

MAY 12TH - CAMP 2

I LOVE WAKING UP WITH THE SUN ON MY TENT, SUCH A LUXURY AFTER THE BITTERLY COLD 4.30AM STARTS. BREAKFAST WAS AT 9.00AM AND I STUMBLED ACROSS IN MY PAJAMAS (ALL MODESTY LONG GONE AT THIS STAGE!) AFTER BREAKFAST I RE ORGANISED ALL MY CLOTHES FOR CAMP 3 AND 4 WHICH BASICALLY MEANT SCALING BACK ON MY WARDROBE. THE CLOTHES I LEAVE FOR CAMP 3 WEARING TOMORROW ARE WHAT I WILL WEAR FOR THE NEXT 4 DAYS, MY HAIR IS ALREADY GREASY AND ITS ALL DOCUMENTED ON CAMERA!!

AFTER LUNCH ANDREW LOCK SWUNG BY TO DISCUSS OUR SUMMIT DAY PLANS WITH RODRIGO AND I HAD A GOOD OLD CATCH UP WITH HIM. HE MADE IT TO CAMP 2 IN FOUR HOURS - WHAT A MACHINE! I DIDNT MENTION MY TIME OF COURSE! KENTON COOL (GREAT NAME) FROM JAGGED GLOBE CAME OVER TO DISCUSS SUMMIT DAY ATTEMPTS AND HE HAD VISITED MOST OF THE CAMPS TO FIND OUT HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE PLANNING ON GOING ON 15TH MAY AND HE CONCLUDED THAT THERE WERE GOING TO BE AROUND 50 OR 60 PEOPLE GOING FOR IT. I COULD SENSE THE PANIC RISING UP IN ME, THINKING OF WAITING LINES OF PEOPLE, ETC ETC, BUT ACTUALLY ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE IT MEANS THAT ROPES WILL BE IN PLACE AND A TRAIL FIXED WHICH IS GOOD FOR ME AT LEAST!!! OUR TEAM HAS PLENTY OF OXYGEN AND SHERPAS, ANDRONICO AND BANCO DE CHILE HAVE ARRANGED FOR US TO HAVE GREAT RESOURCES AND A FIRST CLASS EXPEDITION.

HECTOR CAME OVER TO FILM MY CONFESSION FOR DISCOVERY AND THEN WE ALL DID AN INTERVIEW FOR OUR CHILEAN FILM THAT IS BEING MADE AND IM NOW OFF FOR DINNER...GETTING NERVOUS!!!!