 14,428-foot Mount Massive.

Completes visiting the 120 named features of Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area, Adirondack Park, becoming the first to do so.

2010

Attains a personal record of climbing 200 mountains within a one year period.

Canoes the 460-mile Susquehanna River from source to sea.

Completes a 220-mile hike across the Adirondack Park, becoming the first to do so.

Drinks 500th quart of untreated water!

Finishes climbing the 200 highest peaks of the Catskill Mountains in winter, becoming the first to do so.

2009

Climbs the Lake Tahoe Basin's eleven peaks above 10,000 feet.

Thru-hikes the 165-mile Tahoe Rim Trail, setting the fastest traverse record for this year (6 days, 12 hours). This is also the first recorded thru-hike for this year.

2008

Completes a one-week sea kayaking trip in Prince William Sound, Alaska while serving as a coach for MTV's Emmy Award-winning program Made.

Completes a 100-mile hike across Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Completes a 140-mile solo hike across the Catskill Mountains' 35 peaks above 3,500 feet, becoming the first to do so.

Finishes climbing the 100 highest peaks of the Catskill Mountains in winter, becoming the first to do so. This is also the first record of someone climbing the 100 highest twice.

Thru-hikes the 132-mile Northville-Placid Trail, setting the fastest traverse record for this year (3 days, 8 hours). This is his fourth traverse of the Northville-Placid Trail.

2007

Completes a 100-mile hike across Allegheny National Forest.

Completes a 110-mile hike around the border of the Adirondack Park's High Peaks Wilderness Area, the largest wilderness area in the Northeast.

Thru-hikes the 140-mile Baker Trail, setting the fastest traverse record for this year (5 days, 5 hours).

Traverses the 320-mile Catskill Park trail system, becoming the sixth to do so and the youngest to do so.

2006

Becomes faculty in Oneonta State University's Outdoor Education program, teaching for five years. Is three-time recipient of the Merit Award for Teaching and earns the highest honor conferred to non-fulltime faculty: Outstanding Instructor of the Year Award.

Traverses the 110-mile Foothills Trail.

Traverses the 300-mile Long Path.

2005

Mountain bikes 2,740 miles from Canada to Mexico on a route established entirely himself.

2004

Finishes climbing the Northeast's 770 peaks above 3,000 feet, becoming the fourth to do so and the youngest to do so.

Mountain bikes 2,250 miles across the United States-Mexico border, becoming the first to do so.

Thru-hikes the 120-mile Metacomet-Monadnock Trail, setting the fastest traverse record for this year (5 days, 8 hours).

2003

Becomes trail crew leader for the State of North Carolina, building 3,000 feet of trail. During days off within this four-month period, climbs ninety peaks above 5,000 feet.

2002

Mountain bikes the 790-mile Arizona Trail Corridor solo, becoming the first to do so.

Thru-hikes the 165-mile Cohos Trail, setting the fastest traverse record for this year (7 days, 2 hours).

Thru-hikes the 1,300-mile Florida National Scenic Trail, setting the fastest traverse record for this year (55 days, 0 hours).

2001

Becomes trail crew leader for the U.S. Forest Service, returning in 2002 and 2004.

2000

Becomes backcountry ranger for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, returning in 2001 and 2006. During work in 2006 alone, hikes 320 miles, climbs 80,000 vertical feet, camps 110 nights, and makes contact with 800 hikers.

1999

Becomes caretaker and ridgerunner for the Maine Appalachian Trail Club. During work and days off within this five-month period, climbs ninety peaks above 3,000 feet and camps 140 nights.

Finishes climbing the 100 highest peaks of the Adirondack Mountains.

Reaches the highest elevation of all his expeditions: 14,505 feet on Mount Whitney, California.

1998

Climbs 9,600 steps – 8,000 vertical feet – in six hours to raise funds for the Green Mountain Club's Long Trail Protection Campaign.

Thru-hikes the 270-mile Long Trail.

1996

Lands his first outdoor education job: senior trip leader at North Country School.

1995

Camps in the coldest temperature of all his expeditions: 36 degrees below zero in the Adirondack Park.

Completes the Wilderness Education Association's 33-day fall and 12-day winter leadership courses, becoming a certified outdoor leader. During this year also earns an Associate of Science degree in Wilderness Leadership.

Thru-hikes the 132-mile Northville-Placid Trail.

1993

Completes a two-year enlistment in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. Highlights include completing 25 parachute jumps (most at night with full combat equipment), attending the Army's Desert Warfare School, and deploying to Honduras to guard CIA listening posts. Is awarded expert rifleman badge, U.S. parachute badge, Honduran parachute badge, Army Lapel Button, Army Service Ribbon, and National Defense Service Medal.

Travels in the hottest temperatures of all his expeditions: 119 degrees in Death Valley, California.