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My fellow Scouts:

From the lofty vantage points at which you now stand, you can see with new found clarity the beauty and majesty of the world below. Your ascent to the top has been difficult and challenging, but with focus and determination you have turned the would-be stumbling blocks along your path into stepping stones. You have kept your eye fixed on the goal ahead, and now claim a victory that few in this world will ever experience. I salute you most heartily!

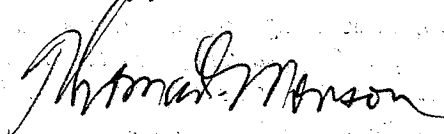
As is most often the case in life, you have been assisted in the realization of your goals by loving parents, fellow Scouts, and noble leaders, whose influence has been both profound, and vital to your success. We are no greater than our level of gratitude for those who have given of themselves to bless our lives. Remember to express humble appreciation for the sacrifice of these great people. Remember also that as a recipient of marvelous blessings, it now becomes your responsibility and privilege to support and lift another along his journey in life. Embrace each and every opportunity to serve your fellowmen.

The signals that you relay and receive from other Scouts atop these mountain peaks will be inspiring and most memorable. Let them serve as a reminder of your efforts to rise above the average and ordinary standards of life to reach extraordinary heights.

May you look to the future with increased desire to accomplish your greatest dreams and aspirations. Live with confidence in your abilities to think, to plan, and to achieve, even amidst a world of change and uncertainty. Let personal integrity be a guidepost throughout your journey in life.

May you find great joy and satisfaction each day of your life, and may you recognize with humility and gratitude our Heavenly Father's rich blessings to you individually.

Sincerely your brother,



Thomas S. Monson