



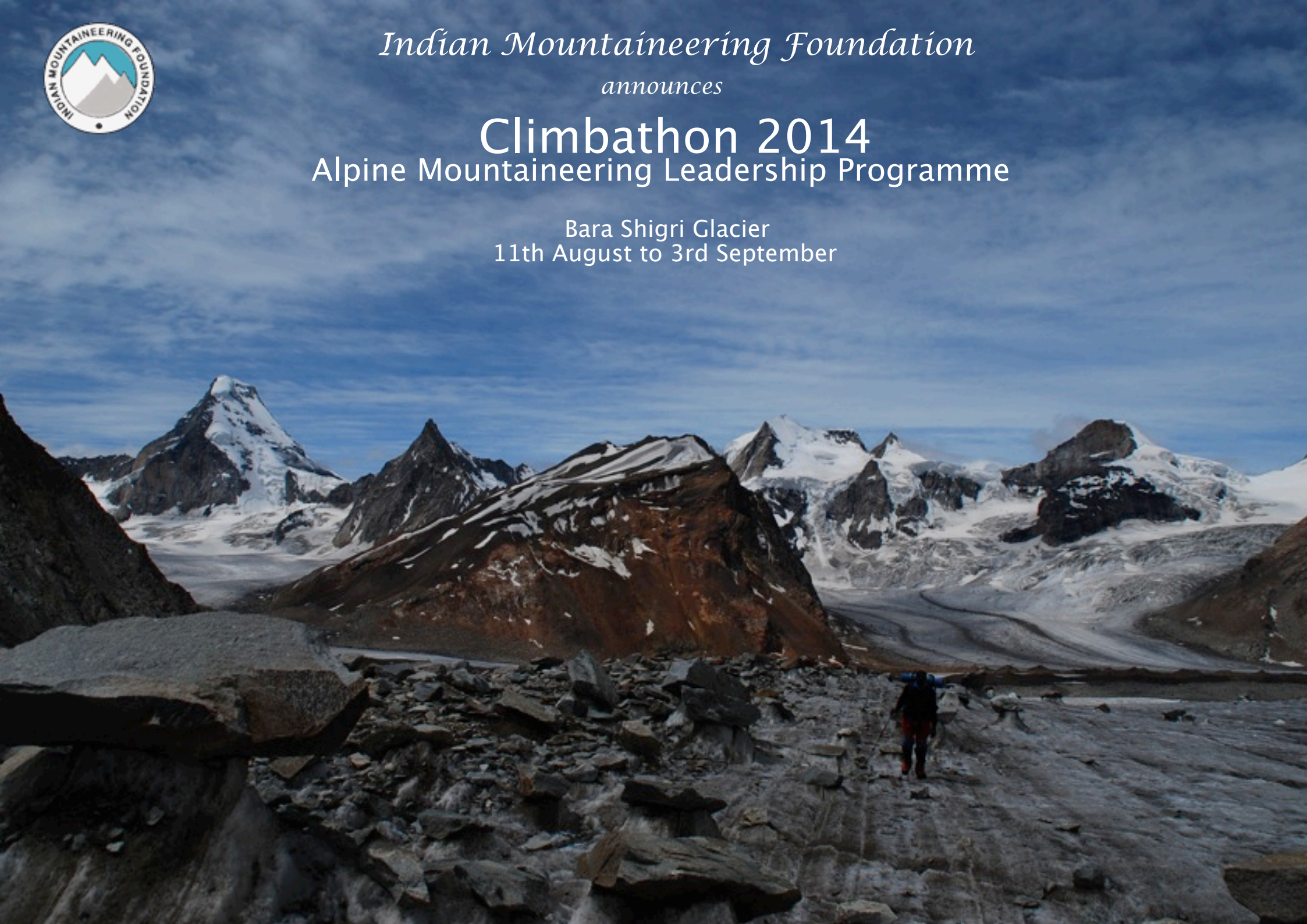
*Indian Mountaineering Foundation*

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# Climbathon 2014

## Alpine Mountaineering Leadership Programme

Bara Shigri Glacier  
11th August to 3rd September



*The aim of Climbathon 2014 is to enhance the skill level of young mountaineers by creating an environment of challenge and learning to encourage self sustained alpine style climbing.*

## Objective and format of Climbathon 2014

Climbathon 2014 will be run as a Alpine Mountaineering Programme with emphasis on participants learning host of skills leading to proficiency in alpine style climbing.

International climbers will be invited to be instructors encouraging dissemination of latest climbing techniques and use of latest equipment.

Opportunity to climb a peak on the Bara Shigri Glacier

Mixed group with 50 participants and Instructors

Nominal participation fee as Climbathon 2014 is sponsored by the IMF





## Format of Climbathon 2014

### Alpine Mountaineering Leadership Programme

Climbathon 2014 is designed as an Alpine Leadership Mountaineering Programme where the objective is for each participant to develop a number of alpine climbing skills for rock, snow, and ice with time to practice so that each skill gets mastered. The course provides a comprehensive introduction to all the skills of alpine mountaineering, general team leadership, and leading roped teams on glaciers, snow, rock and ice leading to participation in an expedition in which all of the skills developed are employed in a mountain setting.

Participants will learn route finding, managing hazards assessment as well as self-rescue. As the course progresses participants will make series of classic alpine ascents on rock routes and on major glaciers where team members will lead the final climb based on the the climbing and leadership skills learned during the program.

The Course places as much emphasis on good mountain judgment as on the development of technical skills, and throughout this course participants will observe and analyze climbing routes, terrain features, and hazards so that by the end of the course participants should have developed the ability to lead a small team safely through a rugged and complex environment.

Finally all the skills learned will be put to a test on participant lead ascent of a challenging peak around the Bara Singri Glacier.



## The Bara Shigri Glacier Region

The Bara Shigri is the largest glacier located in the state of Himachal Pradesh. The glacier is located in the Chandra Valley of Lahaul and feeds the Chenab River. The name comes from the Lahaul dialect, where Bara means big and Shigri means glacier. For mountaineering expeditions the region is cluttered with close to 25 peaks around the 6000m of varying level of difficulty offering exciting opportunities for mountaineers.

### Prominent Peaks in the Region

Name of Peak	Height
Papsura	6451m
White Sail	6446m
Tiger Tooth	6249m
Snow Dome	5957m
Cathedral	6400m
Kullu Makalu	6349m
Corner Peak	6050m
Shigri Parbat	6536m
Kullu Pamori	6553m

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**Application Procedure :** The Indian Mountaineering Foundation will accept application's for participation till 1st of June. The application form can be downloaded from the IMF website : [www.indmount.in](http://www.indmount.in)

**Criteria for Participation :** Application's are invited from participants who have done their Advance Mountaineering Course from one of India's Mountaineering Institutes and achieved a grading of A. Additionally participants should be in the age group of 18 to 35 years and have been participating in trekking and climbing expeditions.

**Decision on Application :** The IMF will review applications and give a final decision on participation by the 1st of July 2014.

**Allocations of slots on Climbathon 2014 :** To ensure overall quality of the program a maximum of 50 participants will be accepted in the program across men and women.

**Duration of Climbathon 2014 :** This program will run for 24 days from 11th August to the 3rd of September of which the climbing base camp will function for a duration of 2 weeks. This will give participants the opportunity to establish small climbing teams and attempt a peak on the glacier.

**Participation Fee :** All selected participants are required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of Rs 1000/-. Climbers who are not from India will be charged a fee of US \$ 500.

**Reporting Location:** All participants selected will need to assemble at Manali on 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. The program will conclude on 3rd of September at Manali post which participants can travel to their respective destinations.

**Equipment for Climbathon 2014 :** All participants will be expected to get their personal equipment for this program. The comprehensive list of personal equipment required has been placed on the IMF website. If required personal equipment can be procured from the IMF store on hire basis.

**Insurance and Medical Aspects:** Each participant is expected to manage their medial insurance prior to joining the program and additional ensure that their doctor certifies participation in a mountaineering expedition. Participants will need to submit volunteer/willingness certificate along with application.

**Expedition Doctor :** An expedition Doctor will be a part of Climbathon 2014 to manage any medical issues.

**Participation Certificate :** Each participant will be given a certificate of participation.

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## Equipment List which participants are expected to bring along

1. Boot Climbing Multipurpose
2. Boot Trekking
3. Socks/Stochings (4 prs min)
4. Crampons
5. Gaiters
6. Harness
7. Tape Sling
8. Carabiner (Two)
9. Windproof Suit
10. Down feather Jacket
11. Thermal Suits (Two)
12. Gloves Woollen
13. Gloves Mittens
14. Waterproof Gloves
15. Snow Goggles/Glasses
16. Balaclava
17. Cap Woolen
18. Ruck Sack
19. Sleeping Bag
20. Carry Mat
21. Pancho/Raincoat
22. Water bottle
23. Ice Axe
24. Walking Stick
25. Duffle Bag
26. Torch
27. Rucksack

## Schedule for for Climbathon 2014

Date	Activity
10th of August	Assemble at Manali. Drive / trek to base-camp at Concordia
11th - 15th August	Walk into base camp
16th - 31st August	Training on glacier leading to a Peak climb
1-3rd September	Decent from base camp and drive to Manali. End of Climabthon 2014.

## Process to apply for Climbathon 2014

Visit the relevant pages on Climbathon 2014 on the IMF website : [www.indmount.org](http://www.indmount.org), download the application form post April 15 when the program gets launched , Apply online latest by 1st of June when applications close. Final decision will be conveyed on the 1st of July.



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