

Teen climbs for cancer
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Thirteen-year-old Brandon Schupp starts his ascent of Good Hope Mountain this morning.

Over the next two weeks, the Ontario teen will climb 3,000 metres -- 10,000 feet -- to the top of the remote peak near Williams Lake -- climbing one foot for every Canadian child with cancer.

"I've been doing a lot of training and I'm really looking forward to just doing it," Brandon said yesterday.

Together with a team that includes Vancouver MLA Lorne Mayencourt, Brandon will climb up steep snow slopes, through ice falls and around crevices.

"My mom's really nervous, but I think she's happy I'm doing this," said Brandon. "Besides, I'll be fine."

Families of children with cancer from all over Canada will be monitoring Brandon's progress on the Childhood Cancer Foundation's website, www.childhoodcancer.ca.

Brandon was inspired to climb Good Hope Mountain after his neighbour's four-year-old son, Cole, was diagnosed with cancer. With the help of the foundation, he hopes his climb will raise \$1 million for cancer research.

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