

Policies

How to Complete Your Registration

Thoroughly read ALL the following policies. Then complete the enclosed “Climber Agreement Form” (2 pages). Your space will NOT be secured until you have signed and returned this form. Upon receipt of this form, your credit card will be charged a \$500 deposit and your space will be reserved.

Fundraising Deadline

You must complete all fundraising 30 days prior to your climb date. If you do not meet the total by this date, you will be charged the balance of your fundraising requirement. You have until 30 days after your climb to continue raising funds, at which point you may be eligible for a deposit refund (see below).

Deposit Requirement

When you have signed and returned the “Climber Agreement Form” your on-file credit card will be charged the \$500 deposit. This deposit is required to reserve your space and will be held until completion of your fundraising requirement. Alumni climbers may qualify for a reduced deposit (see below).

Deposit Reduction for Alumni Climbers

Return climbers who met their fundraising goal pay a \$250 deposit instead of \$500.

Deposit Refund

Your initial deposit will be credited toward your fundraising requirement. Every dollar you raise above your fundraising requirement up to the amount of deposits/payments that you have made towards your requirement will be refundable 30 days after your climb.

Example –

Your fundraising requirement is \$4,000. Including your \$500 deposit, you raise:

- a total of \$4,500 or more, your entire deposit will be refunded.
- a total of \$4,200, you would be eligible for a refund of \$200.
- a total of \$4,000, you would not be eligible for a refund.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

Once you have registered and signed the “Climber Agreement” you are obligated to complete your fundraising requirement regardless of your participation in the climb. If you cancel for any reason prior to fulfillment of your fundraising requirement your credit card will be charged the balance due at the time of cancellation. We cannot make exceptions for any reason.

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Refund/Cancellation Policy Continued

A note about this policy:

We depend on climber-driven fundraising to help us generate the funds that get thousands of kids outdoors every year. We offer comprehensive support to every climber that registers and we are unable to divert those resources away from supporting each individual climber in order to fill spaces that reopen due to cancellations.

Gear Package

Your gear will be provided to you when you complete your fundraising requirement, and no later than 30 days in advance of your climb at the time of your fundraising deadline. Some technical gear will be provided on loan by the guide service as part of your climb-package. This gear includes boots, ice-axe, crampons, climbing harness, helmet, ropes and carabiners. Any gear that is necessary for your trip, and that is not provided either as part of the gear package or on-loan from the guide service is your responsibility to provide. All of these items are clearly outlined in the climber packet, which you will receive upon registration.

No-gear option

If you are planning to provide your own gear, please indicate this on your application form. By doing so, your fundraising requirement will be reduced by \$300. Suitability of specific gear will be subject to the approval of your climb coordinator.

Personal Expenses

- **Food:** You will be responsible for providing some of your own food during your trip. See your climber packet for more detailed information regarding the food on your climb.
- **Travel:** You are responsible for providing your own transportation to and from the mountain. We will do our best to help facilitate carpools where possible. Carpools are most readily available from the Bay Area to Shasta and Cathedral Peak and from SEA-TAC airport to Mt. Rainier.
- **Tipping Your Guide:** It is standard to tip the guides that you climb with, and you should expect to personally spend about \$50-\$100 tipping the guide(s) that helped you along the way. For example, if you climbed with one guide throughout the trip you might tip that person \$100. If you spent about half your time with one guide and half with another, you might tip each \$50, and so on.

Climber's Acknowledgement of Policies

Your experience with Climbing for Kids is important to us. In order to facilitate a positive experience for you, we ask that you take a moment to carefully read the following policies.

Please read each statement carefully and initial in the box to the right to indicate you:

- 1. Understand the policy.**
- 2. Agree to comply.**

I understand that my participation in <i>Climbing for Kids</i> is voluntary and that by signing this document, I am obligated to meet my fundraising requirement.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that if I fail to meet my fundraising requirement through donations I receive, I will be personally responsible for the remaining balance, which will be charged to my credit card.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that I will receive my free gear when I have reached my fundraising requirement. I will not receive my gear until this requirement is met. For this reason, I understand that fundraising early is to my benefit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that attending 3 rd Wednesdays will improve my fundraising success, my understanding of Climbing for Kids and its relationship to Bay Area Wilderness Training, and my relationship with my climb team.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that attending training hikes will improve my understanding of Bay Area Wilderness Training and what I can expect during my climb.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that the organized training hikes will improve my chance of summiting, but that they alone are not enough to prepare me physically.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that climbing a mountain is physically and mentally strenuous. I am also aware that altitude may affect me (ie: fatigue, headache, difficulty sleeping, loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, rapid pulse, shortness of breath with exertion).	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that transportation to and from the climb is my responsibility.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that the meals provided for me on the mountain are at the discretion of the guide service and are prepared according to feasibility and nutrition. I understand that I can supply my own food if I choose.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that Climbing for Kids is a unique opportunity for me as a fundraiser for Bay Area Wilderness Training. I understand that the donations I collect for my fundraising requirement go directly to programs that facilitate positive, outdoor experiences for youth.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand and agree that my photograph including video photography, film photography, or other reproduction of my likeness, may be used without charge by Bay Area Wilderness Training, producers, sponsors, organizers, and or its assign for such purposes as they deem appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Release of Liability Agreement**Climbing for Kids 2010 • Bay Area Wilderness Training • Earth Island Institute**

I understand that there are risks and dangers inherent in participating Climbing for Kids 2010 with Bay Area Wilderness Training. I also understand that in order to be allowed to participate in Climbing for Kids 2010 I must give up my rights to hold both the Board of Directors of the Earth Island Institute and all those associated with Bay Area Wilderness Training and Climbing for Kids liable for any injury or damage which I may suffer while participating in Climbing for Kids 2010.

Knowing this, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in Climbing for Kids, I hereby voluntarily release the Board of Directors of Earth Island Institute and all those associated with its Bay Area Wilderness Training and Climbing for Kids from any and all liability resulting from or arising out of my participation in Climbing for Kids.

I understand and agree that I am releasing not only the entities set forth in the paragraph above, but also the officers, agents, volunteers, project directors, and employees of those entities.

I understand and agree that this Release will have the effect of releasing, discharging, waiving and forever relinquishing any and all actions or causes of action that I may have or have had, whether past, present or future, whether known or unknown, and whether anticipated or unanticipated by me, arising out of my participation in Climbing for Kids 2010. This Release constitutes a complete release, discharge and waiver of any and all actions causes of action against the Board of Directors of Earth Island Institute its officers, agents, volunteers, project directors, and employees and all those associated with Bay Area Wilderness Training and Climbing for Kids.

I understand and agree that this release applies to personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death which I may suffer, even if caused by the acts or omissions of others.

I understand and agree that by signing this Release, I am assuming full responsibility for any and all risk of death or personal injury or property damage suffered by me while participating in Climbing for Kids 2010.

I understand and agree that this Release will be binding on me, my spouse, my heirs, my personal representatives, my assigns, my children and guardian ad litem for said children.

I understand and agree that by signing this Release, I am to release, indemnify and hold the Board of Directors of Earth Island Institute its officers, agents, volunteers, project directors, and employees and all those associated with Bay Area Wilderness Training and Climbing for Kids harmless from any and all liability or costs, including attorneys fees, associated with or rising from my participation in Climbing for Kids.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release Agreement and that I understand the words and language in it. I have been advised of the potential dangers incidental to participating in Climbing for Kids.

Print name: _____ Date: _____

Sign name: _____