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Summit for Someone: Climbers needed



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Big City Mountaineers is looking for more climbers for its Summit for Someone fundraiser before it may have to scale back its outreach program.

The Denver-based group's goal is to raise \$250,000 to support 2,675 days of programs for urban youth. The programs range from weeklong backcountry trips to weekend getaways.

The number of climber slots was capped at 171 for 24 climbs and there are about 105 signed up so far, according to Jessica Downing, an organization spokeswoman.

Summit for Someone challenges people to climb some of the best peaks in North America including Mt. Rainier, Shasta, Olympus, Moran, Hood and more.

By pledging money to Big City Mountaineers, each climber will help send at least five "at-risk" youth on a wilderness trip this summer.

Each climb requires a different minimum pledge, which depends on the type and length of the trip. Minimum pledges range from \$2,900 to \$7,500.

With that pledge and climber's application approval, each climber will also receive a gift card for MountainGear.com to help outfit herself for the trip as well as some schwag.

The earliest trip, which is a 7-day expedition trip to Denali National Park in Alaska, is May 18, and climbers have, ultimately, until 30 days after the trip to raise the required money.

Two of the best things about the program are that there are two women-only climbs lead by women as well as trips that cater to all ability levels.

The entire program is definitely worth a look-see.

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