

10th Annual Climbing for ROMP Info Packet



ROMP is a global non-profit dedicated to providing prosthetic care to underserved people, improving their mobility and independence.

10TH ANNUAL CLIMBING FOR ROMP

Climbing for ROMP was established in 2015 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It has since become a global movement, highlighting the importance of access to prosthetic care and the international significance of legislation protecting rights for those with disabilities.

Over the past 9 years, Climbing for ROMP has raised over \$750,000 to provide prosthetic care to those in need, thanks to thousands of people joining us on over 300 summits around the world!

This year, ROMP is celebrating the 10th annual Climbing for ROMP campaign! Our goal is to create the most inclusive and impactful mobility campaign ever to directly fund 250 prostheses in 2024 and set the foundation for ROMP's expansion to a new country by 2026.

Climbing for ROMP Over the Years

\$784,377
RAISED SINCE 2015

35+ COUNTRIES 321 CLIMBS 47 STATES

523
PROSTHESES FUNDED BY
CLIMBING FOR ROMP

Make History With ROMP - 10 Years of Climbing -> Expanding To A New Country

To commemorate the significance of the 10th annual, we have an ambitious goal: to attempt the highest THREE mountains in Ecuador (Chimborazo, Cotopaxi, and Cayambe) & have thousands of people worldwide join us in solidarity.

Together, our goal is to raise \$500,000 for ROMP in 2024 by climbing our mountains!

Why? For the past 9 years, Climbing for ROMP has directly funded hundreds of prosthetic limbs for people in Ecuador, Guatemala and the USA, but the demand for high-quality patient care is vastly needed throughout Latin America. There is an estimated 3.6 million individuals throughout Latin America who cannot access prosthetic care.

How? Our mission for the 10-year anniversary is to raise more funds than ever to set the foundation for ROMP's expansion to a third country in Latin America. With your support, ROMP will establish operations in a new country in 2026. Join us in our mission to provide life-changing prosthetic care and impact thousands of people in the next 10 years.

3 Mountains - \$500,000 - 3rd Country Expansion

Four Ways To Join Climbing for ROMP 2024

#1 Official 10th Anniversary Climb Team Member

The ROMP Climb Team expedition is the centerpiece of the global Climbing for ROMP campaign every year. Team members have a once in a lifetime opportunity to climb some of the worlds most dramatic volcanoes in Ecuador with some of the best adaptive athletes in the world, disability rights advocates, ROMP patients, and a few surprise guests. From **September 27th to October 5th**, our THREE Climb Teams will embark on a week long expedition to the 3 highest volcanoes in Ecuador: Team Cayambe (18,996 ft), Team Cotopaxi (19,347 ft), and Team Chimborazo (20,549 ft).

SEE PAGES 3 & 4 FOR EXPECTATIONS, TRIP DETAILS, and APPLICATION

#2 Sponsorship Spots

Our larger sponsorships levels (\$25k +) include spots* on the team for a staff member or brand ambassador to join and represent your company!

Experience the all the magic of being on the team. Tell the story from the inside and be part of this once in a lifetime opportunity. Here are a few options for the sponsor spots depending on your mountaineering experience:

- \$25k (1 spot)
- \$50k (2 spots)
- \$75k (3 spots)
- \$100k (4 spots)

Option 1: Join the team for GuaGua Pichinca! Come experience Ecuador with the team, see the ROMP clinic, and climb volcano GuaGua Pinchinca (15,696ft) with both teams! Then cheer on the teams as they head to 19,000ft!

Option 2: Join the team for GuaGua Pichincha and Cayambe or Cotopaxi two of the most challenging and beautiful, glacier covered volcanoes in the world (Sept. 27th - Oct. 5th).

Option 3: Join the team for Chimborazo, Ecuador's highest peak! (October 4th to October 9th). Not for the faint of heart! Mountaineering experience is required. Potential to join for Option 2.

SPONSORSHIP DETAILS AND BENEFITS CAN BE FOUND HERE

*Sponsor spots include trip costs: gear, lodging, guides, food, transportation. Flights are separate.

#3 Donor Spots: \$20,000

For the first time ever, we are excited to open up 1-2 spots on each team for donors to join the Climb Team for Option 1 or Option 2 listed above.

This donation is a fully tax-deductible donation to directly fund ROMP programs and impact! It does **not** include the trip fee or flights.

#4 BE A CLIMB CAPTAIN! LOCAL & REGIONAL COMMUNITY CLIMBS

Climbing for ROMP is a global campaign!

We are seeking enthusiastic leaders to activate their friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, etc. by organizing community "climbs" all over the world in the month of September as part of our 10th annual global campaign.

You can open your activity up to the public or just keep it small but we would love for you to join us as an official climb captain for 2024. *We are trying to get all 50 states represented! Can you help us get there!?*

#WhatsYourMountain



10th Anniversary Climb Team Member Expectations

TRIP COST

The expedition cost is \$2,500* which includes guides, accommodations, food, most gear, professional photographer, and in-country transportation. This expedition is valued at nearly 3x our cost - it is an incredibly discounted price thanks to our partner outdoor brands, hotels, restaurants, guides, and outfitters who generously donate and discount their services.

*You are responsible for paying this fee to ROMP or finding grants/sponsors to cover the fee. We prefer that you do not crowd fund this amount to keep fundraising efforts towards ROMP mission.

FLIGHTS

Team members are responsible for purchasing their own flight to and from Quito, Ecuador. You may choose to arrive early or leave late.


TRAINING & FUNDRAISING

As a ROMP Climb Team member, you are expected to be a strong advocate for ROMP and our mission. Being on the Climb Team is a huge time commitment, both for fundraising and for training. ROMP will provide training plans but you are responsible for setting aside time each week to train. It is imperative that you take your training seriously to set yourself and your team up for success. Climbing above 15,000 ft is extremely difficult on the body and these mountains are HARD. Many past climbers have said it's the hardest thing they have ever done. You MUST commit to training.

You will use our fundraising platform to create your own page to raise awareness and funds for ROMP patients. Each team member must raise a **MINIMUM of \$10,000 for the 10th annual by September 30th.** Climbers are encouraged to be creative in their own fundraising and to lean on their networks, communities, sponsors, and social media to spread the word about ROMP and why we climb. We will provide all resources you need to be successful in your fundraising efforts but it is up to you to reach and exceed your goal!

CLIMB TEAM BENEFITS

You will be part of ROMP's history as we celebrate 10 years of Climbing for ROMP! You will get to know ROMP on a whole new level and create direct impact for our patients, improving much needed access to O&P care. Your participation will not only directly change lives, but it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to climb alongside the most amazing guides, athletes, and change makers in our community. You will also receive many benefits from our amazing sponsors and the best part: you will forever be part of the ROMP family & recognized during our new clinic Grand Opening in 2026!



"Building relationships with the team and sharing the experience of Ecuador and mountain climbing together was the real highlight. Cayambe is an incredible mountain!"

-Nico Calabria (2023 Team Member)

"Karl and his team are clearly the best in the business. They work together seamlessly and are generous and kind to their clients. Simply the best."

- Meg Fisher (2018 & 2019 Team Member)

"I could go on for hours about every single teammate and the value they brought. Literally had a moment with every single team member that had a positive impact on me."

- Kyle Stepp (2022 Team Member)

2024 Climb Team Tentative Itinerary

Our acclimatization process will help our bodies adjust to the high elevation before our summit attempts. We have built in flexible rest days in case our weather window needs to shift our schedule for a successful summit attempt.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th	Arrive to Quito. Option to come earlier to acclimatize.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th	Gear distribution, intro day, media & press.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th	GuaGua Pichincha Training Hike (15,696 ft / 4,698 m)
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th	Travel Day, Rest, Glacier Gear, and pack.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st	Travel/hike to base camp on Cotopaxi or Cayambe
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd	Glacier training, rest at hut. Alpine start for summit!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3rd	Summit at Sunrise! Back to Quito!
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th	Press Conference & Celebrate!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th	Free day in Quito/Departure Day

Chimborazo Team will be October 4th to October 9th and will be comprised of team members from Cotopaxi and Cayambe Teams as well as sponsors. Selection for this small team is invite only.

"The people made an impact on me. I'll forever feel a deep connection with each member of the team, and with ROMP." - Pete McAfee (2021 Team Member)



APPLY HERE

by Feb 23rd, 2024

By climbing our mountains, we help ROMP patients take their first steps towards their own summits. Are you ready for the challenge? #WhatsYourMountain