Jordan Romero

American mountain climber

Jordan Romero's dream of climbing the highest peak in every continent – the Seven Summits – began at the age of ten, after he saw a mural featuring them at his elementary school. Fortunately, his father and stepmother, both avid climbers, encouraged him to fulfil his quest.

Without wasting time, the same year the trio embarked on conquering their first mountain - Africa's tallest, the 19,341-foot Mount Kilimanjaro. Next came Australia's Mount Kosciuszko, then Europe's Mount Elbrus, followed by South America's Mount Denali and Oceania's Mount Castensz Pyramid.

In 2010, the now 13-year-old Jordan decided he was ready to conquer the highest of all peaks – the 29,035-foot Mount Everest. This decision aroused a worldwide debate about the dangers of allowing someone this young to tackle the deadly mountain. However, the teen did not let that deter him in pursuing his dream. Not only did he return in one piece, but he also earned himself a spot in the record books. Adapted from www.dogonews.com

The highest mountain is:

MOUNT EVEREST
8850m

ACONCAGUA
6962m

DENALI
6194m

MOUNT ELBRUS
5642m

KILIMANJARO
5895m

MOUNT VINSON
4892m

MOUNT KOSCIUSZKO
2228m