



23rd Cancer Climb and Trek for Prostate Awareness
San Juan Mountain Range of SW Colorado
Saturday, Sept. 12 through Saturday morning, Sept. 19, 2026

You are invited to join us on another great adventure. There have been twenty-two *Cancer Climb and Trek for Prostate Awareness* expeditions. All have been different and memorable in their own way. This will be our 23rd. Please consider participating in this year's fundraising adventure.

The first climb in 2001 was spearheaded by Terry Weyman to Mt Aconcagua in the Argentine Andes in honor of Terry's father Hap Weyman who died of prostate cancer. Since then, we have hiked and climbed all over the world. This year's expedition to the Rocky Mountains of southwest Colorado will include adventures for all levels of fitness. The Prostate Awareness Foundation a not for profit 501(C)(3) (31-1633278) and would not exist if were not for the hard work and effort of past climbing teams on these epic fundraising expeditions. This annual event is the PAF's primary fundraising event each year. Thank you for your interest and participation.

The San Juan Mtns Expedition, Sept. 12-19, 2026:

The Team: Will consist of up to fifteen participants. There is no specific climbing and support team this year. You will be able to choose each day between an aggressive, challenging hike or climb, an easier day hike or even a sight-seeing adventure. Since we have a big house rented outside of Durango, some days you might just want to relax and explore this unique area and it's dazzling surrounding countryside. We will chip in and split the cost of lodging, food and ground transportation.

Lodgings: We have rented the Red Cliffs Guest House that sleeps up to 16 people and is about 15 minutes north of Durango. Choice of rooms will be on a first come first served basis once you **pay your \$600 deposit to reserve your space on the expedition.** More to follow on the house once you sign up.

Air Travel & Ground Transportation: Team members will be arriving from all over the USA. Many of us from the San Francisco Bay area will be flying to Denver on Friday, September 11th and then taking a short flight from Denver to Montrose, CO. where we will then stay in Montrose the night of the 11th of September at the Days Inn. Then we will be renting an SUV(s) in Montrose for the drive to the Durango house on Saturday morning, September 12th. There are return flights from Montrose, on Saturday afternoon, September 19th to Denver or Los Angeles onward.

Equipment: We will be in the mountains between 6000 and 13,000 feet. Dressing in layers and being prepared for changing conditions is the key to a positive experience.

Food, Supplies and Transportation: We will chip in, shop for supplies and prepare much of the food at the House. This will include breakfasts at the house, lunch provisions to make and take on the trail.

Possible Activities Include: Summitting Engineer Peak and hiking in the surrounding area. Visits to Silverton, Ouray, Telluride and Mesa Verde. Hike, climb or sight see in these areas. There are mountain bike and river rafting rentals available.

Mail In Sponsor Form: can be found at www.prostateawarenessfoundation.org. Please review and become familiar with the form and promotional gifts for your contributors.

Insurance: Please consider getting mountain rescue insurance as a precautionary measure. Many of us use the *Austrian Alpine Club* affiliate in Great Britain. Reasonably priced at around \$60, all inclusive, and good anywhere on the planet. The insurance is part of their annual membership. **See www.aacuk.org.uk**

Team Tee Shirts: Every team member will receive a team shirt to wear proudly on the expedition and in the future.

Budgeting: We will split the cost of lodging, food and ground transportation and will search for good deals to keep the cost down. You can expect to pay between \$80 and \$120 per night for lodging depending on the size of our group.

Fundraising: As you know this is the primary PAF fundraising event each year and the reason we do the climbs. We will ask everyone to make a contribution and/or to do some fundraising. We can help you with your promotional activities with sample letters and emails. Our team fundraising goal for this year is \$20,000. How can you help us make our goal. Let's talk about it. Thanks in advance for your efforts. The PAF would not exist without these expeditions.

Corporate Sponsorships & Matching Contributions: The PAF has a corporate sponsorship program and is looking for support for this year's expedition and long term. And let's not forget that many companies offer a matching gift program.

ACCOUNTING: PAF will keep a full and fair account of all incoming donations and submit regular reports to each climber as to the status of their fundraising efforts and mail thank you letters to all your donors. All donations should be made payable to PAF and are tax deductible. **Please ask your donor to reference your name on the check memo line so we know which climber to credit.**

FUND RAISING FLIER: We will supply you with marketing literature for the climb. This includes a two-page flier that describes the climb and its goals on one side and a list of incentive gifts at various levels of donation on the other side. This flier, along with return envelopes will be available, just ask. These fliers and information are all available at www.prostateawarenessfoundation.org.

FUNDRAISING SUPPORT: We will support you in your fundraising efforts by providing promotional literature, promotional premiums for contributors and helpful media awareness press releases tailored to your city and location. We will also help you with ideas to efficiently fundraise and ensure your success. We feel there is more than adequate time for us to accomplish our individual goals. The time to start is now! Ken Malik will call you to discuss your fundraising ideas and offer guidance, suggestions and share with you how other expedition members are reaching their goals. You can always reach Ken at 415-407-3961 or kamalik@prostateawarenessfoundation.org

DONOR CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS: PAF can accept either check or credit card contributions. However, we do not have an "in-house" credit card system. We use PayPal to manage credit card donations. You will be able to feature your picture and story on the PAF website. The PAF will set this up for you once you pay your deposit and supply us with your picture and story.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES: Picture & Story: We need your photo by email along with a short story (a paragraph or two will do) about why you are participating. Your story and picture will be placed on the website at www.prostateawarenessfoundation.org.

Thanks for reading all these important details!