

## AIARE 2 Avalanche Course

The AIARE 2 is a 3 day course that takes off where the AIARE 1 ends, adding to your avalanche hazard management toolbox with the introduction of critical hazard assessment factors. By describing and discussing weather, snowpack and avalanche processes, students are able to identify how these processes relate to observations and travel within avalanche terrain.

If you have taken an AIARE 1 course, the new 1 day rescue course, feel comfortable with the curriculum and are hungry to increase your understanding of hazard management in avalanche terrain, this course is for you!

### Learning Outcomes:

- Differentiate where specific avalanche hazards exist within the landscape and identify avalanche terrain where consequences may be more severe.
- Use and interpret weather, snow, and avalanche observations to locate appropriate terrain prior to entering and while in the field.
- Demonstrate leadership skills within a small team that include facilitating small group discussion, promoting appropriate terrain selection, and utilizing simple risk management strategies.
- Implement a basic forecasting framework that can be used in conjunction with and in the absences of local supporting avalanche information.

### Difficulty:

Introductory, intermediate, or advanced ski levels.

### Price:

\$475 | Per Each Person

### Location:

Classroom session will take place in the Alpenglow Expeditions office located in the Squaw Valley village. Field sessions will take place in the backcountry near Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows. Depending on snow conditions, our unique partnership with Squaw Valley allows us to have private access to the Tram Ridge, Nat Geo Bowl, and Munchkins.



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## What to bring:

For classroom sessions, you can wear comfortable clothes as there will be time to change out for field sessions. Most students find it useful to bring note taking material. For field sessions, please bring the following:

- Touring skis or snowboard with skins, boots, poles
- Avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel
- Backpack, 20-35 liters
- Food, water, sunscreen, lip balm
- Clothing
  - Under layers:
    - lightweight merino wool or synthetic long john top and bottom
    - lightweight merino wool or synthetic t-shirt
    - lightweight merino wool or synthetic briefs/ underwear
    - wool/ synthetic socks
  - Outer layers/ insulation:
    - Soft shell “guide pants”, or hard shell goretex pants, conditions dependent
    - Soft shell jacket
    - Hooded puffy jacket (down or synthetic)
    - Hard shell jacket (waterproof/ breathable)
    - warm beanie
    - lightweight gloves with good dexterity
    - warm, waterproof gloves or mittens
- Misc:
  - sunglasses
  - goggles
  - camera

## What to Expect:

We begin the course in the classroom, and your instructor will give an overview of what to expect for the duration of the course. Days 1 and 2 are roughly 50/50 classroom and field time, and day 3 is roughly 20% classroom and 80% field.

Avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel are available from Alpenglöw for \$25.

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