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MARCH 10, 2009 Ladies Climbing to new height for others!

Summit for Someone needs women who love helping others as well as to climb, hike and be outdoors.

Summit For Someone Seeking Adventurous Women For Fundraising Climbs.

Why do you climb? Maybe for the solitude, awe-inspiring views, friends, challenge and accomplishment? Here's another reason to climb -- KIDS. After several years of exploring in the mountains, I decided it

was time to climb for a reason other than myself. So, when a friend asked me if I wanted to participate in Summit for Someone, I responded with a hell yes. By signing up I pledged to raise \$3,600 and participate in a guided climb of Mt. Shasta in northern California all in the name of inner-city kids. My Summit for Someone climb benefits Denver nonprofit Big City Mountaineers, whose mission is to enhance the lives of under-resourced teens through transformative outdoor experiences. Summit for Someone is the biggest fundraiser for BCM and is also the #1 mountaineering fundraiser in the country. SFS climbers scale some of North America's marguee peaks each summer, pledging to raise between \$2900 and \$7500, funding wilderness backpacking trips for 300+ urban teens. This year, Summit for Someone offers two unique women's-only climbs on California's Mount Shasta and Oregon's Mount Hood. In my personal experience, being a part of an all women's team in the outdoors has been extremely empowering. Climbing for a cause while propelled by a group of motivated and passionate women will surely be the experience of a lifetime. My love for the mountains began with a few light hikes outside of Boulder, which led to marching to the top of Colorado's 14ers, then beginning rock climbing and then realizing my dream of summiting a 17,000-foot volcano in Mexico. My affair with the mountains can be attributed to the fact that they make me feel alive. If the outdoors have been transformative in my own life, I feel I have a duty to provide the opportunity for at least one kid from the city to fall in love, too. For information on Summit For Someone Women's climbs, visit www.summitforsomeone.org or call Brendan at 303-271-9200, ext. 403.

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