

To be the first Chinese woman to climb Seven Summits and Two Poles...

Inspiring ordinary people to do extraordinary things!



Hello, my name is Lei Wang. I'm hoping that you will help to make my dream come true: to become the first Chinese woman, as well as the first Asian American woman, to climb the highest mountain on every continent and to ski to both the North and South Poles (the "7+2"). I am only one mountain away from this goal: Mt. Everest! "The roof of the world" will be the most challenging—and most expensive—climb I have ever attempted, and I need your help to make this dream a reality. Every little bit helps! Your sponsorship will help inspire regular people to challenge themselves to do the impossible!

Growing up in Beijing, I never imagined doing anything athletic. I came to America to study computer science and worked in the IT and finance industries for many years. While finishing my MBA at the Wharton School, I decided to take a trip to Ecuador where I ended up climbing my first glacial mountain, Cotopaxi, and to Africa where I summited Kilimanjaro. Without much training, I barely survived the climbs, but I was proud and surprised by what I had accomplished. But when I moved to Boston, I was so intimidated by the New England winter that I hardly ever left my apartment!

Then in 2004, two films came to Boston—*Touching the Void* and *Women of K2*—and I felt compelled to see them. The next day I borrowed all the videos on Everest from the Boston library. After more research I found out that no Chinese woman has yet climbed all Seven Summits, and I asked, why not me? My life completely changed as I decided to follow my heart, sacrifice a normal life and career, and to dedicate myself to physical conditioning, learning all the technical skills of mountaineering, and the expeditions.

I have struggled to overcome many physical, ideological, and financial challenges in transforming from an ordinary Chinese girl to a 38 year-old woman just one mountain away from “7+2.” I hope to inspire other ordinary people, from China and worldwide, to lead a more healthy and positive life. I would especially like to see women everywhere cast off any self-imposed limits and pursue whatever dreams their hearts can imagine.

I'm asking for your sponsorship of my attempt to climb Everest in Spring 2010. With the finance and logistics involved, I can't make it to the top without your help! I look forward to discussing ways in which we can work together, ways I can promote your organization, and ways I can share my experience. Any amount will help. If you are unable to contribute, I would be very interested in any fundraising or expedition advice or referrals you might share. Please contact me at info@LeisVentures.com, by phone at 215-901-0298, or by mail at PO BOX 45614, Somerville, MA 02145. For more information about me, visit www.LeisVentures.com. I look forward to working together!

Sincerely,

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