



# YOUTH APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



## World Expedition Series: Stage 12 - Death Valley

For the 12th stage of the impossible2Possible World Expedition Series, a Youth Ambassador team will travel to a place recognized as the hottest place on earth. Death Valley, CA is indeed known for its heat, but the beauty, history, and array of extreme geographical features make this unique location perfect for the i2P Experience Based Learning Program.

The National Park Service lists Death Valley as the largest National Park in the contiguous United States with 3.4 million acres of desert and mountains offering endless opportunities for discovery.

The i2P educational program offered free to schools will focus on the history, mystery, and geography of this natural wonder. Along with the Death Valley Curriculum we will also explore the history and services provided by Parks Canada and the US National Park Service, two Agencies with similar missions of protection, preservation, and education for today and tomorrow.

**NEW EDUCATIONAL ASPECT:** We will select one individual who will be i2P's first "Educational Ambassador." The selected Ambassador will solely focus on the development and implementation of the educational program and will not participate in the running aspects. In addition, this will be the first i2P experience based learning program jointly developed and implemented by Alumni from past expeditions and the current Death Valley Youth Ambassador Team.

If you are between the ages of 17 and 21 and interested in applying to be a youth ambassador for the i2P Spring 2016 Death Valley Youth Expedition, please read the following packet thoroughly. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the added element of curriculum development we are looking for applicants with interests in education, teaching, and content creation.

# ***APPLY TODAY!***

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DeathValley2016>





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**1. INTRODUCTION.** In the Spring of 2016, impossible2Possible is hosting an educational and inspiring expedition to Death Valley, CA. The selected team of 5 Youth Ambassadors and 1 Educational Ambassador will be required to participate in the development of the educational content as well as follow a detailed training program to prepare for the physically demanding challenges of the mountains and deserts of Death Valley National Park.

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

- a. Read the entire World Expedition Application Instructions;
- b. Determine if you are eligible to apply;
- c. Complete the online application by January 1, 2016

**3. QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY.** It is highly desirable for candidates to possess the following:

- a. Must be between the ages of 17 and 21 at the time of the Expedition (April 2016).
- b. The ability to complete the physical training program as outlined by the i2P coaches and training team. The program consists of physical activity 5 days per week and will progress in difficulty and duration as the expedition date approaches.
- c. A desire to give back to community. The founders of i2P strongly believe in giving back to the community and giving of oneself for the greater good. Candidates must understand this concept.
- d. An ability to communicate clearly and effectively through all forms of media. These programs are specifically designed to be engaging for students in classrooms and the i2P Youth Ambassadors are the conduit of communication.
- e. Candidates must have a strong understanding of the impossible2Possible mission. If you are unclear of the mission, it is suggested you reach out to former Youth Ambassadors/alumni or other i2P representatives for clarification.
- f. Candidates should have a desire to experience and deliver education. It is a requirement that Youth Ambassadors research and collaborate on educational content. The youth team will work with advisers consisting of professional teachers and Alumni, but the ability to research information independently will be critical.
- g. Must be able to attend the full time frame of the expedition, without exception. (April 17-26, 2016)
- h. All candidates outside the United States must possess or be able to obtain a passport within 6 weeks of selection. (i2P does not pay for or reimburse for passport expenses)
- i. Candidates must disclose any injuries or physical illness that have the potential to impede their efforts during training and executing the expedition.


“ 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

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

A photograph of four runners in athletic gear running away from the camera on a dirt trail in a desert landscape. The trail has two parallel lines painted on it. In the background, there are large sand dunes under a clear blue sky.

January 1st, 2016	-	Youth Application period closes.
January 22nd, 2015	-	Selections announced.
January 29th, 2015	-	Training and Orientation begins.
April 17th, 2016	-	Travel to Expedition
April 26th, 2016	-	Travel home from 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.

#### 5. EXPEDITION DETAILS.

**Location:** Death Valley, CA USA

**Team:** The i2P World Expedition Series "Death Valley" will include founders Ray Zahab, Bob Cox along with other i2P Ambassadors and Alumni. 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:** Will be supplied by i2P, our corporate partners, and generous supporters.

**Cost:** The expedition is paid for by i2P, our corporate partners, and generous supporters of i2P. Youth Ambassadors will be responsible for minor personal gear. For clarification please contact Bob Cox at [bcox@impossible2possible.com](mailto:bcox@impossible2possible.com).

**Medical Support:** The expedition will be accompanied by a qualified and professional medical expert with experience in expedition and ultra running conditions.

**Insurance:** The i2P World Expedition Series is fully insured. i2P has a full scope of expedition medical insurance. For details, please contact Bob Cox at [bcox@impossible2possible.com](mailto:bcox@impossible2possible.com).

**6. COMPLETING APPLICATION.** To be considered all candidates must complete the entire online application. Those who fail to complete the application will be removed from consideration. Click on the following link to apply:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DeathValley2016>

**7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** All individuals who are selected for Expedition Death Valley will be required to print, sign (and witness if necessary), scan and email all waivers and terms and conditions to Bob Cox at [bcox@impossible2possible.com](mailto:bcox@impossible2possible.com).

**8. INTERVIEW.** Prospective candidates will be interviewed by telephone or online videoconference.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL APPLICANTS!