



Anatoli Boukreev
Memorial Fund

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2003/2004 Cross-Culture Climbing Exchange Grant

Our grant plans for 2003/2004 are most ambitious and to succeed we will need your support. We have a rare opportunity to sponsor a team of very bright, very talented young women from both the US and the former USSR. Our goal is to send Americans Melis Coady, Keri Meagher, Molly Loomis and Aubrey Knapp to climb Khan Tengri in Kazakhstan in the company of an equally bright and talented Valetova Elena Evgenyevna, a young Russian woman who lives in Almaty and is a member of the same sports club where Anatoli worked and trained.

The group of American Women are all NOLS instructors and Alaska guides. Under a grant from the American Alpine Club they recently completed a ski expedition to Kamchatka, in Far East Russia. Briefly this is the American Group:

Melis Coady – Speaks Russian, B.A. Central Asian Studies, NOLS instructor, member of the Talkeetna Volunteer Fire Department, ascents in Alaska include Denali and Foraker as well as numerous ascents in the Chugach, Wind River and Cascade Ranges.

Aubrey Knapp – B.A. from Berkeley, EMS Medic at the Girdwood, Alaska Fire Department, NOLS Instructor, Ski instructor University of Alaska.

Keri Meagher – B.S. University of Colorado, Kinesiology. NOLS Instructor, Instructor at Alaska Pacific University, numerous ascents in Selkirk, Alaska and Chugach Ranges.

Molly Loomis – B.A. Political Science, also studied in both France and Argentina, fluent in Spanish and French. NOLS instructor with climbs Alaska and rock/mixed climbs in numerous areas in the U.S..

On the Kazakh side of this ambitious exchange:

Valetova Elena Evgenyevna: Schooled in Economics and Management she works as a Chief Accountant, plays classical piano and rides horses competitively. Member of the Central Sports Club of the Army, Valetova has numerous ascents in the Tien Shan Mountains.

Please help us make this tremendous exchange opportunity a reality. Donate at the address below or on line at www.boukreev.org Thanks

