How to Join the Virtual "Climb Where You Are" Option + Set Up Your Fundraiser

You don't have to travel to Tanzania to be part of Climb for Hope 2026. Our "Climb Where You Are" virtual option allows you to participate from anywhere in the world while fundraising alongside the Kilimanjaro climbers.

Step 1: Choose Your Virtual Climb

Your virtual climb is **completely your choice**. You do **not** need to report where, how, or exactly what your climb looks like to us. This is about participation and purpose—not tracking or rules.

You can choose any challenge that feels meaningful and realistic for you, such as:

- a Spartan race or endurance event
- hiking local trails or a mountain
- stadium stairs or gym stair machines
- walking or rolling mileage over time
- any adaptive or accessible challenge

Our recommendation:
To mirror the full Kilimanjaro experience, we recommend a **total of 45 miles**, which is the approximate distance of the Kilimanjaro climb.

- The 45 miles do **not** need to be completed in one day.
- You can spread them out over weeks or months.
- The goal is simply to complete your chosen challenge **by September 11**, the day our climbers will summit Mount Kilimanjaro.

This is your climb, your pace, your journey. However you choose to show up—every mile matters.

Step 2: Join the Climb for Hope Facebook Group

This Facebook group is the central hub for:

- fundraising tips and reminders
- virtual participant spotlights
- Kilimanjaro climb updates
- impact updates from Tanzania and the U.S.
- important dates and announcements

Staying connected here helps you stay motivated and informed.

Step 3: Open the Official GiveButter Campaign

Use this link to access the official Climb for Hope 2026 campaign:

https://givebutter.com/climbforhope2026

Scroll down the page until you see the **Fundraise** option or **Team Members** section.

Step 4: Click "Fundraise"

Click **Fundraise** to create your own personal fundraising page connected to the Climb for Hope campaign.

You may be asked to:

- fundraise as an individual, or

- create or join a team

Choose whichever option feels right for you.

Step 5: Set Up Your Personal Fundraising Page

When creating your page, include the following:

1. **Your fundraiser name**
   Example: “Alex’s Climb Where You Are for Hope”
2. **Your fundraising goal**
   Choose a number that feels both meaningful and achievable.
3. **Your story**
   Share why you are participating and what this mission means to you.
4. **A photo**
   This can be a photo of you, your training, your family, or something symbolic.

Step 6: Share Your Virtual Climb Details

On your fundraising page or in updates, let supporters know:

- what your climb is
- when it starts and ends (or your event date)
- how people can support you (one-time gifts or pledges)
- that you’ll be sharing progress updates along the way

People love knowing what they’re cheering for.

Step 7: Publish and Share Your Fundraiser

Once your page is live, share it:

- on your Facebook profile
- inside the Climb for Hope Facebook group
- via text or email to friends and family
- anywhere your community connects with you

A short personal message goes a long way.

Step 8: Post Updates During Your Climb

Momentum matters more than perfection. Share:

- training photos
- short progress check-ins
- milestones
- honest moments about showing up when it’s hard

These updates help keep supporters engaged and inspired.

Helpful Notes

- If you don’t immediately see the **Fundraise** option, scroll down the campaign page.
- If the link opens inside Facebook and feels clunky, try opening it in your regular browser (Safari or Chrome).

Every step you take—wherever you are—helps build hope on two continents. Thank you for climbing with us.