



## AIARE LEVEL 1 AVALANCHE COURSE – WILLIAMS PEAK HUT

### Decision Making in Avalanche Terrain

By the end of the AIARE Level 1 course, participants will be able to:

- **PREPARE** for backcountry travel by tracking conditions, investigating trip options and practicing rescue during realistic scenarios.
- Develop a trip **PLAN** utilizing the current avalanche advisory.
- Apply the **RIDE SAFELY** checklist to monitor conditions and communicate associated hazard and risk with your group.
- Apply the **RIDE SAFELY** checklist to recognize avalanche terrain and choose terrain that matches the current conditions and skills of the group.
- Contribute to a **TEAM** that travels and decides together, listens to every voice, challenges assumptions and respects any veto.
- Routinely instigate and participate in a group **DEBRIEF** to intentionally develop experience.
- Create a plan for continuing development of skills and experience.

#### COURSE ITINERARY:

##### DAY 1

8:00a Meet at SMG Headquarters in Stanley

8:15a Welcome and Introductions  
Risk Management

8:45a Course Introduction and Outcomes  
Intro to the AIARE Framework

9:00a Prepare – Investigate Trip Options  
Avalanche Fundamentals & Terrain Intro

9:45a Read Avalanche Forecast

10:00a Avalanche Beacons and Function Check

11:00a Hike to Williams Peak Hut

3:00p Arrive at Hut and Orientation

4:00p Prepare – Companion Rescue  
Presentation & Basic Skills

6:00p Appetizers  
Prepare – Track the Season’s Conditions  
Mountain Snowpack

7:00p Dinner  
Avalanche Problems Activity

##### DAY 2

7:30a Breakfast

8:00a Decision Making Guide  
8:15a Plan – Assemble Your Group

9:00a Plan – Anticipate the Hazard  
Wx & Spx Obs, Interpret Forecast

9:45a Plan – Plan Your Route

10:30a Plan – Discuss Your Emergency Plan

11:00a Ride Safely Checklist  
Choosing Terrain & Traveling Wisely

12:00p Lunch and pack

12:30p Field Tour

- Intro to Ride Safely Checklist
- Monitor and record conditions
- Snow profiles and snowpack tests
- Avalanche terrain identification

3:30p Rescue Scenarios

5:00p Back at Hut

6:00p Appetizers  
Debrief Presentation

7:00p Dinner



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### DAY 3

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- 7:30a Breakfast
- 8:00a Trip Planning in Small Tour Groups
- 9:00a The "Perfect Tour"
- Teamwork
  - Plan
  - Ride Safely
  - Debrief
- 12:30p Return to Hut  
Course Close: Review Objectives, What Next?
- 1:30p Descend to Trailhead
- 4:00p Back at Stanley Ranger Station

