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We hope this message finds you happy, healthy, and ready to climb in 2022!

A Message about COVID Conditions and S2Mountaineering Operations. Out of an abundance of concern and commitment to our community, we have cancelled three seasons of operations to promote the health and safety of our clients, staff, and the local residents in the many places we operate. These are difficult decisions in unusual times, but we also believe it's a responsible approach that demonstrates the thoughtful leadership you deserve. We are mindful of the confidence you place in us. Be assured that our decisions will continue to be highly informed, objective, and carefully communicated to our clients. Your best interest is first and foremost - no exceptions! Now, let's climb some mountains . . .

Entry-Level Trekking/Climbing in 2022. We've been planning small, customized climbing trips to domestic locations where travel is currently open and projected to remain safe. We are also easing back into normal international operations with entry-level trips focused on skills, altitude management, and confidence. These trips are also designed to promote your personal connection to the alpine landscape.

- **Mt. Kilimanjaro** - At the rooftop of the African continent lies the summit of Kilimanjaro. Standing at 19,340ft, it ranks fourth among the "Seven Summits." Kilimanjaro is an accessible, non-technical peak that presents an excellent experience for those new to altitude and the alpine environment. Our teams are well appointed, highly supported, and enjoy a 98% success rate. We encourage our members to consider spending an additional 2-5 days after their trek to enjoy a safari customized and priced exclusively for S2 members. A pilot trip is planned for June 19 - July 2, 2022 (\$5,490). Visit our website for details. <https://www.s2mountaineering.com/mount-kilimanjaro>
- **Kala Patthar Peak & Everest Base Camp** - Expect to be amazed! This is a non-technical, entry-level trek with climbing options. The Khumbu Valley is an incredible place - you will experience the grace of the world's highest mountains towering above 8,000m. Members will also benefit from a close cultural experience with the many Sherpa communities we visit. The team will enjoy the Khumbu Valley in the company of highly experienced western guides and Sherpa from the local area who have a deep attachment to this wonderful place. If you're hungry for more altitude, spend some additional time with us on the summits of Pokhalde, Chukhung Ri and Island Peak. We have a few spaces left for spring 2022 scheduled February 21 - March 8, 2022 (\$3,950). Details are available at <https://www.s2mountaineering.com/everest-base-camp>

- **Assessment and Conditioning Treks** - We love the back-country and would enjoy having you join us in the Blue Ridge Mountains for a personal assessment or conditioning trek. The routes are typically 10-15 miles on moderate gradient. If you're new to trekking or even the outdoors, these treks are tailored to provide light instruction premised on safety and success in the back-country. Building your confidence is our goal. Best of all, it's free to S2 members and prospective clients. You'll have the benefit of a highly qualified mountain guide who can provide a personal assessment of your preparedness. The fall schedule includes treks on October 30, 2021, November 27, 2021, December 18, 2021, and January 29, 2022. Visit our website for details. <https://www.s2mountaineering.com/blank-page>

Don't hesitate to touch base with any questions, comments or concerns as you begin planning for 2022. We'd enjoy hearing from you!

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