

# STRAUB, PHILIP

**PHILIP STRAUB** World Class Mountaineer,  
Undergraduate,  
University of Montana,  
Journalism major, Class  
of 2013



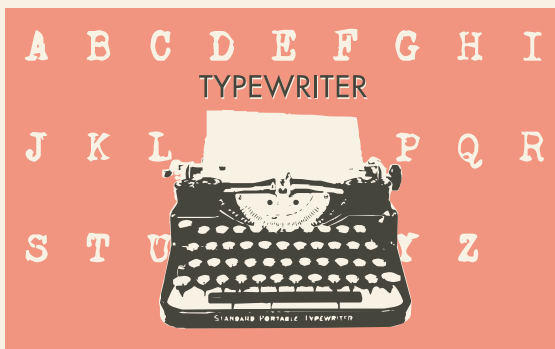
**HOMETOWN** Bozeman,  
Montana and Boston

**TSRC** Child in tow since 1995, TSRC High School  
Intern, Summers 2006 & 2007

**HIS STORY** As the son of a TSRC scientist, Philip has been coming to Telluride since he was five years old. While participating in eight summers of Telluride Academy and San Juan Field School adventure programs, the draw of the Rockies was imprinting. During the summers of 2006 and 2007, Philip joined TSRC as an intern while in high school to create a local newspaper column that married science with his love of the mountains. No idea was too difficult for him: The physics of slacklining, Telluride's peculiar microclimate, the behavior of wild goats. His writing was sophisticated



Philip Straub



Often Used by Journalists After Their Laptop Battery has Died

**“My time in the San Juans forged a connection to the mountains that remains powerful.”**

and clear. “When you work hard writing something even as simple as a short article, and you pour yourself and your style into a piece, it is one of the best feelings in the world to know that someone might be reading it.” And style he has. Even at 16-



Already an Overachiever

and 17-years-old, Philip had his own distinctive writer's voice. In the fall of 2007, Philip made the daring move to leave home in Boston to live in a yurt in Bozeman, Montana to improve his mountaineering skills and finish high school. He now begins an outdoor/adventure journalism major at University of Montana in Fall 2009. “The single defining moment at TSRC for me was seeing my first published article in the Telluride town paper.”

**FAVORITE HIKE** La Junta Basin, which drops into Bridal Veil Basin and meets up with the Wasatch trail.

**FAVORITE CLIMB** A three-pitch classic called Skylight Arete and anything on the Ophir Wall

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