

# 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 and reach your objectives during the winter, you 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 National Park is an ideal location for an AIARE Level 1 because of its easy access to stunning yet suitable terrain to meet the objectives of a Level 1 Course. IMG HQ is just five miles away from Mt. Rainier National Park, allowing our courses to also take advantage of our private indoor classroom space. Our AIARE Level 1 course is a perfect way to bridge time spent in the field with curriculum review and discussions in a comfortable indoor learning environment. Spend the first two days of the program in an online classroom reviewing course curriculum and gear and the latter two days in the field. Students will also be able to utilize the residential space at IMG HQ for lodging during the field days allowing students to collaborate on assignments and route planning during the course.

## DATES/PRICE

[View on our website](#)

## GROUP SIZE

Max: 10 participants  
Guide Ratio 5:1

**LANDCOST:** \$615

## QUICK LINKS

[Itinerary](#)  
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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, so Trip Insurance is highly recommended.

## GENERAL INFO

[Directions/Travel](#)  
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## LOWEST INSTRUCTOR TO STUDENT RATIO

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

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> Field Day 8AM-5:30PM	Participants will meet at IMG HQ at 8AM packed and ready to head out 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 to IMG HQ in the late afternoon and will review course content, debrief the day, and plan the following day by 6 PM.
<b>Day 4</b> Field Day 8AM-5PM	Participants will meet at IMG HQ at 8AM packed and ready to head out 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 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
- Lodging the night between the two field days (Night 3)
- 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)
- Transportation to and from IMG HQ
- Lodging during the online portion and after the course
- Food
- Travel Insurance

## QUESTIONS?

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



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