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K2 FOR A PRICE

This summer, Boulder-based climber Fabrizio Zangrilli will lead the first commercially guided expedition up K2 (8,611 m). Some critics have disparaged the trip as the first step in transforming K2 into the "new Everest," commodifying one of the most deadly mountains in the world, but Zangrilli sees it as the beginning of a new, better form of guiding. His clients, though not pro climbers, are veterans of other mainstream commercial trips on other 8,000-meter peaks and they will be warming up on neighboring Broad Peak (8,051 m), both to acclimatize and so that he can assess their skills. Zangrilli has a strong reputation as an ethical alpinist. In 2000, he decided to save the life of a Balti porter who had been abandoned by his own clients instead of summiting K2 even though he was less than 300 meters from the top. You can follow the expedition at fabriziozangrilli.blogspot.com



COCAINE-COLA

Germany pulled Red Bull Cola off retail shelves in May after researchers found 0.4 micrograms of cocaine per liter in ubiquitous energy-drink brand's new soft drink. Red Bull rebuked the decision, claiming, "Decocainised coca leaf extracts are used as flavoring in foodstuffs around the world and are considered to be safe. Red Bull Cola and other foodstuff containing such extracts may therefore be sold legally." We say stock up now.



THE SCHOOLS OF KILIMANJARO

A Colorado mother and son set out to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro to help educate poverty-stricken girls in Tanzania.

By Jayme Otto

The next time you're sitting around with a teenager wondering how to bridge the generation gap, consider Karen Davis. This working mother is planning

a trip to climb 19,340-foot Mt Kilimanjaro with her 15-year-old son Dustin. And you're invited.

Davis started traveling internationally with her children several years ago to encourage them to have an interest in geography and languages and become worldlier in terms of understanding different cultures, people, architecture, history, art, religion and food. The mother/son team will travel from their home in Louisville, Colorado, to Tanzania, Africa, July 28–August 17, 2009.

"Dustin and I chose Mt Kilimanjaro because it would be such a great physical and mental challenge. But also because it was a part of the world that both of us were completely unfamiliar with and we wanted to learn more about," Davis says.

During the research phase of the trip, the pair learned a great deal about Tanzania's extreme poverty. They decided to add one more component to their journey—they wanted to raise money to help educate impoverished girls in Tanzania.

Through a mutual friend, they heard about Nurturing Minds, a U.S.-based non-profit that supports quality education for bright, motivated Tanzanian girls who otherwise would not attend school due to extreme poverty. With initial seed funding, Nurturing Minds opened a day program last year in a borrowed classroom to provide remedial schooling for girls. The mother/son team's goal is to raise \$150,000 for a permanent facility where girls can learn in an environment void of hunger or the fear of being abused. One-hundred percent of all funds Karen and Dustin raise will go toward the new building.

"Hearing that only one in five kids continue school past 7th grade was really eye-opening to me," says Dustin. "When I learned that girls are the last selected for school and the first to drop out because of being forced into manual labor or early marriage, it made me want to help even more. I can't believe stuff like this still happens in the world."

Karen and Dustin have extended an open invitation to anyone who wants to join them on their trek. "If you're inspired, we're looking for climbing partners with passion and positive attitudes. We have space for up to 17 additional climbers," Davis says. The trip includes a visit to the temporary school in Morogoro to meet the girls.

To go on the trip, contact Karen Davis at karen@ingageinc.com. If you or your organization is interested in donating, please go to www.ingageinc.com/about-us/passion-for-a-cause. To learn more about how you can help bring quality education to underprivileged Tanzanian girls, visit www.nurturingmindsinafrica.org.

MONKEY BUSINESS

You don't have to travel out to the West Slope to taste authentic Colorado wine. Instead, head to a Quonset hut in Denver's Santa Fe arts district. At Infinite Monkey Theorem winemaker Ben Parsons, a vet of Palisade wineries, is using Colorado grapes to concoct a new concept urban wine. It's so good chefs at local restaurants have been adding IMT to their lists and stopping by to help crush grapes. theinfinitemonkeytheorem.com



NEVER SUMMER

The new Woodward at Copper Center will keep hucksters on their boards year-round. By Eugene Buchanan

Summer might be when the columbines blossom, the snow melts and rivers roar in the Rockies, but a new indoor facility at Copper Mountain is ensuring that you don't have to hang up your skis when the snow goes south.

Opened in February, Woodward at Copper Center is keeping jibbers head over heels long after winter's storms have high-tailed it elsewhere. Dubbed the Barn, the 20,000-square-foot hucking headquarters provides skateboard features, spring floors, six Olympic-grade Flybed trampolines and a 35-foot-long Snowflex ramp that launches you into a massive, user-friendly foam pit.

Built as a partnership between the resort and Camp Woodward, a nationwide action sports training school, the facility is the first winter-focused camp dedicated to skiing and snowboarding.

Start on the 54x22-foot spring floor to learn the basic tumbling ropes; then progress to the tramp (with or without a tramp board) to get comfortable in the air. From there, you'll fly off the tramp into a foam pit to simulate air time before strapping on your skis or board and sailing down the Snowflex ramp and off one of three jumps of varying sizes.

Unlike any hucking you might do on the slopes, don't worry about your landing. Each pit has nearly 12,000 9-inch foam cubes to absorb miscues—just like the soil outside continues to absorb the last of the season's snow.

The center offers day and weeklong camps throughout the summer, as well as a One Hit Wonder introductory program (\$69), which is required to sign up for two-hour-long Drop-In Sessions (\$25). All participants must be 8 years or older.

For more info, go to www.woodwardatcopper.com or call 866-534-7444.