

AIARE LEVEL 3 PROGRAM APPLICATION

Before applying for a program be sure you meet the pre-requisites detailed on the website here:

<http://avtraining.org/Avalanche-Training-Courses/AIARE-Level-3.html>

Completed applications may be submitted directly to benp@avtraining.org, or may be sent via US Postal Service to Ben Pritchett, PO Box 2172, Crested Butte, CO 81224.

Please ensure contact information is up-to-date and background information is accurate. You may be asked to provide work or personal references.

Complete applications must be received by AIARE no later than 6 weeks prior to the beginning of the course.

Choose a course

January 13-18, 2009 Snoqualmie Pass, WA

March 9-14, 2009 Red Mountain Pass/Silverton, CO

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ (required)

Home Phone: (____)____-____

Cell Phone: (____)____-____

Work Phone: (____)____-____

Email address: _____ (required)

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Relation: _____

Address: _____

Day phone: (____)____-____

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Pre-requisite Experience and Skills (initial each item)

AIARE level 2 course¹

• Course Provider's name: _____

• Location: _____

• Date: ____/____/____

Attached documentation of 20 days in avalanche terrain requiring decision-making and travel procedures, with field weather and snowpack observations. (Must be to AAA SWAG or CAA OGRS)

¹ Students who do not meet this pre-requisite but have taken a non-AIARE level 2 course may take a 1.5 day Level 3 Primer course to help prepare them for the Level 3 Program. These Primers are offered and scheduled through the Provider. Participation in the primer course is by permission of the Level 3 Program Coordinator and/or AIARE Technical Director, if it is being taken in conjunction with the Level 3.

recording standards. These can be photocopies or scanned pdf's or jpeg's of a field notebook, avalanche control reports, guiding reports or observations submitted to a forecasting center.)

- Attach documentation of 10 recent snow profiles. (Must be to AAA SWAG or CAA OGRS recording standards. These can be photocopies or scanned images of a field notebook, or pdf's from Snow Pro or Snow Pilot.)

- Describe your professional experience applying avalanche skills and knowledge:

- I am mentally and physically prepared to travel safely and efficiently in avalanche terrain. I understand field days will include travel on rugged terrain up to and exceeding 30 degrees, trail breaking, and 8 hours of travel carrying a day pack with rescue equipment, food, water and clothing.

- I have successfully found (by probe) two transceivers in packs buried in a 30m by 30m area in six minutes. (One transceiver is buried 30cm below the surface, the second is buried 40-60 cm below the surface 3 to 4m apart.)

- I have led a rescue team in a mock avalanche rescue scenario OR have training and experience in a professional search and rescue group. (e.g. ski patrol, SAR, etc.)

- I understand that prior to the start of the Level 3 Program, it is required that I complete a Pre-Course Quiz which is handed into the Course Leader at the start of the Program. (This quiz will be mailed out 3 weeks prior to the Program with other pre-course materials.)

- I understand that I need to have a copy of the AAA's SWAG available in class. (SWAG is available from web site address below)

Acknowledgment

- I have read and understand the AIARE Liability Release (below) and that I will sign the release on the first day of the course.
- I understand that at anytime AIARE has the right to refuse my participation in the Program due to any of the following: a) violation of the payment policy; b) false information on this application; c) inadequate equipment or experience.
- I have read and understand AIARE's **payment and cancellation policies:**
Payment Policy

Tuition payment in full is required to hold your spot in the course at the time you sign up. Tuition is payable online with a Visa or MasterCard or by check. Checks (\$1,200.00) can be made out to AIARE, and mailed to 1337 Yellow Pine Ave. Boulder, CO 80304. In addition to the 6 days of instruction the tuition fee covers your student manual, handouts, US Forest Service fees, insurance costs and the AIARE Level 3 Certificate.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

If a student cancels 40 days prior to the start date of the course, AIARE will retain a \$50.00 administrative fee. If a student cancels within 40 days prior to the course, the tuition is non-refundable. If AIARE cancels the course for any reason, a full refund will be given. This cancellation and refund policy pertains to all course participants. No exceptions to the policy can be made.

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance (including medical and evacuation insurance) to cover the costs of cancellation fees, airfare, and other non-refundable expenses in the event that you need to cancel from the course, we need to cancel a course, or you are injured prior to or on the course.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Personal Equipment

- Clothing for activities and standing in cold, snowy, windy, or sunny weather (*no cotton*)
 - o Long underwear
 - o Insulating layers
 - o Outer layer (*wind/waterproof*)
 - o Warm gloves, and hat
 - o Goggles and sunglasses
- Small personal first aid kit (*sunscreen/lip-balm, moleskin, band-aids, medication, etc.*)
- Water bottle
- Small thermos (*optional*)
- Trail food
- Pack
- Repair kit
- Bivy sack
- Improvised or manufactured personal rescue sled

Skiing Equipment

- AT or Tele Boots
- Skis with touring bindings and skins (*please adjust bindings to boots and skins to skis before the course*).
- Poles

OR

Snowboarding Equipment

- Split Board with touring bindings and skins (*please adjust bindings to boots and skins to board before the course*) For students arriving at the course with snowboarding equipment, **split boards are strongly recommended, as compared to traveling with snowshoes.**
- Boots
- Collapsible poles
- OR
- Snowboard (*with means of attachment to pack—please have a system worked out before you come on the course*)
- Boots
- Collapsible poles
- Snowshoes (*adjusted to boots, please test thoroughly before the course*) **Snowshoes are not recommended for deep new snow conditions or steep terrain.**

Rescue Equipment

- Avalanche probe (*ski pole probes can not substitute for a dedicated probe pole*)
- Collapsible shovel
- Modern avalanche transceiver (*457 kHz frequency only. Must be manufactured w/in the last 5 years.*)
- Cell phone (*OPTIONAL*)

Other

- Lift pass or discount card for local ski areas (*check with AIARE if applicable to course*)

Weather, Snowpack, and Avalanche Observation and Recording Equipment

Weather/Snow observation tools are available from local mountain shops and can be ordered on-line from REI, Mountain Equipment Co-op, BCA etc. Magnifiers can be bought in local photography shops.

Note: Proper tools are vital to accurate observations. Use only recommended weather and snowpack equipment.

Profile Equipment

1. AIARE Field Book (provided at course) and two mechanical pencils.
2. Copy of the SWAGs (guidelines available from AIARE, or avalanche.org)
3. 2m ruler (or 1m ruler plus avalanche probe with 1cm increments)
4. Loupe (10x magnifier recommend with wide eyepiece)
5. Crystal Screen (stiff metal or thick plastic, dark, includes 1, 2, and 3mm scale grid)
6. Celsius Thermometer (to -35C.)
7. Slope measuring tool (or compass with an inclinometer)
8. Snow saw or folding pruning blade (approx. 40cm blade)
9. Avalanche Handbook (New 2006 3rd edition.)
10. Rutschblock Cord (Optional)
11. Altimeter (Optional)



Some of these products are available for purchase here:

[AIARE Store](#)

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK:

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SERVICES OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR AVALANCHE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (AIARE) AGENTS, OWNERS, OFFICERS, VOLUNTEERS, PARTICIPANTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES ACTING IN ANY CAPACITY ON THEIR BEHALF (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "AIARE"), I HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND DISCHARGE AIARE, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY CHILDREN, MY PARENTS, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ESTATE AS FOLLOWS.

1. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MY PARTICIPATION IN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE BASED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS AVALANCHE EDUCATION COURSES, SKI MOUNTAINEERING, CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, AND ALPINE SKIING ENTAILS KNOWN AND UNANTICIPATED RISKS WHICH COULD RESULT IN PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL INJURY, PARALYSIS, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO MYSELF, TO PROPERTY, OR TO THIRD PARTIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH RISKS SIMPLY CANNOT BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING THE ESSENTIAL QUALITIES OF THE ACTIVITY. FURTHERMORE, AIARE GUIDES/INSTRUCTORS/FACILITATORS HAVE DIFFICULT JOBS TO PERFORM. THEY SEEK SAFETY, BUT THEY ARE NOT INFALLIBLE. THEY MIGHT BE UNAWARE OF A PARTICIPANT'S FITNESS OR ABILITIES. THEY MIGHT MISJUDGE THE WEATHER, THE ELEMENTS, OR THE TERRAIN. THEY MAY GIVE INADEQUATE WARNINGS OR INSTRUCTIONS, AND THE EQUIPMENT BEING USED MIGHT MALFUNCTION.
2. I EXPRESSLY AGREE AND PROMISE TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS EXISTING IN THIS ACTIVITY IS PURELY VOLUNTARY, AND I ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN SPITE OF THE RISKS.
3. I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE, FOREVER DISCHARGE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AIARE FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION, WHICH ARE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY OR MY USE OF AIARE'S EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES, INCLUDING ANY SUCH CLAIMS WHICH ALLEGE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF AIARE.
4. SHOULD AIARE OR ANYONE ACTING ON THEIR BEHALF, BE REQUIRED TO INCUR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS TO ENFORCE THIS AGREEMENT, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THEM HARMLESS FOR ALL SUCH FEES AND COSTS.
5. I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE ADEQUATE INSURANCE TO COVER ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE I MAY CAUSE OR SUFFER WHILE PARTICIPATION, OR ELSE I AGREE TO BEAR THE COSTS OF SUCH INJURY OR DAMAGE MYSELF. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I HAVE NO MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS WHICH COULD INTERFERE WITH MY SAFETY IN THIS ACTIVITY, OR ELSE I AM WILLING TO ASSUME — AND BEAR THE COST OF — ALL RISKS THAT MAY BE CREATED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY ANY SUCH CONDITION.
6. IN THE EVENT THAT I FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST AIARE, I AGREE TO DO SO SOLELY IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, AND I FURTHER AGREE THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE LAW OF THAT STATE SHALL APPLY IN THAT ACTION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONFLICT OF LAW RULES OF THE STATE. I AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IF ANYONE IS HURT OR PROPERTY IS DAMAGED DURING MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY, I MAY BE FOUND BY A COURT OF LAW TO HAVE WAIVED MY RIGHT TO MAINTAIN A LAWSUIT AGAINST AIARE ON THE BASIS OF ANY CLAIM FROM WHICH I HAVE RELEASED THEM HEREIN. I HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD IT, AND I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS.

Signature of Participant: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

Phone:(_____) _____ - _____

Fax:(_____) _____ - _____

Email : _____

Parent’s or Guardians Additional Indemnification (Must be completed for participants under 18)

In Consideration of _____(print minors’ name) (“Minor”) being permitted by AIARE to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless AIARE from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation

Parent or Guardian SIGNATURE: _____