

Climbing 4 Spina Bifida Newsletter for May 27 2008

Greeting friends and supporters!

A lot is going on in this new edition of the C4SB newsletter!

First off the West Coast Team has started their climbs and completed 2 of their 10 mountains. First of the West Coast Team summited Mt. Shasta in California April 12, 2008. At 14,162 feet that makes Mt. Shasta the second highest on the West Coast Teams list with on Mt. Rainier at 14,411 feet higher. The second peak was summited on May 3, 2008. Lassen Peak in California stands at 10,457 feet. Summit videos can be seen on our myspace at

<http://www.myspace.com/climbingforspinabifida>

The East Coast Team has added two climbers to join us as we climb to raise awareness about Spina Bifida. Besides me and my Brother we are honored to have the following two climbers join us.

Joe Lesson from Mohegan Lake New York. Joe attempted to climb Mt. Washington this past winter but was stopped short of the summit due to high winds at over 70 M.P.H. Joe also suffer minor frostbite but attempted to summit twice. Joe has also designed our summit signs and has been very involved in spreading the word about what we are doing. Joe has become a very close friend and I hope you will all welcome him to the East Coast Team.

Secondly we have Brian LaVoie from Rochester, New Hampshire. Brian is an experienced hiker in the White Mountains and has also become a close friend A little about him in his own words.

“I enjoy the outdoors and I spend a lot of time hiking in the White Mountains in the Spring, Summer and Fall. In the Winter I do snow shoeing. I am a member of the Mt. Monadnock-Mt. Sunnapee Greenway Trail Club. I am also a member of Skywarn (Severe Weather Spotter) for the National Weather Service (NWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) . Along with being a member of those organizations I am also a member of the American Meteorological Society and a member of the booster club for the Manchester Monarchs American Hockey League.”

I hope you will also welcome Brian to our team. I feel these two climbers will be a great asset to our team. My team of my Brother and I are set to go with our first climbs consisting of Killington, Vermont at 4,235 feet and after a rest day we will be climbing Mt. Mansfield at 4,393 feet.

We will be joining forces with our East Coast Team “B” as soon as we can. They will be starting in the White Mountains in June.

On other notes the Central Team is continuing to get geared up for a fall start so by October all teams will be climbing and raising awareness about Spina Bifida and how to try and prevent it.

As usual I would like to thank our sponsors for without them there would be no Climbing 4 Spina Bifida. I would also like to take the time to single out some of our sponsors who go above and beyond the call in trying to do all the can to help us with our Expeditions.

1. John Sullivan at Talus www.talusoutdoortech.com , John has been a huge help and is a new sponsor who is willing to step up and help out for a cause he believes in. He is a really great guy with a great company so please visit their webpage and say hello!
2. Kristen Bendt at Katadyn www.katadyn.com . Kristen has become and great friend and we hope to meet up with her when we start to climb the peaks in Maine.
3. Sara at Alps Mountaineering who has just told me she is expecting! So a big congratulations to her and yes she did take her folic acid! Sara is a great person and we value her friendship so please visit them at www.alpsmountaineering.com
4. Jason Stadler at Asolo/Lowe Alpine who has always has gone above and beyond. Please check out our good friends site at www.asolo-usa.com and www.lowealpine-usa.com
5. Matt at Lorpen for going above and beyond to get 10 climbers into the world's best sock! Please visit them at www.lorpen.com
6. Joe Osborne at Deuter for becoming a great sponsor and a great friend! Please visit Deuter at www.deuterusa.com
7. Kate at Nemo tents for being not only a great sponsor but a great friend! Please visit Nemo at www.nemequipment.com
8. Nate at Snow Peak www.snowpeak.com . Nate has become a great sponsor and friend and is an all around great guy so please visit the website.

I have to thank every sponsor we have and so many have become great friends and gone above and beyond. My thank first and foremost go to God for making this happen! I would also like to thank all my team members for believing in my dream.

We also have stickers available for sale on the website or you may email me at Odessa@comcast.net if you would like one. They are 3.00 and the sales of all stickers will be used to help finance gas for all team members. We also have shirts being printed with our C4SB logo and they will be 15.00 per shirts and should be ready sometime in June. Partial proceeds will be given to our chapter of the SBAA and the rest used for gas.

I hope this latest edition of our news for C4SB finds you all well! Please don't forget to visit us at www.climbing4spinabifida.org

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