

IMG Rainier Application Package

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We take your application to join an IMG RAINIER trip seriously. Our application process will require some extra time and paperwork from you, but this helps us do a better job screening our participants and ensuring that our IMG team members get on a program that fits their experience and expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding our application procedures.

PLEASE NOTE: Many of our climbs on Mt. Rainier fill quickly. The website availability does not operate in “real-time.” Changes occur regularly. Please check the Rainier Climbs schedule on our website, and call the IMG office to verify availability before sending your application and fees. **Please refer to our website (www.mountainguides.com) for program-specific information, trip itineraries, travel/logistics, equipment lists/rentals and more. Many of your questions may be addressed on our FAQ page.**

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Please contact the IMG office for availability at (360) 569-2609 or Office@MountainGuides.com
- **Carefully read, execute and submit the IMG Rainier Application Package and Payment Information. This is the only way to apply for and secure your position on the program. Incomplete forms may delay your confirmation.**
- IMG Rainier Application Package includes:
 - IMG Instructions and Payment Information.**
 - IMG Form 1:** General Terms and Conditions.
 - IMG Form 2:** Participant Information.
 - IMG Form 3:** Participant Medical Information.
 - IMG Form 4:** Acknowledgement of Risk and Contract.

Sign-up Check List

- Check out website/FAQ's: www.mountainguides.com
- Call for availability
- Complete application
- Submit forms (keep a copy for your records)
- Receive confirmation
- Purchase travel insurance
- Questions? Call IMG

If you are **MARRIED**, your spouse's signature is **REQUIRED** on IMG Form 4.

If you are **UNDER THE AGE OF 18**, you must be accompanied on the climb by a parent or legal guardian and both you and your parent or legal guardian must sign **ALL FORMS**.

- Fax the application to (866) 279-7455, or you may scan and email to Office@MountainGuides.com.
- If mailing send to: International Mountain Guides, P.O. Box 246, Ashford, WA 98304
- If paying by check: **US Customers** – make payable to International Mountain Guides Trust Account. **International Customers (including Canada)** – No personal checks or bank drafts. Bank wire information will be provided upon request.
- If you are applying for program admission within 90 days of the program's start date, all fees for the program are due and payable.
- **Your position is not confirmed until all properly executed forms and application fees have been received and reviewed at the IMG office in Ashford, WA. If within 48 hours you have not received an IMG confirmation email, please contact our office to confirm we have received all of your information.**

PERSONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE

- International Mountain Guides strongly recommends purchasing travel and trip cancellation insurance. **Once paid, all fees are completely non-refundable.** Please review our Cancellation and Refund policy under the General Terms and Conditions section of Form 1. Several plan choices are available with Travelex Insurance. Please note that IMG's location number is # 47-0050. You can sign up online or call the Customer Service desk at (800) 228-9792. **Climbers: Please note that to receive coverage for mountaineering through Travelex you must purchase your plan within 21 days of initial application fee payment.** Please review our trip specific recommendations here: <http://www.mountainguides.com/travel-insurance.shtml>.

IMG FORM 1: General Terms and Conditions

International Mountain Guides, LLC. (“IMG”) reserves the right to deny participation to any individual. Upon acceptance of your Application Package and confirmation by IMG, applicants are deemed Participants of the program and are subject to all of the following terms and conditions:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

- We expect participants to be in good health and possess the physical fitness level required for their particular program. We expect participants to bring proper personal clothing and equipment.
- Participants need to read and understand the materials posted on our website regarding the program and its objectives, itinerary and travel plans. Participants should contact IMG if questions arise.
- Participants are expected to work together as a team with consideration for fellow members.

IMG DISCRETION

- IMG requires Participants to be prepared physically, technically and psychologically for all programs and IMG reserves the right to dismiss a Participant from a program at any time based on any factors that IMG discovers.
- Participants must supply IMG true, complete and accurate information on the Participant Information form (including the information concerning training and prior mountaineering experience), Participant Medical Information form, and in any other written or oral communications.
- IMG reserves the right to dismiss any Participant or send any Participant down to lower altitude at any time if, in the sole judgment of IMG, it is in the best interest of that Participant or any other person.
- IMG reserves the right to change, alter or cancel the itinerary as, in IMG'S sole discretion, IMG finds necessary for the proper and safe conduct of the program.
- Participants acknowledge that IMG program plans are necessarily subject to change based on a number of factors, including but not limited to weather, terrain, changes in costs, and many other factors, and that IMG has complete discretion to effect any change of plans to accommodate any of these or other factors, including but not limited to increases in program fees, changes to the program schedule or itinerary, change of guides or staff, and changes to any means of conveyance, when deemed necessary or advisable, without notice and without allowance of refund and with the liability for any increased program fees, if any, to be born by each participant.

PROGRAM FEES AND PAYMENTS

- Registration for IMG Rainier programs requires the completed IMG Rainier Application Package and a minimum \$300 non-refundable application fee (check or Visa/Master Card).
- Final program balance and tent rental fee (if applicable) **are due 90 days before the first scheduled date of the program.** We encourage you to forward payment to our office prior to that time. If an alternative form of payment is not received at our office by that time, **the credit card we have on file will be automatically billed for the remaining balance.** Please contact us if you feel your payment will not arrive by the due date. Full payment is required for trips that cost less than \$300. It is the participant's responsibility to adhere to the fee payment schedule. **Participants may not receive additional notice of payment due dates from IMG.**
- **Late payments may result in cancellation of program reservations and forfeiture of all fees paid.**

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

- Program cancellations made greater than 90 days before the program date will result in refund of all fees paid less a \$300 cancellation fee. **Cancellations made within 90 days of the program date will result in forfeiture of payments made.** Changes to program dates that are requested greater than 60 days before the customer's scheduled program will be allowed for Rainier programs of equal or greater value, subject to availability within the current calendar year, with a \$100 change fee imposed. In the case of a cancellation and forfeiture of full trip fees, IMG will refund customer the cost of the NPS climbing pass and Park entrance fees. **Please note that all application and program fee payments from Participants are non-transferable.**
- Any tent reservation cancellation made within 30 days of your program date will result in a \$15 cancellation fee. Cancellations made outside of 30 days result in no cancellation fee.
- IMG's Turnaround Raincheck Credit Vouchers: IMG's owners understand the Mountain well enough to know there will be days when getting to the first camp is impossible and a small number of the scheduled programs will end in first day disappointment. Whenever a climbing group is unable to proceed to their camp on the first day of the program, the Company will attempt first to reschedule acceptable alternatives for the following day, or will offer a raincheck credit voucher equal to 50% of the cost of the customer's program to be applied to a program of equal or greater cost within 12 months. It is important to understand not only the disappointment the customer feels when the weather forces a first-day turnaround, but also the disappointment the guides feel.

Having committed their availability to a program and planned on the earned income, IMG feels it is inappropriate to completely cancel their employment on the days that will suddenly no longer be required of them. IMG will offer these guides an opportunity to work the remaining scheduled days, or the guides can elect not to work and will not be compensated. IMG has used this formula in the past and it has worked well. Everyone (customer, employee and company) shares in some of the economic and emotional cost of unpredictable weather without any one party bearing the entire loss load.

PROGRAM CANCELLATION

- IMG reserves the right to cancel a trip for any reason prior to departure. In that event, IMG will refund application and program fees paid by Participants.
- In the event of a program cancellation and upon refund to Participants of all program fee payments, IMG shall be released from any further liability to Participants, including but not limited to liability for additional costs Participants may have incurred, pre-departure expenses, non-refundable advance purchase air tickets, equipment purchases and medical expenses.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Participants authorize and release to IMG the use of their image in any photograph or video recording for any legal purpose of IMG.
- Participants understand that no guarantees have been made with respect to the program objectives.
- I agree that Washington law shall be applied in any legal action involving the interpretation, validity and/or enforceability of this agreement or any disagreement or legal action between the parties, and that any legal action, lawsuits or arbitration resulting from my participation in this activity shall be brought only in Pierce County, Washington.
- IMG hereby gives notice that it only serves as an agent for hotels, transportation companies, land operators, and suppliers of travel services, and that no responsibility or liability is assumed by IMG in connection with any travel service, including but not limited to airlines, hotels, and motor vehicle operators, and that IMG will not be responsible for any act, error, omission, nor any injury, loss, accident, delay, irregularity, or danger by a supplier of travel services to Participants.
- Participants acknowledge that they are advised to buy personal life, medical, accident, travel, disability, baggage, cancellation, rescue, and other insurance that may pertain to their participation in the program. Participants understand that IMG provides them with no such insurance coverage.

This service is operated by International Mountain Guides, LLC, a Concessioner under contract with the U.S. Government and administered by the National Park Service. The Concessioner is responsible for conducting these operations in a satisfactory manner. Prices are approved by the National Park Service.

Please address comments to: Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park
55210 238th Ave. E., Ashford, Washington 98304-9751

AGREEMENT

I, _____ (*Participant print full name*), of my own free will, for my family, minor children, spouse, dependent parents, my heirs and executors, assigns and myself, have had a full opportunity to review this document and I have read, understand and agree to the General Terms and Conditions contained herein. I have also read the other Forms in the IMG Application Package, IMG program materials and relevant website information (e.g. Fee Payment Schedule, Itinerary, Personal Equipment Checklist, and other documents, maps, accounts, and information pertinent to the program and I understand and agree to the information, terms and conditions contained therein. The above named forms are incorporated herein.

Participant’s Signature: _____ **Date** _____

THIS APPLICATION PACKAGE IS SUBJECT TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE BY IMG IN ASHFORD, WA.

If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent please print full name: _____

If the Parent is divorced, by signing this agreement, signing Parent acknowledges that they have the legal right to sign on behalf of the minor child.

IMG FORM 2: Participant Information (Page 1 of 2)

A. Personal Information

Full Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Marital Status: _____ Occupation: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Relationship: _____

Day/night phone(s) _____

Alternate Contact Name/Relationship: _____

Day/night phone(s) _____

IMG Rainier Program Name & Date: _____

Total Program Fees \$ _____

B. Mountaineering and Related Activities

Please list your pertinent climbs (if any), past training and related activities.

C. Training and Conditioning (see IMG's training suggestions: <http://www.mountainguides.com/rainier-training.shtml>)

Please describe the conditioning routine you plan to use to prepare yourself for this program.

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E. Insurance Information: (see IMG's recommendations: <http://www.mountainguides.com/travel-insurance.shtml>).

I have purchased/will purchase Travel and/or Trip Cancellation Insurance for this Trip: [] Yes [] No

If yes, Provider and policy number: _____

Climbers: Please note that to receive coverage for mountaineering through Travelex you must purchase your plan within 21 days of initial application fee payment.

F. Meals on the Mountain:

IMG provides dinner, breakfast & hot drinks while on the mountain. It is your responsibility to provide your own lunch/trail food for your climb (see IMG's suggestions: <http://www.mountainguides.com/rainier-food.shtml> & on our FAQ page) and meals before/after your climb. IMG is happy to accommodate most diet restrictions, allergies and food intolerances to the best of our ability, and can usually adjust the meal plan with advance notice. Individuals with carefully controlled or limited diets may need to provide their own food supplements or replacement diet. Please contact IMG to discuss your particular needs.

Please list any foods you cannot eat: _____

G. Accommodations:

On The Mountain

While on the mountain, you will share tents with other participants (tents on mountain are included in the trip cost). If you are a single traveler, we will try to pair you with team member(s) of the same sex if available.

Pre/Post Climb

You are responsible for your lodging before and after your climb. On many Rainier programs, you will require local lodging for the first night after your Day 1 team meeting/orientation, at your own expense. IMG offers a convenient and economical option with our onsite tent camping here at our headquarters. For details and prices, please visit the Tent Rentals page on our website (<http://www.mountainguides.com/img-abc.shtml>). *IMG tents onsite are limited in number, and are not applicable for the following Rainier programs: Emmons, Denali Seminar, or Winter Expedition Ascent.*

To Reserve a Pre/Post Climb platform tent at IMG HQ: *Select tent type below & indicate date(s) needed*

[] Single occupancy tent for the following date(s): _____

[] Double occupancy tent for the following date(s): _____ Sharing with _____

G. IMG Marketing Questionnaire:

How did you hear about IMG? _____

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The information I have provided on IMG Form 2: Participant Information is true and correct.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date _____

If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent please print full name: _____

If the Parent is divorced, by signing this agreement, signing Parent acknowledges that they have the legal right to sign on behalf of the minor child.

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IMG FORM 3: Participant Medical Information

Climbing and hiking at altitudes above 10,000 feet is extremely strenuous. In addition, medical care may not be immediately available in the backcountry. We do not want you to engage in any activity that would be detrimental to your health or which would be opposed by your doctor because of recent illness, injury, surgery, etc. If you have any questions regarding your participation in the expedition, please contact your doctor.

Participant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

How would you describe your health (use additional page if necessary)? _____

Please answer the following questions by circling Yes or No. If **Yes** to any, **please describe on a separate sheet** (date, duration, severity, symptoms, limitations, etc). **Have you ever had any of the following:**

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| Allergies Yes / No | High Blood Pressure Yes / No | Dislocations Yes / No |
| Frostbite Yes / No | Do you get cold easily? Yes / No | Shoulder/Back/Knee problems Yes / No |
| Diabetes Yes / No | Are you pregnant? Yes / No | Previous altitude problems Yes / No |
| Epilepsy Yes / No | Heart Disease Yes / No | Cerebral/Pulmonary Edema Yes / No |
| Asthma Yes / No | | Speech/vision/hearing impairment Yes / No |

Do you use tobacco? Yes / No If yes, details _____

Any surgeries? Yes / No If yes, details _____

Are you taking any medications (for what? dosage? use additional page if necessary) _____

Do you have any limitations on your activities (use additional page if necessary)? _____

Do you have any other conditions that might affect your health (use additional page if necessary)? _____

AGREEMENT

The information I have provided on IMG Form 3: Participant Medical Information is true, complete and correct.

Participant’s Signature: _____ Date _____

If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent please print full name: _____

If the Parent is divorced, by signing this agreement, signing Parent acknowledges that they have the legal right to sign on behalf of the minor child.

IMG FORM 4: Acknowledgement of Risk and Contract**(Page 1 of 3)****IMPORTANT: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT**

Please read and understand this document before signing. If you have any questions please consult us and/or your attorney. Please review and sign with spouse (or parent if minor).

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDES, LLC. (hereinafter also referred to as "IMG") has taken care to assure that our Participants experience a rewarding mountaineering expedition. We wish to inform our Participants that mountaineering and foreign travel are not risk free. The same elements that contribute to the unique character and fun of exploring and climbing mountains, such as the physical exertion or outdoor living, can cause loss or damage to equipment, injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma, paralysis, or death. We do not want to heighten or reduce your enthusiasm for the experience, but we do want you to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of some of the possible risks. We ask that you read this acknowledgement of risk and contract, sign it, and return the original documents to our office.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

You, the Participant, need to understand that you are going to be entering an environment with significant hazard and risks, including those associated with living, camping, traveling out of doors, and traveling in foreign countries that may be politically unstable, worldwide dangers associated with the war on terrorism, and with the forces of nature. Below is a list of the possible hazards but not all of the hazards you may encounter.

Travel is by vehicle and on foot. Travel by foot is over rugged unpredictable trail and off-trail terrain, including boulder fields, downed timber, river crossings, high mountain passes, snow and ice, glaciers, steep slopes, and slippery rocks. Attendant risks include vehicle accidents, falling, drowning, and others usually associated with such travel, as well as environmental risks. Many times the risks associated with transportation can be as great as the mountaineering risk itself. You assume the risk of all travel arranged by yourself or by IMG.

Meals are prepared over stoves and sometimes-open fires. Water often requires disinfecting before use. Camping hazards may include burns, tent fires, carbon monoxide poisoning, cuts, diarrhea and flu-like illness.

Environmental risks include rapidly moving, deep or cold water, insects, snakes, and predators including large animals, falling and rolling rock, lightning, avalanches, flash floods, and unpredictable forces of nature, including weather that may change to extreme conditions without notice. Additional risks are frostbite, high altitude illness, sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, and other mild or serious conditions.

Climbing and Mountaineering are hazardous. The obvious accidents that occur in climbing are falling while climbing, whether you fall only a few feet, part way down the mountain, or all the way to the bottom. As you fall you may hit objects or the terrain in your path. If a rope stops your fall, the jolt from the rope may cause injury. Falling to the ground may cause serious injury from any height. In addition to the hazards of falling, falling objects may hit you. Rocks, ice, snow, climbing equipment and even people may fall and hit you as you are standing or while climbing.

Equipment may fail. The extreme conditions of the environment in which climbing and mountaineering equipment is used in conjunction with the damage caused by the environment can cause climbing equipment to fail. The rock or ice to which you are holding or to which you have placed protection may break, causing you to fall or causing your protection to pull out from the rock or ice. As you climb you may pull out protection from the rock or ice. You may experience injury from holding on to the rock or using equipment. You may also experience rope burns from handling the rope. There are many hazards associated with snow, ice, and glacier climbing. Ice climbing is a technical activity involving the use of technical equipment including ice axes and crampons. Ice axes must be used properly to be effective and to prevent injury to you or other people. Crampons have sharp points on the bottom and front of the boot. These points are dangerous to you and other people. Ice climbing involves cold, water, and steep terrain. Ice is constantly falling and can cause injury if you are hit. Other objects may fall and hit you due to thawing or being knocked down by the ice or other climbers.

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Avalanches are often a threat in the mountains. An avalanche is snow and ice that has released from the mountain and is moving down the mountainside. If you are trapped in an avalanche you can be injured or suffocated by the avalanche or trapped in the avalanche, which may kill you. The avalanche debris may force you into a collision with other immovable objects, which might injure or kill you or you may be forced into a crevasse or over a cliff.

Glacier travel is always dangerous. Crossing crevasses or walking over snow bridges covering a crevasse can lead to a fall into a crevasse. Falling into a crevasse can cause injuries due to the fall or objects hitting you during and after your fall. You may also be injured while stopping in the bottom or wedging into the sides. Once in a crevasse you will be subject to cold and hypothermia. Another aspect of glacier travel to be aware of is the danger from seracs, large blocks of ice or snow you may need to walk near or around. Many times while crossing glaciers or hiking in the mountains, you will be in an area where seracs or ice can fall, injuring or killing you.

You may trek and climb at altitude to which you will not be accustomed. Altitude sickness is the term used to describe the effects on a human body at altitudes higher than the person is accustomed to. Altitude sickness is usually associated with nausea, headaches and a loss of appetite. Altitude sickness can lead to conditions that may result in death. You must understand that the mountaineering expedition in which you are about to participate includes a high degree of risk of hypothermia. High Altitude Pulmonary Edema (HAPE) and High Altitude Cerebral Edema (HACE) occur when you are at altitudes and have not acclimated properly. HAPE and HACE can be fatal if not recognized and treated quickly. Hypothermia is the name for a medical condition where the core body temperature drops to a point that the body is unable to maintain and heat itself. Hypothermia can quickly result in death.

You may be hours or days from any medical facility. In an emergency the people treating you may not have the same standards as hospitals or doctor's offices in the United States. You will need to be vigilant in your normal daily habits such as eating, hand-washing and bodily functions in order to not introduce dangerous bacteria, virus and diseases into your system.

Decisions are made by the IMG staff and Participants on a high altitude expedition based on a variety of perceptions and evaluations, which by their nature are imprecise and subject to errors in judgment. Participant understands and agrees to abide by these decisions. **However, the Participant must exercise their own ability and thought in keeping safe and secure, and is solely liable for their safety and that absent direction from IMG it is his or her decision to travel, return home or descend at any time.** Throughout the trip, Participant is responsible for his or her own safety and for the safety of other members of their expedition. Participant agrees to adhere to all decisions made by the employees, contractors, guides, owners and members of IMG at all times. Participant understands that those decisions may be based on many factors, including the overall safety of the group. Participant understands and agrees to those decisions, which are in fact the way most professionally conducted high-altitude expeditions operate.

There is a high level of stress and anxiety while undertaking any mountaineering expedition. In addition you may encounter or see sights, which may disturb you. It is also possible that some participants will suffer mental anguish or trauma from the experience or their injuries.

This list is not an exclusive or exhaustive list of possible risks, injuries, trauma, or accidents that may occur while mountaineering. Most of these injuries are rare and you are not likely to encounter them, however they have occurred and you need to know about them, as well as other possible injuries not mentioned above. Some injuries occur more often when the participants are using illegal drugs or alcohol or are not physically able to undertake the expedition, so the use of illegal drugs or alcohol will not be permitted on the trip while engaged in climbing or mountaineering.

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CONTRACT

I certify that my family, including minor children, spouse, representatives, heirs, assigns, subrogors and dependent parents, understands the risks of mountaineering and the legal consequences of this document. I am fully capable of participating in the mountaineering expedition. I state that I have read the above statement on some of the possible risks in trekking and mountaineering, and I voluntarily accept them. Therefore, I assume all risks in participating in this activity, including but not limited to those listed above, for myself and my family, including minor children, spouse and dependent parents, for bodily injury, death and loss of personal property and any expenses as a result of my negligence. I also understand that IMG reserves the right to refuse continued participation in the expedition to any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participation. I am in good physical condition and able to undertake this expedition.

I hereby authorize any medical treatment or rescue deemed to be necessary. I hereby give permission for transportation to any medical facility or hospital and I authorize for any qualified guide or medical personnel to render necessary emergency medical care for my family or myself. I hereby authorize the release of any medical information in the possession of IMG to any medical facility, hospital, ambulance, first aid provider, first aid service, doctor, nurse or other such person rendering care on my behalf. I hereby waive any action or claim against IMG or any health care provider, hospital, doctor, nurse or first aid provider for the release of this medical information.

I agree that Washington law shall be applied in any legal action involving the interpretation, validity and/or enforceability of this agreement or any disagreement or legal action between the parties, and that any legal action, lawsuits or arbitration resulting from my participation in this activity shall be brought only in Pierce County, Washington.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction declare any part of this agreement unenforceable, the remaining parts or paragraphs shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of this release can be used as if it were an original. The terms of this agreement shall continue and be in effect after the expedition.

I, _____ (**Participant print full name**), of my own free will, for my family, minor children, spouse, dependent parents, my heirs and executors, assigns and myself, have had a full opportunity to review this document and I have read, understand, accept and acknowledge the risks and liability for myself and my family.

Participant’s Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Participant’s Spouse: (REQUIRED): _____ **Date** _____

If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent please print full name: _____

If the Parent is divorced, by signing this agreement, signing Parent acknowledges that they have the legal right to sign on behalf of the minor child.