



AIARE 1 - DECISION MAKING IN AVALANCHE TERRAIN

WINTER 2026/2027

PRIOR TO YOUR COURSE:

- Complete Pre Course Learning - **required** to complete prior to receiving course certificate.
- Download CalTopo and/or if you already use a mapping app, please make sure you are familiar with importing maps.
- Complete [Client Information and Acknowledgement of Risk Form](#)

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Apply a routine to foster TEAMWORK while planning for and traveling in Avalanche Terrain
- PREPARE for backcountry travel with season and daily routines
- Create a PLAN to manage group traveling in avalanche terrain
- Apply the RIDE SAFELY checklists to promote situational awareness, to foster group communication and to use terrain to reduce risk.
- Review decisions and the decision-making process to intentionally develop experience through a day DEBRIEF.
- PRACTICE avalanche rescue and effective use of personal avalanche rescue equipment.
- Develop and use a life-long learning plan.

COURSE AGENDA

Day 1: 5:00- 8:00 PM Classroom TBD

Please make sure to bring your avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe and a pencil to the classroom.

Introduction & Course Goals

- Answer Questions from Online Learning
- Gear Review
- Tour of the AIARE Field Notebook
- Sawtooth Avalanche Center - How to Use the Forecast

- Overview of Map Reading
- Rescue Review
- Tour Plan
- Review of Meet Location and How to Access More's Gate

Homework: Tour Planning for Day 1 of Field Session

Day 2:

Rescue Practice & PLAN, RIDE, DEBRIEF with Observations Tour

9:30am Meet at Bogus Basin, Location TBD

- Review questions from Day 1
- Complete Tour Planning - Instructor Demo
- Trailhead Checks

10:30 - 1pm Rescue Practice

- Companion Rescue Practice

1 - 3:30 pm Observations Tour

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- Snowpit demo

3:30-4pm pm Debrief

Homework for Day 3

- Tour planning for Day 3

Day 3

9:30am

- Review Questions from Day 2
- Present Tour Plan for Day 3

10:45 - 3:30pm Field

- Student Led Tour - RIDE
- Practice using Ride Safely Checklist

3:30-4pm pm Debrief & Course Close