

Bhujbas Porter Shelter Project- the first step, September, 2007



The Tented shelter at Bhujbas, Gangotri



A porter being treated at the post

Hi friends, Namaste!!!

I am truly glad to share with you all that the Bhujbas Porter Shelter is now open and operational! The picture above shows the big mess tent dedicated for the porters' night shelter. We can now accommodate 20 porters and provide them blanket for the night. It's a dream come true! We are running a free medical post from the same camp as well!

We have received tremendous support and encouragement from the porter community of Gangotri and Uttarkashi and the free medical post has been particularly busy! As I write this email to you, two of our veteran mountaineers are volunteering at the Bhujbas post. I am thankful to Rabin Banerjee and Banabhushan Nayak for traveling all the way to Bhujbas and taking charge of the works at Bhujbas. Without them this project would still remain a dream. Thanks and gratitude also goes to Dr. Jim Duff & the IPPG for all the support.

This has been a humble beginning. But I now know where we actually stand in terms of running this shelter successfully in future. We are in constant need for more medicines and of course, the presence of a doctor.

The Bhujbas shelter will need volunteers, especially doctors in the coming days. I will share further details of the shelter after the first season in October with an e-newsletter. Please do not hesitate to send me your guidance and advice.

Cheers!

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