

Here are some quick facts about The Sun's Climb for Kids presented by Edmonton Airports:

- At 19,340 feet Mount Kilimanjaro is one of the world's tallest volcanoes and a member of the seven summits (the highest peak on each of the seven continents)
- The team will be traveling via the Lemosho route, a seven day ascent with a higher chance of success
- Currently there are 880 children on a waiting list for an in-school mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters here in Edmonton
- In the last month, working with the Tanzanian Association of Northern Alberta (TANA), this project has done presentations into elementary schools within Northern Alberta, talking to the kids about the science, the geography and the culture of the area
- The students of these schools (including Abbot Elementary, Ben Calf Robe, High Park Elementary, St. Elizabeth, Balwin Elementary, Greystone middle school, Mill Creek and McArthur) have produced pen pal letters being distributed to two schools around the Kilimanjaro area. The Sun's Kili team will return to Edmonton with response from the students in Arusha.
- The public is being asked to support both Big Brothers Big Sisters and these two schools; the project has currently raised enough money to purchase a computer for each African school: Weru Weru Secondary School and Uru Seminary School.
- There have been fundraising and publicity events for ten months leading up to June 21.
- This is the second annual Climb for Kids fundraising expedition. The first was to Nepal-Everest Base Camp, May '06 and planning for the third is already well under way. In July of 2008, the Sun's Climb for Kids will be heading to Europe's highest peak, Mount Elbrus in Russia - all in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters.