

# AIARE Avalanche 1 Course

WASHINGTON | 4 Days | Mt. Rainier National Park



Photo: IMG AIARE participants skinning up the Muir Snowfield during rescue training (Max Bond)

To safely experience the mountains during the winter, we need to be able to assess avalanche hazard and understand how to travel in avalanche terrain. **Why choose this program?**

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course you will be able to develop a plan for traveling in avalanche terrain, demonstrate the ability to identify avalanche terrain, effectively use a decision-making framework to make terrain choices in a group setting, demonstrate effective companion rescue, and be qualified to participate in an AIARE Avalanche Rescue Course.

## PERFECT VENUE

IMG strives to maximize our learning time in the field. Mt. Rainier is an ideal location for an AIARE Level 1 because of its various featured aspects and stunning appeal. We'll spend the first two days of the program in an online classroom reviewing avalanche basics, group decision making, trip planning, and gear overview in order to prepare ourselves for our in-the-field days.

## LOWEST INSTRUCTOR TO STUDENT RATIO

IMG has always focused on providing the best experience and learning environment for its students. Our avalanche courses will be taught at a 1:5 instructor to student ratio. Such a low ratio allows more instructor-student interaction, allows more opportunities for students to lead in group environment, and provides a more personalized educational experience.

## DATES

February 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## GROUP SIZE

Max 10 participants + 2 guides  
Guide Ratio 5:1

## QUICK LINKS

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## REGISTER

[Click here](#) to get started.

\$500 Registration Fee is due upon registration and applies to total Selected Program price. Remaining balance is due 120 days prior to the Scheduled Arrival Date. All fees and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## GENERAL INFO

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There are few things like experiencing the mountains during the winter: the beauty, the majesty, the solitude, the vastness. To safely experience the mountains during the winter, we need specific skills. Whether we are skiing/snowboarding, snowshoeing, or climbing, our ability to assess avalanche hazard and travel in avalanche terrain is paramount to our safety and success.

IMG is proud to present avalanche education curriculum from the American Institute of Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE). Join IMG's team of certified avalanche educators who work as avalanche professionals throughout the United States to learn and hone your avalanche skills.

## THE ITINERARY

Day Location + Time	AIARE Avalanche Level 1 Course
<b>Day 1</b> Online Classroom Session 5:30-9pm	Online classroom session reviewing avalanche basics, group decision making, trip planning, and gear overview.
<b>Day 2</b> Online Classroom Session 5:30-9pm	Continuation of online classroom session reviewing avalanche basics, group decision making, trip planning, and gear overview.
<b>Day 3</b> In-the-Field 8AM-5:30PM	Participants will meet at IMG HQ at 8AM packed and ready to head out into the field. IMG will provide transportation to Paradise. The focus of the day will be snowpack observations, matching snowpack observations to avalanche problems, and practice avalanche rescue techniques. The team will return back to Ashford around 5:30pm.
<b>Day 4</b> In-the-Field 8AM-5PM	Participants will meet at IMG HQ at 8AM packed and ready to head into the field. IMG will provide transportation to Paradise. The focus of the day will be travel techniques in avalanche terrain, group decision making in avalanche terrain, and snowpack observation. The Team will return back to Ashford around 5pm for an end-of-program debrief.

## TRIP INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Here is what is included and not included in the cost of your program.

### Included

- IMG Guides
- Entrance fee to Mt. Rainier National Park
- Round trip transportation from IMG HQ to Paradise (Mt. Rainier National Park)
- All training, curriculum, and instruction
- AIARE Course Materials

### Excluded

- Personal Gear (see equipment list for full details)
- Lodging
- Food

## INSURANCE

Due to our strict no refund policy, IMG strongly advises that you protect potential losses with appropriate insurance coverage. Travel Insurance is strongly suggested and should include coverage for trip cancellation, trip interruption, trip delay, baggage loss, emergency medical expenses, emergency evacuation expense, etc. IMG provides no such insurance coverage. Visit the [Travel Insurance page on our website](#) for more information.

## LODGING & TRAVEL

You are responsible for your own for lodging for the entirety of the program. Local area lodging suggestions can be [found on our website](#).

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## GUIDE TIPS

A show of appreciation for a job well done is always appropriate. We think you'll agree that the guides go above and beyond the call of duty to make your program as safe and enjoyable as possible. Cash or Venmo is preferred, please contact your guide directly for Venmo information. The amount of tip is at your discretion, but tips for excellent service normally average 10-15% of the cost of the program.

## QUESTIONS?

We'd love to talk to you – please [email](#) or call at (360) 569-2609 Ext. 1



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