

expedition **Africa** 2012

YOUTH APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



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WATER

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i2P MISSION & VISION

The **mission** of impossible2Possible (i2P) is to use the platform of adventure and technology to educate, inspire, and empower the global community to reach beyond their perceived limits and make positive change in the world.

The **vision** of i2P is to cultivate a generation of leaders who, through direct experience, education and the use of groundbreaking technology, are prepared to pioneer social and environmental action throughout the world.

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In the fall of 2012, **impossible2Possible (i2P) is going back to the incredible continent of Africa!** On this next adventure i2P will lead 8 Youth Ambassadors (aged 17-21) on the journey of their lives as they run across some of the most beautiful regions in the Republic of Botswana – a country of 2 million people that is located just north of South Africa. The i2P Youth Ambassadors will relay information back to thousands of students in classrooms around the world as they study water, share the experience of running ultra marathons day after day, and learn what it takes to execute an international expedition.

Botswana (which is roughly the size of the Canadian Province of Alberta or the U.S. State of Texas) is surrounded on all sides by land and has no direct access to seaports, yet still manages to thrive in the world economy. It boasts one of the highest economic growth rates in the world and ranks as an 'upper-middle' economy by the World Bank - one of only four countries on the entire continent to achieve such status. The economy has been fueled by diamond mining, agriculture, and a strong footing in the banking and financial sectors.



The most pressing health challenge for the country, with a ranking of 2nd worst in the world, has far and away been the epidemic of HIV/AIDS, Botswana recently became the first African country to offer antiretroviral drugs to a majority of suffering patients and the effects of this program are leading the way and setting a positive example across the continent.

The landscape of Botswana has some interesting contrasts. The majority of the country is covered by the Kalahari Desert yet, in the North lies the flourishing Okavango Delta, and to the East are the Makgadikgadi pans, which are visible from space, and are some of the largest salt flats in the world.

This year **i2P has partnered with Simon Fraser University** to offer an enhanced educational curriculum to classrooms that wish to learn about water issues along with our Youth Ambassadors. Our education team will be available in the weeks leading up to, and during, the expedition to guide students and teachers through topical questions, class exercises, and videos on water. There will also be opportunity for live video conferencing with the Youth Ambassadors getting a first hand look at the water issues in Botswana.

This amazing project to Botswana comes on the heels of successful expeditions to Baffin Island, the Sahara Desert, the Amazon Basin, Bolivia, and India. **The educational topic for this project will be water and students from around the world will have their eyes opened to our most precious resource.**



APPLY TODAY!

<http://i2p.force.com/YouthExpeditionAfrica>



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1. INTRODUCTION. In Fall 2012, impossible2Possible (i2P) is hosting an expedition to the country of Botswana, which will combine a team of world-class adventurers with eight Youth Ambassadors. The youth delegates will be selected from around the world, subject to set criteria. impossible2Possible is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring, educating, and empowering young people to make a positive impact on the global community. We achieve our mission by directly involving youth in extraordinary expeditions, and by communicating the experience of these expeditions to a larger student audience through our web-based education program, school lecture series, and the i2P Extraordinary Acts Program. For more information please visit our website: <http://www.impossible2possible.com>.

2. APPLICATION STEPS. Please follow all instructions when applying to be an i2P World Expedition Youth Ambassador.

- i. Read the entire World Expedition Application Instructions;
- ii. Determine if you are eligible to apply (section 3);
- iii. Identify three references (section 7); and
- iv. Complete the on-line application form by June 1st, 2012.

3. ELIGIBILITY. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Youth must be between the ages of 17 and 21 at the time of the Expedition (October 28th, 2012).
- Availability for up to 3 weeks, starting October 28th, 2012.
- Have an interest in, and a willingness to engage in, the i2P Experiential Learning Program, which involves expedition web-based blogs, education exercises and video production, and post-expedition community and school presentations.
- Must already possess or be able to obtain Passport within eight weeks of Youth Ambassador selection.

4. TIMELINE. The following important dates should be noted:

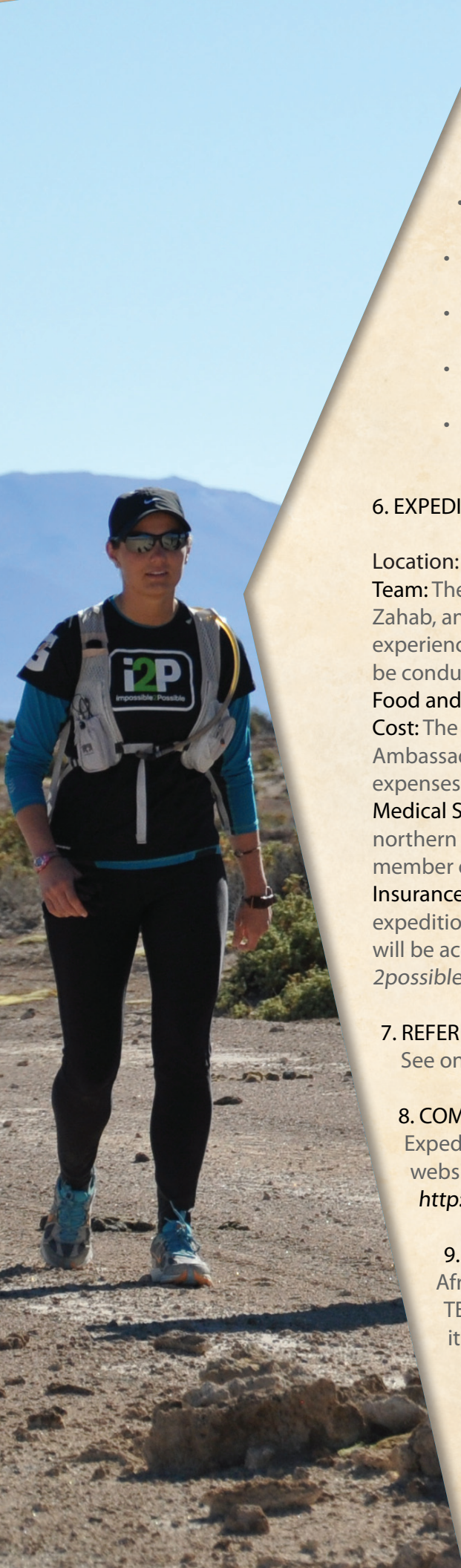
June 1st, 2012	-	Youth Application period closes.
June 11th, 2012	-	Selections announced.
June 12th, 2012	-	Training and Orientation.
Oct. 28th - Nov. 17th, 2012	-	Expedition

Note: Due to the nature of logistics on these international projects final expedition dates are subject to change. Youth Ambassadors must be available for training, travel, and extra curricular duties from the time of selection to the end of the expedition. All Youth Ambassadors must travel with i2P and according to the i2P itinerary to and from the expedition. Those not able to comply with i2P rules and qualifications will be replaced by alternate Youth Ambassadors.

“Simply amazing; the people; the place, the adventure have all changed me in infinitely positive ways. I will now live with increased confidence, heightened respect, and a new found love and enjoyment of the great world around me.

- Amanda Cobbs-Russell
i2P Youth Ambassador
Baffin Island Expedition, 2009





5. **SELECTION CRITERIA.** Applications will be evaluated on the following merits:

- Willingness to participate in the i2P Experiential Learning Program.
- Demonstrating a passion for adventure, education, and athletics.
- Keen interest in stretching the limits of their physical and mental capacity.
- Keen interest in learning about the science, culture, and history of the land through which the expedition travels.
- Demonstrating an interest in communicating the experience and knowledge accrued on the expedition with their community/school.
- Deemed to have the physical and mental capacity to complete the expedition.
- Not possessing a medical condition or disability that would preclude their ability to complete the expedition.

6. EXPEDITION DETAILS.

Location: Botswana.

Team: The i2P World Expedition Series 'ExpeditionAfrica2012' team will include Ray Zahab, and several other i2P Ambassadors and Adventurers. The breadth of experience and wealth of knowledge they bring to the expedition ensures that it be conducted with the greatest care and prudence.

Food and Equipment: Food and equipment will be supplied by i2P.

Cost: The expedition is paid for by sponsors and supporters of i2P. Youth Ambassadors will be responsible for minor personal gear, and incidental expenses. For clarification please contact Bob Cox at bcox@impossible2possible.com.

Medical Support: A physician with years of experience providing medical care in northern Canada, and with a successful career as an endurance athlete will be a member of the expedition team.

Insurance: The i2P World Expedition Series is fully insured. i2P has a full scope of expedition medical insurance and the services of the local Botswana Health Service will be accessed if required. For details, please contact Bob Cox at bcox@impossible-2possible.com.

7. **REFERENCES.** All youth applicants are expected to furnish 3 references. See on-line application form for details.

8. **COMPLETING APPLICATION.** All applicants must complete the online i2P World Expedition Series - Stage 6 Youth Application in its entirety. It can be found on our website (www.impossible2possible.com), or at the following hyperlink: <http://i2p.force.com/YouthExpeditionAfrica>

9. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** All individuals who are selected for Expedition Africa will be required to print, sign (and witness), and fax or mail the **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** - which describe the legal obligation of i2P and its staff to youth members joining the expedition - to i2P.

10. **INTERVIEW.** Prospective candidates may be subject to an interview by the i2P staff during the final evaluation process.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL APPLICANTS!