# El Potrero 2018

Elmer, Link, Oak, and Annie

Abstract: Four Princeton graduate students go to Mexico. Two couples to be more precise: Lemur, and AnnieRUok. In Mexico they ate food and rock climbed. Totaling the following high scores: 90 pitches, 3 climbing venues, 2 spas, 1 local street market, 50 tamales, a perfect BBQ, and cemented friendship is magic.



Land in MTY

Met Elmer at airport. We were upstairs fooling with the radios as if we were secret agents or something while Elmer was waiting in Starbucks

Elmer's Dad and bros were hunting. So we met Hortensia (Mom) and Hortensia (Sis) and then went to bed after eating a million tamales.

Did we go to the store? (Yes, we did!) Oh yeah, and the bridge!

Day 1:

Jungle Mountaneering - LEMUR,

Las Chimuelas - AnnieOakleigh

So begins the epic of how Elmer and Link climbed EVERY single crux differently.

Found Time-wave Zero (TWZ)

TWZ 1-12

Met Homa. He cool.

LEMUR got stranded on rap but made it to an anchor literally by a stretch. Made it down, Elmer almost died. Link actually tho.

Link drove back bc Elmer almost died

Link learns about blinker communication in Mexico.

**Day 3:** 

Aguja Celo Rey + the other spire

awesome pictures were taken.

What happens in the spires stayed in the spires...

Ate delicious tuna and avocado crackers.

Try to decide what to climb and where.

LEMUR Starts Estrellita..

Annie Oakleigh branch off and climb Lickety Split, Pink Harmonica, Mr. Fluffer's Wild Ride. We met an old couple who were better climbers than us.

LEMUR soloed a couple pitches and simul climbed a 10b.

LEMUR ends Estrellita in 2 hrs.

Ended year on a high note.

drove back to prepare for New years party

New Years Eve party! 11pm. We finally start eating smth, omg.

Day 2:

Massage train

Straight to bed. Except Elmer











Elmer and Family party

## Day 3:

Dispicable Me 3

Elmer wakes up and we go for a drive. Parents kinda want to show us downtown, but we are too tired and want to stay in car. All the best places are closed, so we go to a hotel buffet.

Fail at trying to find a spa

On the way back we go to an abandoned dam in La Huasteca SECRET TUNNEL!

#### Day 4:

7am. It's cold, there's snow. Start Space Boyz.

Elmer climbed two pitches in gloves thinking it would be better. It wasn't.

Head to 'hot' springs

Water is not hot. Clothes still smell like sulfur.. to this day.

Find El Buho Cafe. Super dope. Met ppl from RRG and a hippie with a film camera

Street food! Sopes were da best. (Took 1.5 hours to get)
Climbed in the Mota wall, some cool 11c and some 10s?
Link starts climbing 11d (Young Crankenstein). Finished 3.

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#### Day 5:

We buy coffee from El Buho at 8am. (They open at 9) Snott girlz

### Day 6:

Space Boyz 12 pitches. Easy. Begin Rap.

Elmer And Link fly down Space Boyz. Link loses Elmer's Miura :'( Annie-RU-OAK, rappel down but get stuck bc of people. LEMUR greets them with pizza!

We pick up Bo. He tells us his friends Chris Carter and Andrew are sleeping on TMW ledge.

We eat the best tacos EVER

#### Day 7:

230am

4:30 start climbing TWZ. We meet the group just behind us: Dave and Hannah's 2013 bf Greg.

We were team Waight and they were team Hannah.

Meanwhile, AnnieRUok climb Three Border Phatties (MAD SPLITTER CRACK), Senior Natural, Monica Lewinsky's Crack, All Cracked up and No Place to go!, Dead Man Walking, Citizens of Heaven,

TMZ, we wake up Bo's friends Andrew "Iguana" and Chris Carter

on the ledge. Chris had also dated Hannah. XP

Link loses scend on the 12.

TWZ, First ones at the Summit!

Rap battle for 4 hours.

Margaritas at Edgardos

**BBQ** party

Day 8:



















Annie Oakleigh leave to go ski. :'(

Lemur go have dinner with fam at grandma's house.

Link bought Spanish SETTLERS OF CATAN!!!

### **Day 9:**

We purchase a massage meant for old women to lose weight. Literally, when we were filling out the paperwork, it asked for our weight AND our desired weight... This is a massage right?! It was an ok massage; but, I think I'll just stick to letting friends occasionally stab me in the back instead.

LEMUR take Elmer's siblings climb some "7s" at La Huasteca.

#### Day 10:

## EL SALTOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

Drive to EL Salto! stopped for a Frappuccino on the way there bc Link needed one.

Figure out parking and hike. Pretty tree moss. First ones to crag. Elmer and Link look at awesome tufa'd wall thinking it was all doable... couple comes and tells us where the easy climbs (11ds) are... we were looking at 13-14s.

Alien Tufa 11c

Muchos Conjuros 12b

Brotherhood 11d

Culo de la Negra 12a

Link and Elmer play in a dried river.

Hike to Tecolote Cave (find sick climber family with kneepads) Meet family climbing Tecolote 13a, and some 14 looking routes

(family goals?)

The best 10b ever. The name is definitely either 'secret tunnel,' 'thru da mtns,' 'disney ride,' or 'Someone's anus...' (El Culo de Merlin 10b)

hike back

Drove back, buy regional desserts on the way back

Settlers of Catan!!!

Fly Home to Princeton.







