

# Everest FAQ



- 1. How many times do I have to climb Blue Mountain?**
  - a. The height of Everest is 29092 and the base elevation of Blue Mountain is 720ft. Your team needs to climb Blue Mountain 40 times (collectively) in order to 'reach' the height of Everest.
- 2. Do we all climb together? (all team members together) or in a relay format (one after the other)?**
  - a. You can go climb together. It will be more fun that way!
- 3. Can I take the gondola down?**
  - a. Yes! In fact, all participants will be given free use of the gondola on event day.
  - b. We also have shuttle buses available if you're in a rush and don't want to wait for the gondola.
- 4. How many people can I have on a team?**
  - a. Teams can be comprised of between 2 and 20 members.
- 5. What if one of my teammates drops out?**
  - a. The idea is that your team reaches 40 climbs. Therefore, if someone drops out, a couple of your teammates can climb to make up the difference. Literally you will be 'taking one for the team!'
- 6. How old do you have to be to participate?**
  - a. Participants need to be at least 10 years old on the day of the event.
- 7. Do I get a t-shirt this year?**
  - a. Everyone who registers BEFORE Sept 15, 2019 will get a t-shirt. There will be no t-shirts for anyone that registers after Sept 15, 2019. Participants also have the option to opt-out of receiving a t-shirt. This is in an effort to direct more funds back to the cause.
- 8. What happens if I can't raise the money?**
  - a. The minimum fundraising requirement for the event is \$400 per participant. This is an agreement you make when you register. If you are having trouble or are uncertain, we will work with you to make sure you get to \$400. Email [info@everstchallenge.ca](mailto:info@everstchallenge.ca) if you're worried!
  - b. Your team can collectively raise the funds so that all team members avg out at \$400
  - c. The organizers reserve the right to prohibit any participant who has not shown an effort to raise funds. The Participant would not be entitled to a refund.
- 9. What's the difference between the fundraising goal and the registration fee?**
  - a. The registration fee is for the event – the t-shirts, logistics, venue fee, etc... The fundraising goal is the difference maker for the Hospital and all donations are

eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

**10. Can I get a refund?**

- a. Sorry, there are no refunds for this event, however, if there are extenuating circumstances you can transfer your registration to someone else. Please contact [info@everestchallenge.ca](mailto:info@everestchallenge.ca).

**11. What happens if my team doesn't finish?**

- a. Even if you only reach  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the summit or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the summit, that's still fantastic! Just try your best. It doesn't matter how far you go, as long as you have a good time getting there.

**12. Is there a rain date?**

- a. No, bring your rain coat!

**13. Which trails will we be allowed to use?**

- a. The trails will be determined the week before the event. Blue Mountain Resort and the Everest Challenge team has to take into consideration the condition of the trails prior to the event. Rain, snow, mud and sun can all affect which trails we will be able to use on event day.
- b. The event organizers may change the routes at their discretion due to unexpected and unforeseen circumstances that might interfere with the event or that might endanger participants

**14. Can I train on any trail before the event?**

- a. Not really. Please only train on existing, marked hiking trails. Do not train on mountain biking trails and / or closed trails.

**15. The event starts at 9:00am on October 19<sup>th</sup>, when do you think it will end?**

- a. Most teams are finished around 2pm however, for those who want to continue the challenge the course will be open until 6:00pm.

**16. Is it an honor system or do we have chips or a sheet to sign?**

- a. All teams will get a passport that needs to be stamped at the of the gondola and then reviewed at the bottom so we can add your team's progress to the leaderboard.