

Sean Swarner

First Cancer Survivor to Summit Everest, Author, Performance Coach Adventurer, World Record Holder

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About Sean Swarner

With only one functioning lung, a prognosis of fourteen days to live, and being in a medically-induced coma for a year, Sean Swarner is the first cancer survivor to stand on top of the world... Mt. Everest. Sean has broken through defined human limitation in order to redefine the way the world views success.

Sean was diagnosed with two deadly, different, and unrelated forms of cancer, once at the age of thirteen and again at the age of sixteen. After an incredibly poor prognosis, and being read his last rites, Sean astounded the medical community when he survived both these brutal diseases. He realized that after defeating cancer twice, no challenge would ever be too great, no peak too high.

Sean proved his theory when he crested the peak of Mt. Everest. As the first cancer survivor to do so, Sean decided to continue climbing and has since topped the highest peaks in Africa, Europe, South America, Australia, Antarctica, and North America, thus completing the "7-Summits".

With the completion of the Ironman World Championship in Hawaii, Sean has his sights on trekking to the Poles at the top and bottom of the world.

As Sean continues to defy the odds, test his own endurance and inspire and motivate people around the world, he shares his message of healing, hope, and triumph with cancer patients worldwide. Sean also serves as a source of inspiration as the founder of the non-profit organization, The CancerClimber Association, as author of the book "Keep Climbing," and as a motivational speaker to corporations, universities, and other organizations around the globe.

Sean Swarner will continue to Keep Climbing and defy boundaries in order to change the way people think. He has been called the most powerful speaker ever by such companies as IBM, Roche, Amgen, and countless organizations and universities around the globe. He has an uncanny ability to empower people to climb their own Everest in both life and in business. After hearing Sean speak, your life will never be the same.

Select Keynotes

- **Changing Your View: How Almost Dying Is A Good Thing**

Surviving two cancers as a teen, Sean was forced to focus on what was important in life and not get caught up in distractions. Everyone facing a struggle must come to terms with their situation and take a step into the unknown. Moving past struggles toward your goal often requires a change in attitude and a change in how you see things. Sean will help make your success tangible by using his "Upside Down Mountain" analogy, making you successful even before you begin.

- **Goal Setting: Hospital Bed To The Hawaii Ironman World Championship**

Going from a hospital bed to the summit of Mt. Everest is nearly impossible, but Sean has figured out what it takes to reach the top of the world. Sean's unique and personal storytelling style navigates you through his most difficult struggles with relatable techniques you can use while setting your own goals. Walking around the block or finishing the Hawaii Ironman Championship, Sean's goals were once both of these and teaches you how to do the same.

- **Motivation/Inspiration: 1 Out Of Over 7,000,000,000**



Being in a medically-induced coma for nearly a year, and accomplishing what no other person on earth has, takes immeasurable motivation and inspiration. Sean has inspired clients from the NY Giants to IBM to Willard High School. Sean's unique view on life and his way of encouraging people to take their first step is unparalleled. Relating to your own struggles, Sean teaches you how to motivate yourself, overcome your personal conflict, and reach your personal Everest.

- **Personal Or Group Consulting**

Everyone can use a little support and guidance in setting and achieving goals. Developing a personal and professional relationship directly with Sean, and having him guide you or your group on your specific interests only increases your success. By sharing his tools with you and/or your group, Sean will help you understand the only person who is able to stop you from achieving your goals is the same person who can help you achieve them... you.

- **Team Building: How To Climb Everest With One Lung**

Getting to the top of any mountain cannot be done alone, and always starts with a strong team. Sean didn't climb to the highest point on every continent by himself. Getting a personal account of his conflicts, struggles, and successes, Sean teaches you what it takes to develop a successful team and overcome obstacles; the same team-building tools he used to make history. Sean is an exclusive speaker with countless credentials and a unique way of relating to everyone he meets. His presentations, talks, and appearances can always be customized to meet your specific needs. By working with you on an individual basis, Sean will formulate a custom program and experience for you or your company, and by integrating specific tools he has developed to make history, Sean will design a plan to help you achieve your personal or corporate success.

Select Book Titles

- **2017:** KILIMANJARO: Into the Self: Book Two of the 7 Summits to Success Series
- **2016:** 7 Summits to Success. Everest: Being Unstoppable (e-Book only)
- **2007:** Keep Climbing: How I Beat Cancer and Reached the Top of the World

Select Articles

- [Meet the Cancer Survivor Who Climbed the 7 Summits](#)

Red Bull, April 2016: Once given two weeks to live, Sean Swarner brings hope to those with struggles of their own.

- [This Is The First Cancer Survivor To Summit Mount Everest](#)

Huffington Post, March 2016: [VIDEO] Sean Swarner is the first cancer survivor to summit Mount Everest, and he did it using one working lung. In the video above, watch Swarner explain his experience and why he believes there's a "difference between being alive and living."

- ['Hope kept me going': Cancer survivor with one lung climbs world's tallest peaks](#)

Sean Swarner has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro a dozen times, but his toughest trek uphill wasn't against any mountain. It was his fight against cancer, which he beat twice. He was 13 the first time he battled the disease and 16 during the second round.

- [Cancer survivor Sean Swarner's emotional journey to Everest and beyond](#)

Today.com, February 2016: Sean Swarner is a two-time cancer survivor and the first cancer survivor to summit Mt. Everest. The athlete and motivational speaker, who has only one lung, lives in Colorado and has also completed the IRONMAN World Championship in Hawaii and climbed the "Seven Summits." Here, the man behind those accomplishments shares his story with TODAY contributor Rheana Murray.